



Swandre The Giant

Brown Horse, 3 by Swan For All – Adagio by Valley Victor

OWNER: Diamond Creek Racing, PA, J&T Silva Stables LLC, NY & Howard Taylor, PA
BREEDER: DM Stables LLC
SALE INFO: \$17,000 Hoosier Sale purchase
TRAINER: Ron Burke
DRIVER: David Miller

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2019	7	2	2	1	\$182,688	1:51.3 M
2018	12	9	2	0	\$255,180	1:54.2 HoP
LIFETIME	19	11	4	1	\$437,868	3, 1:51.3 M

- Finished second behind Don't Let'Em in the Reynolds Memorial at the Meadowlands in his final Hambletonian prep on July 27th.
- "It was definitely the Lasix, and they pulled his shoes off too," driver David Miller said after Swandre The Giant snapped a four-race skid on July 13th. "He felt really strong. Through the stretch I was getting by (Green Manalishi S) without even asking him yet. He trotted right on by. He went a huge mile."
- Swandre The Giant overtook favorite Green Manalishi S in the stretch to win by one length in a career-best 1:51.3 in his Stanley Dancer division on July 13th at the Meadowlands.
- Finished second in his Goodtimes elimination at Woodbine Mohawk Park and finished fourth in the final. Then went to Pocono Downs to race in the Beal where he finished third in his elimination with a fourth place finish in the final for new driver David Miller.
- Transferred to Ron Burke's stable for his sophomore year and won his first time out in a leg of the Indiana Sire Stakes.
- "We're looking forward to it (referring to his 3 year old season)," Diamond Creek Racing's Adam Bowden said. "He's come back well this year and filled out and matured. He had a few little issues last year and those all seem to be resolved. We went over him with a fine-tooth comb and everything looks good."
- "He's a clean-gaited horse and he's got a good cruising speed. He's the kind of horse that gives you a lot of confidence. He's not a laidback horse, he's intense, but

he knows what you're trying to do with him, and I think that's important. I give Brandon a lot of credit, he brought him along slowly and was able to teach him."

- Won an Indiana Sire Stakes elimination and captured the ISS Final at Hoosier Park before closing out his year with a second place finish in the Indiana Sire Stakes Super Final at Hoosier Park in October to close out his season.
- Won a division of the William Wellwood at Woodbine Mohawk Park before finishing a disappointing ninth in the Final.
- Transferred to Jimmy Takter's barn the second half of his 2 year old campaign.
- Swandre The Giant won his first seven starts, all in Indiana, for trainer-driver Brandon Bates before being sold to his current owners.
- David Miller, 53, won the 2012 Hambletonian Oaks with Personal Style.
- In the 2017 Hambletonian, he drove What The Hill, who crossed the finish line first but was disqualified for interference in the stretch. Miller had third-place finishes in 2015 with Uncle Lasse and 2013 with Corky.
- Miller's top moments in 2018 came with Courtly Choice, winning the Meadowlands Pace and Little Brown Jug, and with Stag Party in the Metro Pace. He also won the Canadian Pacing Derby with Horse of the Year McWicked.
- A 2014 inductee into the Hall of Fame, Miller ranks No. 2 all time in purses, with \$236 million, and has finished among the top five in earnings 19 of the past 20 years.
- Miller is No. 5 all-time in wins, with more than 12,700.
- He was the U.S. Harness Writers Association's Driver of the Year in 2016, 2015 and 2003.
- In 2003, Miller led the sport in purses and drove No Pan Intended to the Pacing Triple Crown and Horse of the Year honors. In 2016, Miller was the driver of Horse of the Year Award winner Always B Miki, who paced the fastest mile in harness racing history when he won in 1:46 at Lexington's Red Mile.
- In 2015, Miller set a record with five Breeders Crown wins in a single year.
- Miller, who received the 1993 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association, was already a standout in his native Ohio when he headed to the East Coast in the late 1990s. He captured multiple driving titles at the Meadowlands Racetrack in the early 2000s and has been a force on the Grand Circuit ever since he made the move.
- Ron Burke, 49, finished second in the Hambletonian in 2016 with Southwind Frank, beaten by a nose by Marion Marauder, and second in 2015 when filly Mission Brief was defeated by Pinkman by three-quarters of a length. He watched What The Hill

cross the finish line first in 2017, but the colt was disqualified for interfering with a horse in the stretch. It was the first disqualification of a winner in Hambletonian history.

- Burke took over the family's training stable from father Mickey, the 2006 Trainer of the Year, in late 2008 and pushed the operation's success to record-setting heights. He is in the process of leading all trainers in wins for the 11th consecutive year. He has won no fewer than 762 races a year since 2009 and topped 1,000 victories three times, with 1,090 in 2013, 1,093 in 2014, and 1,013 in 2018. He is the only trainer in history to win 1,000 times in a season.
- Already the sport's all-time leader in training wins, Burke got career victory 10,000 on July 26 at the Meadowlands. Only one other trainer, Virgil Morgan Jr., has surpassed 6,400.
- Burke also is in the process of leading all trainers in purses for the 11th straight season. His \$221 million in lifetime earnings leads all trainers in history. He has topped \$20 million each of the past six years, including a record \$28.4 million in 2014. He is the only trainer in history to reach \$20 million in a season.
- He was named Trainer of the Year in 2011, 2013, and 2018.
- In addition to Burke's success as a trainer, Burke Racing was named Owner of the Year (with partners Mark Weaver and Mike Brussemi) in 2013 and 2018.
- Burke trained 2017 Horse of the Year Hannelore Hanover. His other many stars have included 2014 Pacer of the Year Sweet Lou and 2011 Pacer of the Year Foiled Again, who retired following the 2018 season as the richest harness racing horse in history, with \$7.63 million in lifetime earnings. Foiled Again, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in July, won 109 races and joined fellow Hall of Famer Rambling Willie as the only pacers with at least 100 wins and more than \$2 million in purses in the past 40 years.
- In 2018, Burke-trained filly Warrawee Ubeaut became the fastest 2-year-old pacer in history with a 1:48-3/5 mile. She was named a Dan Patch Award winner, as was Burke's 3-year-old male pacer Dorsoduro Hanover.
- Swandre The Giant is a son of Swan For All, who sired 2017 Horse of the Year Hannelore Hanover and 2017 Breeders Crown 2-year-old colt trotting champion Fiftydallarbill. Diamond Creek was among the owners of Swan For All during his racing career and remains part of the stallion's syndicate. The colt's dam, Adagio, was a Kentucky Sire Stakes champion in 2011.
- Swandre's owners have won this race multiple times: **Jerry Silva** (J&T Silva Stables), four wins, Muscle Hill (2009), Deweycheatumhowe (2008), Self Possessed (1999), Continentalvictory (1996); **Howard Taylor**, Atlanta, 2018.