What the Elle

Stewards Summary

 Review of race:

A Stewards' Inquiry was posted when both #2 "Super d'Oro, ridden by Thiago Canuto and #8 "What the Elle," with Brian Hernandez, Jr. aboard, fell and unseated their riders nearing the 1/16 pole. After reviewing the race replay and interviewing the riders, the stewards determined that #2 drifted in slightly, clipped the heels of third place #3 "Tiz the Journey," ridden by Reylu Gutierrez, and fell. "What the Elle" was unable to avoid the fallen rival, fell over him, and required the assistance of the KHRC veterinarians and the horse ambulance.
"Super d'Oro" was not injured and left the track on his own power.

Veterinary Review

- This 3-year-old gelding, owned by Run Like Elle 3, LLC, and trained by Kenneth McPeek, raced at Keeneland on October 22, 2021, in the 1st race, a Maiden Claiming, $15,000, run at 1 1/16th mile on a fast main track.
- The colt was racing near the lead when the horse in front of him, "Super d'Oro" clipped heels with "Tiz the Journey" and fell. "Run like Elle" tried to jump the fallen horse and was tripped and fell heavily. Both "Super d'Oro" and "Run like Elle" were down on the track and were immediately attended to by the KHRC veterinarians and the starting gate crew to keep them down until they could be evaluated. The on track KHRC veterinarians called for the equine ambulance and administered a sedative/analgesic to both down horses. After both horses were examined, they were allowed to get to their feet to complete their evaluation. "Super d'Oro" appeared to be uninjured and was allowed to proceed off the track. After getting to his feet, it became apparent that "What the Elle" had a serious injury to his RF shoulder/humerus. He was loaded onto the ambulance.
- After consulting with the trainer, the gelding was euthanized due to the severity of his injuries and a poor prognosis.
- The gelding was submitted to 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 very lightly 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

Veterinary records were not requested as this was an obvious accident.

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

- Analysis of risk factors on the case horse and uninjured cohorts was not performed as this was an obvious accident.

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:**

  Musculo-skeletal diagnosis: R forelimb: The connective tissues of the right shoulder had hemorrhage and edema with tearing of the muscles surrounding the humerus. There was a complete, comminuted, humeral fracture spanning the distal two-thirds of the diaphysis, involving the radiohumeral joint.

  The stomach had mild, multifocal, hyperkeratosis.

  The liver has mild, multifocal, subacute, suppurative hepatisis (background lesion).

  There were no significant lesions of the brain, heart, lung, kidney, adrenal, spleen, small and

  large intestines.

Conclusions (below)

- **Horse specific factors:** None

- **Race specific factors:** None

- **Other factors:** None