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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026H02**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: The horse sustained a left front leg injury while running in a race. The horse was found to have a severely fractured left knee and was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a displaced and comminuted slab fracture of the third carpal (C3) bone of the left knee, with complete and displaced fractures of the radial carpal (RC) bone and the proximal articular surface of the fourth metacarpal bone (MC4). The left front C3 had focally extensive subchondral bone stress remodeling, and the third metacarpal bone (MC3) of both front legs also had subchondral sclerosis.

Racing/Training History: The horse had eight lifetime starts.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had joint injections performed in April, September, and November of 2025. The right front fetlock was radiographed in April and June of 2025, and both knees in October 2025. The horse routinely received Adequan.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted mild to moderate joint effusion of both knees and front fetlock joints.

Conclusion: The horse suffered a catastrophic fracture of the left knee while racing and was humanely euthanized.