



Six Pack

Bay, colt, 3 by Muscle Mass – Pleasing Lady by Cantab Hall

OWNERS: Ake Svanstedt, Wrightstown, NJ; Little E LLC (Jeff Gural), NY; Stall Kalmer FF (Tomas Olofsson), SD; Lars Berg, Denmark
BREEDER: Brittany Farms LLC, Versailles, KY
SALE: Lexington Select Sale \$30,000
TRAINER: Ake Svanstedt
Driver: Ake Svanstedt

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2018	6	5	1	0	\$359,198	1:50 M
2017	8	4	2	0	\$198,642	1:55.4 F
LIFETIME	14	9	3	0	\$557,840	

- Six Pack has risen from the New York Sires Stakes circuit to star status on the grand stage. He enters the Hambletonian fresh off a devastating world record of 1:50 in a Stanley Dancer Memorial division on July 14, making him the fastest three-year-old trotting colt in history. The mile broke the previous world mark of 1:50.1 co-held by 2009 Hambletonian winner Muscle Hill and Donato Hanover. It tied Archangel and Svanstedt trainee Sebastian K for the second fastest trotting mile in Meadowlands history. It was just a fifth off the all-age track standard of 1:49.4 set by J L Cruze in 2015, and equaled by Svanstedt's filly Plunge Blue Chip on Meadowlands Pace Night.
- Six Pack kicked off his sophomore season with four straight wins, including a Vernon Downs track record of 1:52.1 in the \$223,673 Empire Breeders Classic Final on May 28. He also finished a close second from post nine in the \$500,000 Earl Beal, Jr. Memorial at Pocono Downs on June 30.
- Six Pack capped off his freshman season in 2017 going wire-to-wire from post seven in the \$225,000 New York Sires Stakes Final at Yonkers Raceway in 1:58.
- "We will train him as we always train, there will be no difference," trainer Ake Svanstedt said about preparing for the Hambletonian after the Dancer. "We will do interval training on the straight track. When the racing season starts, we train on the straight track."
- On his season, Svanstedt said, "He has raced better and better for every race this year. He is going up the whole time. He's an all-around horse. The good horses are all around. He's nice to handle and nice gaited and can leave fast. I think he can go faster (than 1:50). He was not tired the last time. He was just lazy, so I must push him."
- Six Pack can get lazy when he gets the lead. "He waits for horses. You never know if he's tired, or if he's lazy. Sometimes he feels tired, but he's not tired. He's just waiting for someone and you get afraid. I always have that feeling in the stretch with him. Then someone comes and he picks it up again. But how should I know that? You don't know until it happens."
- In addition to siring Six Pack, on Meadowlands Pace Night Muscle Mass sent out Plunge Blue Chip, who upset Mancho in a world record of 1:49.4 in a Del Miller Memorial elimination. Also trained and driven by Ake

Svanstedt, Plunge Blue Chip became the fastest three-year-old trotter in history, while equaling the Meadowlands all-age track record. Six Pack is the fourth foal from his Cantab Hall dam Pleasing Lady.

- Svanstedt's familiarity with Six Pack's family goes back to Merger Blue Chip, who was out of Six Pack's third dam, Caviar Please, and was raced by former Svanstedt assistant Bjorn "Bernie" Noren before being sent to Europe. Svanstedt raced Six Pack's half-sister Limerence.
- "We have a very good mare in Sweden, Merger Blue Chip. We bought her here and she raced here for Bernie. Then we took her to Sweden and she was one of the best mares when she was a 5-year-old. Then we bought Limerence. I looked at the pedigree and saw it was the same family as Merger Blue Chip. Limerence was an OK horse. That's how I found Six Pack because he was a half-brother to Limerence. And Six Pack was a good-looking horse. He is a good-looking horse. He has very good conformation."
- His breeder Brittany Farms has bred three Hambletonian winners – Glidemaster (2006), Self Possessed (1999) and Continentalvictory (1996).
- Co-owner Jeff Gural is Chairman of Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment.
- In 2017, Ake Svanstedt enjoyed one of the greatest days of his four years in America when he finished second and was placed first through a disqualification in the \$1 million Hambletonian Final with Perfect Spirit. The result of that final is still under appeal. Svanstedt also won the John Cashman, Jr. Memorial with Resolve and the Duenna from post ten with Ice Attraction. That Muscle Hill filly also won the New Jersey Sires Stakes Final and Kentucky Filly Futurity. Svanstedt's fourth season as a trainer in the US was his best so far with 124 wins and \$4,674,656.
- Svanstedt remained a dominant force in the trotting world in 2016 with Resolve, one of the sport's top Open class trotters. After finishing second in Sweden's Elitlopp, the five-year-old son of Muscle Hill shipped back to America and cruised past \$1 million with major wins in the \$200,000 Arthur J. Cutler Memorial, the \$273,600 John Cashman Memorial, the \$480,320 Maple Leaf Trot and set a world record of 2:23.4 for a mile and half in the \$1 million International Trot. He also finished second in the \$193,000 Crawford Farms Trot and \$500,000 Breeders Crown. Svanstedt also advanced The Royal Harry and Maven's Way to the \$1 million Hambletonian Final and recorded his first \$4 million season in the USA, putting his stable in the nation's Top 5.
- Svanstedt sent three colts into the eliminations for the 2015 Hambletonian, Workout Wonder, Centurion ATM and Southwind Mozart, and although he didn't make it to that final he did dominate the \$75,000 Vincennes Trot from post ten with the favorite Resolve in 1:50.4. That four-year-old by Muscle Hill was trying to fill a sizeable void left by Svanstedt's world champion Sebastian K, who retired in 2015 due to injury.
- Svanstedt was a dominant force in Swedish racing before making a major move to the United States in the Fall of 2013, and opened a training facility in Vero Beach, Florida with the Bender Family/Palema Stable. In 2014, Svanstedt purchased Legend Farms, relocated his training operation to Wrightstown, New Jersey.
- Svanstedt captured five Trainer of the Year titles and three Driver of the Year Awards in Sweden, and has more than 5,000 wins as a trainer and 6,000 as a driver. In his first two seasons in the US, his stable won more than 100 races and banked over \$4 million.
- Svanstedt immediately made a huge impact in America, spearheaded by his super trotter Sebastian K. On May 10, 2014, the eight-year-old barefoot wonder was making his first start in the US, his first start in eight months, and was coming off a nondescript qualifier (finished fourth timed in 1:56.2). However, with an awesome and effortless 1:50.1 clocking, Sweden's 2012 Horse of the Year equaled the mile track world record.
- Sebastian K followed up his smashing American debut with a stakes record of 1:50.2 in the \$175,000 Arthur J. Cutler Memorial, and another easy win in 1:50.3 just one week later. On June 28, under perfect conditions at Pocono Downs, Svanstedt seized the moment, actually urged on Sebastian K, and those long, beautiful, rhythmic strides yielded the fastest trotting mile in history, a dazzling 1:49. No trotter in history has strung together such speedy miles.

- On Hambletonian Day 2014, Sebastian K once again equaled the mile track world record of 1:50 (set a week earlier by Archangel), and dominated the \$300,650 John Cashman, Jr. Memorial, while making him a perfect five-for-five at the New Meadowlands.