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MAP OF THE MOON STAYS UNDEFEATED WITH \$125,000 GOWELL STAKES VICTORY

FLORENCE, Ky. (Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026) – NBS Stable's **Map of the Moon** kept her unbeaten streak intact when she reeled in longshot **Gianna** to win Thursday's 32nd running of the \$125,000 Gowell Stakes at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

Now a perfect 3-for-3, Map of the Moon was ridden to victory by **Adam Beschizza** for trainer **Kelsey Danner**.

Out of the starting gate, **Sassy C W** burst clear of her rivals by 8 ½ lengths through a sharp quarter-mile in :21.24 but as the field reached the quarter-pole, her lead began to diminish as she was tackled first to her outside by 15-1 longshot **Gianna**. As Gianna tried to kick clear to the wire, Beschizza tipped Map of the Moon from the rail to the four path and inside the final furlong spurted clear for a 1 ¾-length victory while completing six furlongs in 1:12.10.

Folk Song rallied late up the inside to finish third. She was followed by **Mia's Go**, **Pure Eloquence**, **Supersonic Agenda** and **Sassy C W**.

Sent off at even-money, Map of the Moon returned \$4.04.

A 3-year-old dark bay or brown filly by Liam's Map, Map of the Moon is out of the Malibu Moon mare Malibu Pride. She was bred in Kentucky by Silesia Farm & Dr. Hartmut H Malluche.

The Gowell Stakes victory was worth \$75,760 to improve her overall earnings to \$221,345.

Live racing will resume Friday at Turfway Park with a first post of 5:55 p.m. For dining reservations and more information, visit www.turfway.com.

DEBUT WINNER HOMETOWN BOUND SLATED AS 2-1 FAVORITE IN SATURDAY'S \$125,000 TURFWAY PREVUE – Colts Neck Stables' debut winner **Hometown Bound** is set to face six newly-turned 3-year-olds entered in Saturday's 31st running of the \$125,000 Turfway Prevue at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

The Turfway Prevue, run at 6 ½ furlongs, is the featured event on Saturday's nine-race card and will go as Race 6 at 8:25 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 5:55 p.m.

Trained by **Jorge Duarte Jr.**, Hometown Bound was a winner at first asking on Nov. 8 at Laurel while upsetting a field of 10 2-year-olds by three lengths at odds of 7-1. A gray son of Mitole, Hometown Bound shipped to Turfway Park in early December from his owner's New Jersey-based training center. Since then, he's recorded three local works including a bullet five-furlong move in 1:00.40 on Dec. 20, the fastest of 70 recorded works at the distance. Jockey **Victor Carrasco** will have the riding assignment from post No. 5.

Saturday's field also includes several horses with stakes experience including **Midway Racing's** Hickory Tree Stakes winner **Trendsetter**; **Rivera Racing Stables'** Display Stakes (Listed) winner **Jupiter**; **Ken Ramsey's** Pulpit Stakes (Listed) fourth-place finisher **Shipmate** and **Calumet Farm's** Maryland Juvenile fourth-place finisher **Sometime**.

The field for the Turfway Prevue from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds):

- **Blessed Warrior** (Santiago Gonzalez, Michel Douihy, 30-1)
- **Shipmate** (Miguel Vazquez, Nolan Ramsey, 5-2)
- **Sometime** (Dylan Machado, Mark Simms Jr., 8-1)
- **Trendsetter** (Luan Machado, Ben Colebrook, 3-1)
- **Hometown Bound** (Carrasco, Duarte, 2-1)
- **Jupiter** (Alexander Chavez, Nestor Rivera, 7-2)
- **Rawayana** (Alex Achard, Gustavo Delgado, 20-1)

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