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HOMETOWN BOUND MUCH THE BEST IN \$123,750 TURFWAY PREVUE

FLORENCE, Ky. (Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026) – Colts Neck Stables' **Hometown Bound** remained unbeaten as he cruised to a 1 1/4-length victory as the heavy 2-5 favorite in Saturday's 31st running of the \$123,750 Turfway Prevue at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

Trained by **Jorge Duarte Jr.**, Hometown Bound completed 6 1/2 furlongs in 1:18.27 under jockey **Victor Carrasco**.

Immediately out of the gate, **Shipmate** and Hometown Bound showed a quick turn of foot and dueled for the lead. However, as they crossed over to the main track, Hometown Bound moved clear of his fellow 3-year-old rival and completed a quarter-mile in :22.85. As the field approached the three-furlong marker, longshot **Blessed Warrior** punched through an opening at the rail inside Shipmate but had to reel in Hometown Bound, who cruised an uncontested half-mile in :46.72. At the top of the lane, Carrasco kept Hometown Bound to task in the two path and moved clear of the field to the wire.

Trendsetter, who had a slow beginning, nailed Blessed Warrior at the line for second. They were followed by Shipmate and **Sometime**.

With his win in the Turfway Prevue, Hometown Bound earned his connections \$77,000.

Hometown Bound is a gray son of Mitole out of the stakes-winning mare Youngest Daughter. He was bred in Kentucky by G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Vicki Oliver and G. Watts Humphrey III.

Live racing at Turfway Park resumes Wednesday for the start of a four-day week with daily first posts of 5:55 p.m. ET. For the latest information about racing and gaming, visit www.turfway.com.

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