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ZVEREV RALLIES LATE TO WIN INAUGURAL RUNNING OF \$125,000 BOONE COUNTY STAKES

FLORENCE, Ky. (Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025) – Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher's Zverev was able to find his best stride in deep stretch and ran down favored **Common Defense** to win the first running of the \$125,000 Boone County Stakes at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

Ridden by **Luan Machado** for trainer **Mike Maker**, Zverev covered 1 1/4 miles in 2:01.11 over the Tapeta surface.

It was a scramble for the early lead of the Boone County between **Funtastic Again** at the rail, **Strong Quality** in the two path and **Wakan**, who advanced three wide in to the first turn. The three leaders continued to duel up the backside through a sharp opening quarter mile in :22.43 and half-mile in :45.74. As the field of 11 entered the far turn, 2-1 favorite **Common Defense** ranged up to the tiring pacesetters and went to the front but had to hold off the late charge of Machado and Zverev. In the final strides, Zverev was able to find his best strides to win by a half-length.

Safe Trip Home completed the trifecta. He was followed by **Tapit Shoes, Honor Marie, Genius Jimmy, Prince of Power, Swift Delivery, Strong Quality, Wakan and Funtastic Again**.

For those who backed Zverev at odds of 7-1, they were rewarded with a \$2 win mutuel of \$16.34.

The victory in the Boone County raised Zverev's career mark to 15-5-1-1 with purse earnings of \$379,019.

Zverev is a 4-year-old gelded son of Oscar Performance out of the Thunder Gulch mare Balance. He was bred in Kentucky by Andrew Warren.

Live racing will resume Wednesday-Saturday at Turfway Park with daily first posts of 5:55 p.m. For more information, visit www.turfway.com.

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