

Paddock Boss

Stewards Summary

Review of race:

Paddock Boss was in tight quarters going into the first turn and fell near the 7½ furlong pole, unseating his rider. The horse required the assistance of the KHRC veterinarians and the horse ambulance. Because the jockey appeared to be injured and was unable to be immediately moved, the stewards took the necessary steps to have the field pull up by activating the alarm system and alerting the outriders and announcer. The horses were safely stopped near the ¼ pole without incident and the race was declared a NO CONTEST.

Trainer:

Rodolphe Brisset stated that he purchased the horse at The Ocala Breeders' Sale in March 2022. Brisset said that he trained the horse at Keeneland and then moved his stable to Winstar Farm to train. He stated that the horse was sound, that he had not had much trouble with him, and that he required minimal vet work. He said that he had instructed his rider to break and get in good position early in the race. Brisset thought that the horse had clipped the heels of a rival when the outside horse came in and made the field very tight. He thought that the sloppy racetrack seemed in decent shape on the day of the incident.

Jockey:

Alex Achard stated that he had ridden the horse when he raced and broke his maiden at Churchill Downs in September. He said that he had not been aboard the horse for any of his morning workouts. Achard described him as a decent horse and said that he had warmed to his liking in the post parade. He said that the horse broke very sharply, and that he hadn't expected to be that close to the lead early in the race. He did not think that the horse had clipped heels, but that he fell when he was pressured and pinched from both the inside and outside horses. He described the racetrack that day as sloppy, but with good footing.

Veterinary Review

- This 2-year-old colt, owned by Storyteller Racing and Schroeck Racing LLC, and trained by Rodolphe Brisset, ran at Churchill Downs on October 30, 2022 in an Allowance Optional Claiming race for \$100,000. This race was run at 1 1/16 mile over a fast main course.
- This colt went down entering the first turn. The rider was not able to be moved immediately and the stewards sounded warning system to notify the rest of the field to pull up. The race was declared a No Contest. The KHRC veterinarian and the horse ambulance responded to the incident. The attending KHRC veterinarian sedated and examined the horse. The colt had a severe injury with a poor prognosis and euthanasia was elected. The body was transported 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 to 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)

- Age at first start
Case horse: 823 days
Controls range: 727-952 days
Controls mean: 860 days
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- Age at first breeze
Case horse: 757 days
Controls range: 686-836 days
Controls mean: 773 days
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- Age on 10/30/2022
Case horse: 915 days
Controls range: 894-1009 days
Controls mean: 950 days
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- Owner/breeder?
Case horse: No
Controls horses: No: 8/10, Yes: 2/10
- Horse acquired through claim?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 10/10
- Days in training (1st published work to race date)
Case horse: 158 days

Controls range: 120-256 days
Controls mean: 177 days
Comments: Within the range of controls.

- Cumulative high speed furlongs (racing and training)
Case horse: 81.5 f
Controls range: 64.5-140.5 f
Controls mean: 83.25 f
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- High speed furlongs per day in training (Day 1=date of 1st published work)
Case horse: .516 f/day
Control horses range: .303-.592 f/day
Control mean: .485 f/day
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- Interval from previous start
Case horse: 47 days
Control horses range: 18-60 days
Control horses mean: 34 days
Comment: Within the range of controls.
- First time starter?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 10/10
- Apprentice Jockey?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 10/10
- Drop in class from previous start?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 6/10, Yes: 4/10
- Double drop in class from previous start?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 8/10, Yes: 2/10
- Raise in class from previous start?
Case horse: Yes
Control horses: No: 4/10, Yes: 6/10

- Number of times claimed in the preceding 6 months
Case horse: 0
Control horses: 0: 10/10
- Number of starts in preceding 30 days
Case horse: 0
Control horses: 0: 5/10, 1: 5/10
- Number of starts in preceding 60 days
Case horse: 1
Control horses: 1: 5/10, 2: 2/10, 3: 3/10
- Cumulative high-speed furlongs in preceding 30 days
Case horse: 17 f
Control horses range: 9-24.5 f
Control horses mean: 15.9 f
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- Cumulative high-speed furlongs in preceding 60 days
Case horse: 25 f
Control horses range: 23-42.5 f
Control horses mean: 32 f
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- Number of layoffs ≥ 30 days in preceding 6 months
Case horse: 1
Control horses: 0: 6/10, 1: 4/10
- First start off ≥ 60 day layoff?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 10/10
- Second start off ≥ 60 day layoff?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 10/10
- Length of ≥ 60 day layoff ending in the preceding 6 months
Case horse: N/A
Control horses range (n=1) 60 days
Control horses mean: 60 days
- History of being vet listed
Case horse: Yes, once for medication
Control horses: No: 10/10

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 full thickness tear in the skin of the dorsal pastern, from the proximal aspect of the second phalanx to the proximal aspect of the first phalanx. The interphalangeal joint was open, with complete luxation. There was massive soft tissue damage. Both the common and lateral digital extensor tendons were torn. The straight, oblique and cruciate suspensory ligaments were torn, with partial avulsion of the oblique sesamoidian ligaments from the first phalanx.

Stomach: Mild, diffuse, hyperkeratosis.

No significant lesions of the brain, heart, lung, liver, kidney or spleen.

There was autolysis of the small and large intestine.

Conclusions (below)

- **Horse specific factors:** None
- **Race specific factors:** Horse was in very tight quarters and may have clipped heels. This may have been a factor in this incident.
- **Other factors:** None