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# ALL BREEDERS' CUP TESTS CLEARED

SACRAMENTO, CA – All samples collected from Breeders' Cup horses have been cleared by the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at UC Davis, which completed testing Tuesday morning after the samples were couriered overnight to UC Davis by the Maddy lab's sample custodians – allowing testing to begin within 24 hours of the Breeders' Cup Classic.

All horses underwent pre-race testing for TCO2 levels in blood. Post-race testing was performed for prohibited drugs on the first three finishers in all Breeders' Cup races plus additional random horses selected by the stewards consistent with CHRB protocol. Post-race testing is done on both blood and urine samples. The Maddy laboratory's standard protocols look for over 45 anabolic steroids and hundreds of other prohibited drugs. Routine testing in California exceeds TOBA testing standards. Beyond expedited processing, Breeders' Cup samples required no special handling from everyday CHRB testing requirements.

In addition to routine testing, 25% of all horses pre-entered in the Breeders' Cup were randomly selected for out-of-competition testing. The out-of-competition samples were analyzed at the French, English and Irish racing laboratories for international competitors, while all U.S. samples were analyzed at the Maddy laboratory. All out-of-competition samples had cleared before Breeder's Cup entries were taken.

“The cooperation for the Breeders' Cup's out-of-competition testing program has been wonderful,” said Dr. Rick Arthur, equine medical director for the CHRB. “This was not a simple process. Veterinarians in four countries and four states participated in the sampling process and made sure the samples reached the four participating laboratories within the necessary time deadline.”

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