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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary 2026C05**

Horse Information: Five-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse suffered a right hind leg injury while racing. The horse was found to have a catastrophic open fracture of the right hind fetlock and was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed open fractures of the lateral condyle of the third metatarsal bone (MT3), as well as the second (MT2) and fourth (MT4) metatarsal bones and the biaxial fracture of the proximal sesamoid bones (PSBs) of the right hind leg. Numerous soft tissues structures were torn. Both right hind MT3 condyles, and the left hind lateral MT3 condyle had palmar osteochondral disease (POD). Both PSBs in the right hind fetlock had osteopenic areas, and both PSBs in the left hind fetlock had white discoloration of the subchondral bone (i.e. sclerosis).

Racing/Training History: The horse had 17 lifetime starts and had been racing at the same level for the last 8 months.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had a front pastern radiographed in February 2025.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted mild joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints.

Conclusion: The horse suffered a right hind fetlock failure with luxation, and open fractures. The horse was humanely euthanized.