

Creative Courage

Stewards Summary

Review of race:

- Creative Courage, ridden by Javier Padron-Barcenas, was trailing the field and was nearing the 1/4 pole when it appeared that the rider was unable to control him. The horse ran through the outside fence, unseating the rider and was quickly attended to by the KHRC veterinarians and the horse ambulance. It was later reported that the horse had appeared to suffer a sudden death.

Veterinary Review

- This 8-year-old gelding, owned by Souped Up Stables, and trained by Jimmy Corrigan ran at Turfway Park on February 18, 2022, in a Starter \$5,000 race. The race was run at 1 mile on a fast Tapeta track.
- This gelding trailed the field and bore out at the top of the stretch to the outside rail where he collapsed. The horse expired shortly after the KHRC vet arrived on the scene. The horse was loaded onto the ambulance to transfer to the holding pen.
- The body was submitted to the University of Kentucky Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for necropsy.

Review of pre-race exam findings and exam history

- A review of pre-race exam findings for the Case horse and unaffected cohorts (Controls) from the same race was performed. These horses were moderately campaigned in their racing careers. Pre-race exam findings were consistent with horses at this stage of their careers. All horses in this race were deemed sound in the pre-race exams with no gait abnormalities noted. Scrutiny during the warmup on track prior to the race revealed no gait abnormalities.

Review of the 60-day treatment report

The trainer's veterinarian provided veterinary records for the previous 60 days. Veterinary work was minimal and routine.

Analysis of risk factors and other criteria (case horse compared to uninjured cohorts)

No analysis of risk factors was performed, as this was a sudden death and not musculo-skeletal.

- History of being vet listed
Case horse: No

Review of necropsy and Drug Testing results

- **Drug testing:** No prohibited substances detected. No therapeutic medication detected above regulatory threshold concentrations.

Note: Only blood was submitted for analysis. Urine collection does not usually occur for horses euthanized. The diagnostic laboratory is instructed to collect urine if it is present in the horse's

bladder, but it rarely is. While a blood-only sample is subjected to the broadest scope of analysis possible, that scope is reduced compared to what can be applied to a paired blood/urine sample.

- **Necropsy report:**

No diagnosis was made on this necropsy. The heart was examined using the protocol established and published by the University of California for the CHRB postmortem program.

Heart: There was mild inflammation found in 3 of the 21 sections examined which is considered to be within normal limits.

Lungs: Moderate, multifocal, acute pulmonary hemorrhage.

Liver: Moderate, multifocal, subacute, lymphoplasmacytic hepatitis (background lesion).

Stomach: Moderate, multifocal, hyperkeratosis of the squamous mucosa: mild, multifocal hemorrhage of the glandular mucosa

No significant lesions of the brain, spleen, small and large gastrointestinal tract.

Conclusions (below)

- **Horse specific factors:** None
- **Race specific factors:** None
- **Other factors:** None