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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025L09**

Horse Information: Four-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: While running in a race the horse suffered a left hind injury. The horse was ambulated to the hospital where radiographs were performed. The horse was found to have a lateral condylar fracture, a lateral first phalanx fracture, and a mid-body proximal sesamoid bone fracture of the left hind fetlock with fractures protruding through the skin. Due to the grave prognosis, the horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed complete, displaced, open, lateral condylar fracture of the third metatarsal bone (MT3) of the left hind leg. The lateral condyle of MT3 had an osteopenic area. The medial proximal sesamoid bone (PSB) had a complete displaced apical fracture, and the lateral PSB an avulsion fracture. The first phalanx (P1) had a complete, displaced, comminuted fracture.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 19 lifetime starts mostly on the turf. The horse had a gap in training early in 2024 due to a soft tissue injury on the right front leg.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had a right hind lateral condylar fracture that was surgically repaired in 2022. The horse was flagged on track for right front concerns in February 2024 and was treated for tying up in May of 2024.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted mild joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints, a right front splint bone exostosis, and mild thickening of the suspensory branches of both front fetlocks.

Conclusion: This horse suffered an open catastrophic lateral condylar fracture of the left hind fetlock, biaxial proximal sesamoid bone fractures, and a fracture of the first phalanx of the left hind leg.