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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026E01**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: During morning training, a loose horse collided into the horse. The horse became ataxic, collapsed, and quickly expired.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed catastrophic fractures of the sternum and right ribs. The horse had a hemothorax and a partial pneumothorax with lacerations on the right lung and hematomas on the left lung. The pericardial sac of the heart had edema and hemorrhage.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 9 lifetime starts. The horse shipped out for a layoff in the summer of 2025 and resumed training in the fall. The horse had breezed several days before the accident.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse sustained a left hind condylar fracture in May 2025, which was surgically repaired. The horse had received standard wellness care since returning to training.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints, and bilateral front leg shin exostosis.

Conclusion: This was a sad and unexpected case of a loose horse colliding into another horse resulting in catastrophic injuries.