

Elegant Bay

Stewards Summary

Elegant Bay was pulled up quickly near the 5/8 pole and the rider dismounted. It was apparent that she required the assistance of the KHRC veterinarians and the horse ambulance. The preliminary report from the KHRC veterinarians indicated that the filly had an injury to her right foreleg and was to be transported to a clinic for evaluation.

Trainer:

John Ortiz stated that the filly had been in training at Winstar Farm and he saw her there before she shipped into his barn at Trackside. She trained and worked at Trackside for four months leading up to her race, including several times on an off track. He had no concern about her soundness leading up to the race. A horse that he ran earlier in the day ran down and he decided to race the filly in front bandages due to the sloppy track. Ortiz stated that he could not pinpoint a cause for the incident, and was not sure if the track condition was a factor.

Jockey:

Channing Hill stated that he had worked the filly several times and liked her. He took her away from the pony in the post parade and she warmed up fine. He had no concern about her soundness and expected her to run well. He stated that when she got some mud in her face she started climbing a bit, possibly because it was her first start. He was not sure if the off track was a factor in the injury.

Veterinary Review

- This 2-year-old filly, trained by John Ortiz and owned by Sandra Sexton, sustained an injury to her right forelimb at Churchill Downs on November 30th in the 2nd race, a maiden special weight contested over a sloppy dirt track at 1 mile.
- KHRC veterinarians administered a sedative/analgesic to assist in loading onto the horse ambulance and to minimize further injury. A Kimzey splint was applied to stabilize the leg and she was transported to the barn for evaluation by the private veterinarian. After evaluating the filly at the barn the decision was made to transport her to Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky for possible surgical repair. After evaluation at the referral facility the decision was made to euthanize the filly due to the extensive nature of her injury and a poor prognosis.
- The body 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 lightly campaigned in their racing careers. Pre-race exam findings were consistent with horses at this stage of their careers. All findings were minimal. The nature and extent of the findings were consistent between the Case and Controls. No persistent gait abnormalities were noted in the pre-race exams or during the post parade.

Review of the 60-day treatment report

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

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

- Age at first start
Case horse: 1050 days
Controls range: 841-1014 days
Controls mean: 919 days
Controls median: 846 days
Comments: Slightly above cohorts.
- Age at first breeze
Case horse: 909 days
Controls range: 669-907 days
Controls mean: 811.5 days
Controls median: 818 days
Comments: Slightly above cohorts.
- Age on 11/30/2019
Case horse: 1050 days
Controls range: 924-1035 days
Controls mean: 984 days
Controls median: 986 days
Comments: Slightly above cohorts.
- Owner/breeder?
Case horse: Yes
Controls horses: No: 7/11 Yes: 4/11
- Horse acquired through claim?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 11/11
- Days in training (1st published work to race date)
Case horse: 141
Controls range: 83-278 days
Controls mean: 172.5 days
Controls median: 174 days
Comment: In the range of cohorts.

- Cumulative high speed furlongs (racing and training)
 Case horse: 56
 Controls range: 55-109
 Controls mean: 85
 Controls median: 85
 Comments: In the range of cohorts.

- High speed furlongs per day in training (Day 1=date of 1st published work)
 Case horse: .40f/day
 Control horses range: .35-.66f/day
 Control mean: .51f/day
 Control median: .54f/day
 Comments: In the range of cohorts.

- Interval from previous start
 Case horse: Not applicable, first time starter.
 Control horses range: 14-57 days
 Control horses mean: 31 days
 Control horses median: 34 days
 Comment: Not applicable, first time starter.

- First time starter?
 Case horse: Yes
 Control horses: No: 11/11

- Apprentice Jockey?
 Case horse: No
 Control horses: No: 11/11

- Drop in class from previous start?
 Case horse: Not applicable, first time starter.
 Control horses: No: 11/11

- Double drop in class from previous start?
 Case horse: Not applicable, first time starter.
 Control horses: No: 11/11

- Raise in class from previous start?
 Case horse: Not applicable, first time starter.
 Control horses: No: 11/11

- Number of times claimed in the preceding 6 months
 Case horse: 0
 Control horses: 0: 11/11

- Number of starts in preceding 30 days
Case horse: 0
Control horses: 0: 6/11 1: 5/11
- Number of starts in preceding 60 days
Case horse: 0
Control horses: 1: 8/11 2: 3/11
- Cumulative high-speed furlongs in preceding 30 days
Case horse: 20
Control horses range: 5-19.5
Control horses mean: 13
Control horses median: 15
Comments: Slightly above cohorts.
- Cumulative high-speed furlongs in preceding 60 days
Case horse: 32
Control horses range: 25-33.5
Control horses mean: 30
Control horses median: 30
Comments: In the range of cohorts
- Number of layoffs ≥ 30 days in preceding 6 months
Case horse: Not applicable, first time starter.
Control horses: 0: 4/11 1: 4/11 2: 2/11 3: 1/11
Comments: Not comparable, first time starter.
- First start off ≥ 60 day layoff?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 11/11
- Second start off ≥ 60 day layoff?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 10/11 Yes: 1/11
- Length of ≥ 60 day layoff ending in the preceding 6 months
Case horse: N/A
Control horses range (n=1) 69 days
Control horses mean: 69
Control horses median: 69
- History of being vet listed
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 11/11

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:

Right forelimb: There were multiple fractures of the distal third metacarpal bone, including a medial condylar fracture and a comminuted lateral condylar fracture. The sagittal ridge formed a complete individual fracture. There were avulsion fractures of both sesamoids. There was extensive soft tissue damage.

No abnormalities were present on brain, heart, liver, spleen, kidneys, small and large intestines.

There was moderate ulceration of the stomach.

- **Conclusions (below)**

- **Horse specific factors:**

High speed furlongs worked in the past 30 and 60 days were below the range and average of the cohorts in this race. Number of 30+ day layoffs was above the cohorts in this race.

- **Race specific factors:**

No risk factors noted in regards to this race.

- **Other factors:**

Both jockey and trainer noted that they didn't know if the off track may have been a factor.

All other races run that day were without incident.