

Dream High

Stewards Summary

Dream High was racing near the back of the field when he was pulled up abruptly at the ½ mile pole. It was apparent that he had suffered a serious injury to his right foreleg and required the assistance of the KHRC veterinarians.

Trainer:

Randy Klopp stated that he purchased the horse in the Keeneland July 2020 sale as a three-year-old. Klopp trained the horse at Indiana Grand, where he made his first three starts. He stated that Dream High was a very big horse and that he had him castrated in early August. The horse had no soundness issues and required only minimal vet work. He said that the horse was bumped a little at the start of the race on December 2, but did not know for certain if that was a factor in the injury. He said that the horse was insured, as are all horses that he owns in full or in partnership.

Jockey:

Deshawn Parker stated that he had never been aboard the horse prior to this race. He said that the horse warmed up to his liking in the post parade and he had no concern about his soundness. He said that the horse was bumped at the start, but that he did not believe it to be a factor relating to the injury. He said that the horse was on his right lead when the incident occurred near the ½ mile pole. He commented that he has been pleased with the new racing surface.

Veterinary Review

- This 3 year-old gelding, owned by Spiess Stable LLC and Randy Klopp, and trained by Randy Klopp, raced at Turfway Park on December 2nd, 2020 in the second race, a maiden claiming race for \$30,000 run at 6 ½ furlongs on a fast Tapeta track.
- The gelding was racing near the back of the pack when the incident took place near the ½ mile pole. The rider pulled the horse up and dismounted. The on track KHRC vet summoned the ambulance and administered a sedative/analgesic to allow assessment of the injury. The horse was euthanized on the track due to the severe nature of the injuries and a grave 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 routine and very minimal.

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

- Age at first start
Case horse: 1332 days
Controls range: 851-1254 days
Controls mean: 1091 days
Comments: Above the range of controls.
- Age at first breeze
Case horse: 1082 days
Controls range: 771-1181 days
Controls mean: 952 days
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- Age on 12/02/2020
Case horse: 1401 days
Controls range: 1298-1770 days
Controls mean: 1426 days
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- Owner/breeder?
Case horse: No
Controls horses: No: 7/10, Yes: 3/10
- Horse acquired through claim?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 9/10, Yes: 1/10
- Days in training (1st published work to race date)
Case horse: 319 days
Controls range: 186-925 days
Controls mean: 472.6 days
Comment: Within the range of controls.
- Cumulative high speed furlongs (racing and training)
Case horse: 72 f
Controls range: 73-277.5 f
Controls mean: 141.5 f
Comments: Just below the range of controls.
- High speed furlongs per day in training (Day 1=date of 1st published work)
Case horse: .226 f/day
Control horses range: .191-.456 f/day
Control mean: .315 f/day
Comments: Within the range of controls.

- Interval from previous start
Case horse: 27 days
Control horses range: 21-135 days
Control horses mean: 50 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: 9/10, Yes: 1/10
- Drop in class from previous start?
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 3/10, Yes: 7/10
- 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: 8/10, Yes: 2/10
- Number of times claimed in the preceding 6 months
Case horse: 0
Control horses: 0: 9/10, 1: 1/10
- Number of starts in preceding 30 days
Case horse: 1
Control horses: 0: 6/10, 1: 4/10
- Number of starts in preceding 60 days
Case horse: 2
Control horses: 0: 2/10, 1: 4/10, 2: 4/10
- Cumulative high-speed furlongs in preceding 30 days
Case horse: 6 f
Control horses range: 0-18 f
Control horses mean: 10.7 f
Comments: Within the range of controls.

- Cumulative high-speed furlongs in preceding 60 days
Case horse: 14 f
Control horses range: 8-35 f
Control horses mean: 23 f
Comments: Within the range of controls.
- Number of layoffs ≥ 30 days in preceding 6 months
Case horse: 0
Control horses: 1: 4/10, 2: 1/10, 3: 5/10
- 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: 1/10, N/A: 2/10
- Length of ≥ 60 day layoff ending in the preceding 6 months
Case horse: N/A
Control horses range (n=8) 76-476 days
Control horses mean: 230.6 days
- History of being vet listed
Case horse: No
Control horses: No: 4/10, Yes: 6/10, 1 for heatstroke, 1 for intra-articular corticosteroid injections (14 days), 3 for illness or injury, 1 for EIPH.

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: Open lateral condylar fracture, medial sesamoid fracture. Severe soft tissue damage with fetlock joint disarticulation.

There was mild, diffuse, hyperkeratosis of the stomach.

No significant lesions of the brain, heart, lung, liver, kidney, spleen, small and large intestines.

Conclusions (below)

- **Horse specific factors:**
No horse specific factors noted.
- **Race specific factors**
No race specific factors noted.
- **Other factors:**