

## **Bond (Southwind Frank-Boccone Dolce-Donato Hanover)**

Bond set a fast pace in the second Hambletonian Oaks elimination on July 29 at the Meadowlands and faded to finish fifth. She was 3 1/2 lengths behind winner Heart On Fire, trotted her last quarter in 29.1 and was timed in 1:52 flat.

As a 2-year-old Bond was the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes champion and the winner of the Kindergarten and Goldsmith Maid finals. She added victories in the Pennsylvania All-Stars, a Pennsylvania Sire Stakes leg and a division of the W.N. Reynolds to her ledger to kick off her 2023 campaign. In total she has ten wins, two seconds and a third from 14 outings, has earned \$670,665 and has a mark of 1:51.4.

### **Quotes**

“She got fired up. I let her go into the turn, there were four or five horses (leaving), but then she got fired up and I couldn’t stop her. I don’t think there is anything wrong with her. It’s just that she must behave.

“Last time she raced (on July 15) it was a tough race also, but she was just a little sick.

“Normally, she is fast and strong. But it’s been two bad races, two bad drives. I must do better next time.

“She grew the most of them all (in the offseason). She is both taller and wider. She’s good gaited. She never takes a wrong step. She’s a very fast horse.” - **Trainer/driver Ake Svanstedt**

### **Breeding Notes**

Bond would be the first Hambletonian Oaks champion for Southwind Frank, who was second in his elimination and the final of the 2016 Hambletonian. The dam, the Donato Hanover mare Boccone Dolce, is a half-sister to 2021 Hambletonian Oaks champion Bella Bellini.

Bond was bred by Diamond Creek Farm and sold for \$80,000 as HIP 182 at the 2021 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. She would be Diamond Creek’s first Hambletonian Oaks champion as a breeder.

### **Driver/Trainer Bio**

#### **AKE SVANSTEDT**

**Born: 11/18/1958 – Birthplace: Sweden – Resides: Wrightstown, NJ  
Hambletonian wins (2): Captain Corey, 2021; Perfect Spirit, 2017.**

Ake Svanstedt has won the Hambletonian twice, both times as the driver as well as trainer of his horses.

In 2021, Svanstedt guided Captain Corey to victory. In 2017, it was Perfect Spirit, who was declared the winner when What The Hill was disqualified for interference in the stretch. It was the first disqualification of a winner in Hambletonian history.

Svanstedt's stable had three of the top-four finishers in the 2021 Hambletonian: winner Captain Corey, third-place Ambassador Hanover, and fourth-place Delayed Hanover.

He has had five Hambletonian Oaks finalists. His best finish came in 2018 when Plunge Blue Chip finished third.

Last year as a trainer, Svanstedt's stable ranked third in North America with a career-best \$7.52 million in purses. He also established a career high with 125 training wins.

Svanstedt also finished third in training purses in 2021, with \$6.31 million.

Svanstedt moved to the U.S. from Sweden in 2014. As a trainer, he has won more than 960 career races in North America and \$45 million in purses. As a driver, he is nearing 600 victories and \$28 million in purses.

He was Sweden's Trainer of the Year five times and Driver of the Year on three occasions. He won 6,306 races as a driver in Sweden and 5,384 as a trainer. In 2017, he was inducted in Sweden's Hall of Fame.

Svanstedt grew up with horses in Sweden. His father, who was in the timber business, used horses for work and raced cold-blooded trotters. Svanstedt began his professional career at the age of 24 and within several years was the champion at his home track in Bergsaker.

## **Owner Bio**

**Ake Svanstedt Inc., Wrightstown, New Jersey- Little E LLC., New York, New York- L Berg Inc., Delray Beach, Florida**

Bond would be the first Hambletonian Oaks champion for any of her owners. Jeff Gural's chairman of the Meadowlands, bred 1998 Oaks winner Fern as Maraula Associates and Svanstedt co-owned 2021 Hambletonian hero Captain Corey.