

UP YOUR DEO

Bay colt, 3 by Walner – Grand Stand – Cantab Hall



OWNER: Ake Svanstedt, Wrightstown, NJ; Suleyman Yuksel Stables, Delray Beach, FL; Deo Volente Farms, Flemington, NJ; Van Camp Trotting Corp, Port Perry, ON
BREEDER: Deo Volente Farms, New Jersey
SALE INFO: \$100,000 Lexington-Select
TRAINER: Ake Svanstedt
DRIVER: Ake Svanstedt

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2023	5	3	0	1	\$218,800	1:52.0 M
2022	8	0	3	1	\$67,687	Q 1:56.4 M
LIFETIME	13	3	3	2	\$286,487	3, 1:52.0 M

- Fifth in his Hambletonian elimination. Drew post six in the final.
- “The horse has come along really extremely well. He had bad luck as a 2-year-old,” said Mike Gulotta of Deo Volente Farms. “We were very lucky to own a piece of this horse. I actually went to congratulate Sarah Svanstedt for buying the horse. He was a \$100,000 Walner, and she said ‘well, I have 20 percent left, do you want it?’ and I said ‘absolutely.’”
- “Mike Gulotta is like my brother. I invested in Deo Volente Farms and when I started watching the horse, I said this horse has talent,” remarked Tom Pontone, another partner in Deo Volente. “The best part about it is we still own the mare, and we still have a foal on the ground. She’s pregnant now, so we hope for great things to come in years to come.”
- He captured his Yonkers Trot elimination in a track record performance and took the Final with a late surge at Yonkers Raceway on June 30.
- Up Your Deo started his three year old year with a win in a leg of the NJSS and a third place finish in the final.
- He finished his freshman campaign with a third place finish in the Valley Victory elimination and a fourth place finish in the final.
- Failed to win any of his eight starts as a two year old. His three second-place finishes all came at the Meadowlands in a leg of the New Jersey Sire Stakes and two legs of the Kindergarten.

- Trainer Ake Svanstedt, 64, has won the Hambletonian twice. He won in 2021 with Captain Corey and again in 2017 with Perfect Spirit. Perfect Spirit was second-placed-first in the final after What The Hill was disqualified for interference in the stretch. It was the first disqualification of a winner in Hambletonian history. Svanstedt trained and drove Perfect Spirit.
- Previous stars for Svanstedt included Dan Patch Award winners Sebastian K and world champion Six Pack.
- Svanstedt is in his tenth season of racing in North America after moving to the U.S. from Sweden. He was Sweden's Trainer of the Year five times and Driver of the Year on three occasions.
- In 2017, Svanstedt was inducted in Sweden's Hall of Fame.
- During his career overseas, Svanstedt won the Elitlopp twice, with Torvald Palema in 2009 and Gidde Palema in 2004, the Copenhagen Cup three times and both the Oslo Grand Prix and Olympic Trot four times.
- Svanstedt won 6,306 races as a driver in Sweden and 5,384 as a trainer. He looks to join Per Eriksson and Jimmy Takter as Swedes with at least three Hambletonians.
- Since arriving in the U.S., Svanstedt is closing in on 1,000 training wins and has earned over \$45 million in purses. As a driver, he has totaled more than 587 wins and \$27 million in purses.
- Sire Walner, a standout trotter sidelined in his three-year-old year due to injury. His other notable offspring include older trotter Venerable, 2022 Hambletonian Oaks winner Fashion Schooner, 2022 Breeders Crown winner King Of The North and standout four year old mare Jiggy Jog S.