

Man in Full

Stewards Summary

Review of race:

Man in Full was trailing the field when he abruptly fell and unseated his rider near the 5/16 pole. The horse initially did not attempt to get up and the KHRC veterinarians and the horse ambulance rushed to his aid.

Trainer:

Conor Murphy stated that he received the horse to train from the owner/breeder in June of 2021. He said that he knew that the horse, who had never started, had been given several long layoffs due to a tendon issue. Murphy stated that Man in Full was a big, beautiful horse and that he had never had any soundness issues after he began to train him. He said that he considered him to be the best horse in his barn and had high hopes for his success. He said that he had run other horses over the track with no issues and thought that this incident was a freak occurrence.

Jockey:

Joe Talamo stated that he had never been aboard the horse for a morning workout. Talamo said that the horse warmed up very well in the post parade and he had no concern about him before the race. He said that the horse was traveling fine and changing leads without issue before the incident. He said that it happened suddenly and that the horse just fell near the 5/16 pole. Talamo stated that the horse was laying on the track and did not attempt to get up. He initially thought the horse had possibly suffered a sudden death. He also made the statement that when the horse fell, it did not feel to him like a horse with a hind end injury. Talamo did not have any concerns about the racing surface being a contributing factor.

Veterinary Review

- This 4-year-old colt, owned by Joseph Allen, and trained by Conor Murphy run at Turfway Park on December 19, 2021, in Maiden Special Weight, run at 1 1/16 miles on a fast Tapeta track.
- This colt was racing at the back of the pack when he fell near the 5/16's pole and was reluctant to rise. After examining the colt and finding no obvious fractures he was allowed to get to his feet. After standing it became apparent that he was ataxic in the hind limbs. The on-track KHRC veterinarian called for the equine ambulance and administered a sedative/analgesic to assist in loading onto the equine ambulance. After consulting with the trainer and private veterinarian, the colt was euthanized due to the severity of his injuries and a poor prognosis.
- 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 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

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)

- Age at first start
Case horse: 1780 days
Controls range: 843-1373 days
Controls mean: 1079 days
Comments: Above the range of controls.
- Age at first breeze
Case horse: 937 days
Controls range: 766-1183 days
Controls mean: 854 days
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- Age on 12/19/2021
Case horse: 1780 days
Controls range: 1329-1773 days
Controls mean: 1460 days
Comments: Above the range of controls.
- Owner/breeder?
Case horse: Yes
Controls horses: No: 8/9, Yes: 1/9
- Horse acquired through claim?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 9/9
- Days in training (1st published work to race date)
Case horse: 843 days
Controls range: 190-938 days
Controls mean: 622 days
Comment: Within the range of controls.

- Cumulative high speed furlongs (racing and training)
 Case horse: 69 f
 Controls range: 85-362 f
 Controls mean: 179 f
 Comments: Below the range of controls.

- High speed furlongs per day in training (Day 1=date of 1st published work)
 Case horse: .082 f/day
 Control horses range: .160-.447 f/day
 Control mean: .295 f/day
 Comments: Below the range of controls.

- Interval from previous start
 Case horse: 0 days. First time starter (2 in this race)
 Control horses range: 14-67 days
 Control horses mean: 27.3 days
 Comment: First time starter.

- First time starter?
 Case horse: Yes
 Control horses: No: 8/9, Yes: 1/9

- Apprentice Jockey?
 Case horse: No
 Control horses: No: 9/9

- Drop in class from previous start?
 Case horse: N/A
 Control horses: No: 6/8, Yes: 2/8

- Double drop in class from previous start?
 Case horse: N/A
 Control horses: No: 8/8

- Raise in class from previous start?
 Case horse: N/A
 Control horses: No: 6/8, Yes: 2/8

- Number of times claimed in the preceding 6 months
 Case horse: N/A
 Control horses: 0: 3/8, 1: 5/8

- Number of starts in preceding 30 days
Case horse: N/A
Control horses: 0: 3/8, 1: 5/8
- Number of starts in preceding 60 days
Case horse: N/A
Control horses: 0: 1/8, 1: 1/8, 2: 4/8, 3: 2/8
- Cumulative high-speed furlongs in preceding 30 days
Case horse: 17 f
Control horses range: 0-17 f
Control horses mean: 10.6 f
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- Cumulative high-speed furlongs in preceding 60 days
Case horse: 25 f
Control horses range: 17-33.5 f
Control horses mean: 23.3 f
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- Number of layoffs ≥ 30 days in preceding 6 months
Case horse: 0
Control horses: 0: 1/8, 1: 3/8, 2: 2/8, 3: 2/8
- First start off ≥ 60 day layoff?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 7/8, Yes: 1/8
- Second start off ≥ 60 day layoff?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 8/8
- Length of ≥ 60 day layoff ending in the preceding 6 months
Case horse: N/A
Control horses range (n=5) 223-566 days
Control horses mean: 323 days
- History of being vet listed
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 6/9, Yes: 3/9, 2 for illness, 1 for meds.

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: There were fractures of the bodies of the 14th and 16th thoracic vertebra, with partial transection of the spinal cord at the level of the 14th thoracic vertebra.

Stomach: There was extensive ulceration of the squamous mucosa (grade3 squamous ulcers).

Lungs: There was moderate, diffuse congestion with multifocal areas of hemorrhage.

No significant lesions of the brain, heart, liver, kidney, spleen, small and large intestinal tract.

Conclusions (below)

- **Horse specific factors:** This horse was out of the range of the cohorts in analysis of several of the risk factors examined. This was due to injuries in previous years resulting in layoffs. This horse was subjected to extra scrutiny because of these factors, but no lameness or unsoundness was noted.
- **Race specific factors:** None
- **Other factors:** None