

I'mluckysgirl

Stewards Summary

I'mluckysgirl was racing in mid pack when she abruptly unseated her rider approaching the 5/8 pole. It was apparent that she had suffered a serious injury and was caught by the outrider. She required the assistance of the KHRC veterinarians and the horse ambulance.

Trainer:

James T. Spicer stated that he bought the horse as a yearling and she had always been in his care. She had always competed in allowance level races and higher and required very little veterinary care. He did state that he thought the racetrack was not in the best condition due to a lack of upkeep by the previous owners of Turfway Park.

Jockey:

Rogelio Miranda stated that he had breezed the mare in morning works, but had not ridden her in a race prior to this one. He said that she warmed up fine in the post parade, was feeling good and running willingly when the incident occurred.

Veterinary Review

- This 6 year-old mare, trained by James Spicer and owned by Downunder Cable, LLC, raced at Turfway Park on January 10th, 2020 in the 7th race, an allowance race contested at 1 mile over a fast All Weather Track.
- The mare was racing in the pack and appeared to clip heels and then was pulled with an injury to her right front limb. The on track KHRC veterinarian summoned the equine ambulance and administered a sedative/analgesic to assist loading onto the ambulance and minimize further injury. A Kimzey splint was applied to the forelimb. She was ambulated off the track and after consulting with the private veterinarian the decision was made to euthanize the mare due to the extent of her injuries 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 moderately campaigned in their racing careers. Pre-race exam findings were consistent with horses at this stage of their careers. The case horse exhibited a minor gait abnormality which she warmed up out of on a subsequent jog. Scrutiny during the warmup on track prior to the race revealed no gait abnormality.

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: 902 days
Controls range: 795-1220 days
Controls mean: 944 days
Controls median: 918.5 days
Comments: In the range of cohorts.
- Age at first breeze
Case horse: 794 days
Controls range: 672-1094days
Controls mean: 829 days
Controls median: 804 days
Comments: In the range of cohorts.
- Age on 1/10/2020
Case horse: 2158 days
Controls range: 1329-2101 days
Controls mean: 1657 days
Controls median: 1708 days
Comments: Slightly above cohorts.
- Owner/breeder?
Case horse: No
Controls horses: No: 7/10 Yes: 3/10
- Horse acquired through claim?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 7/10 Yes: 3/10
- Days in training (1st published work to race date)
Case horse: 1371 days
Controls range: 558-1288 days
Controls mean: 829 days
Controls median: 835 days
Comment: Slightly above cohorts.
- Cumulative high speed furlongs (racing and training)
Case horse: 398
Controls range: 202.5-482.5
Controls mean: 290
Controls median: 268
Comments: In the range of cohorts

- High speed furlongs per day in training (Day 1=date of 1st published work)

Case horse: .29f/day
Control horses range: .22-.46f/day
Control mean: .36f/day
Control median: .37f/day
Comments: In the range of cohorts.

- Interval from previous start

Case horse: 36 days
Control horses range: 8-198 days
Control horses mean: 51 days
Control horses median: 29 days
Comment: In the range of cohorts.

- First time starter?

Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 10/10

- Apprentice Jockey?

Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 9/10 Yes: 1/10

- Drop in class from previous start?

Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 10/10

- Double drop in class from previous start?

Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 10/10

- Raise in class from previous start?

Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 5/10 Yes: 5/10

- Number of times claimed in the preceding 6 months

Case horse: 0
Control horses: 0: 7/10 1: 2/10 3: 1/10

- Number of starts in preceding 30 days

Case horse: 0
Control horses: 0: 4/10 1: 6/10

- Number of starts in preceding 60 days

Case horse: 2
Control horses: 0: 3/10 1: 5/10 2: 2/10

- Cumulative high-speed furlongs in preceding 30 days
Case horse: 12
Control horses range: 0-16.5
Control horses mean: 10.3
Control horses median: 12
Comments: In the range of cohorts.
- Cumulative high-speed furlongs in preceding 60 days
Case horse: 25.5
Control horses range: 9.5-28.5
Control horses mean: 21.7
Control horses median: 23.5
Comments: In the range of cohorts
- Number of layoffs ≥ 30 days in preceding 6 months
Case horse: 3
Control horses: 1: 2/10 2: 4/10 3: 4/10
Comments: In the range of cohorts.
- First start off ≥ 60 day layoff?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 8/10 Yes: 2/10
- Second start off ≥ 60 day layoff?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 7/10 Yes: 3/10
- Length of ≥ 60 day layoff ending in the preceding 6 months
Case horse: 239 days
Control horses range (n=7) 67-257 days
Control horses mean: 135
Control horses median: 130
- History of being vet listed
Case horse: Yes, Trainer initiated scratch for injury
Control horses: No: 5/10 Yes: 5/10 for trainer initiated scratches for injury or illness.

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 was a failure of the suspensory apparatus and rupture of the digital flexor tendons. The intersesmoidian ligament was ruptured at the distal aspect of the sesamoids, resulting in biaxial basilar fractures. The lateral sesamoid had comminuted fractures.

No significant lesions were present on brain, heart, liver, spleen, kidneys, stomach and small and large intestines.

Conclusions (below)

- **Horse specific factors:**

No risk factors in regards to this horse.

- **Race specific factors:**

Race chart noted that the horse appeared to clip heels. The postmortem exam indicates that the soft tissue damage may have preceded the fractures. This may have occurred if the horse clipped heels and took awkward strides following the incident.