

Monkey Bones to stand at Wai Eyre



The trotting blood which has led to the outstanding sire Andover Hall has been like liquid gold and breeders in this part of the world have been crying out for a lick of it.

Next season they will get their first real chance to inject some of it with the news that a sharp son of Andover Hall has been acquired by Ian Dobson and Darryl Brown to stand at Wai Eyre Farm.

Monkey Bones is a 4-year-old from the first crop of Andover Hall who took records of 2, 1.57.6f and 3, 1.56.6f while earning \$237,280 from 22 races, and just to make things a little more interesting, he is a grey.

This colour will no doubt emanate from his fifth dam Rain, a daughter of Storm Cloud (by Scotland).

Monkey Bones is the first colt from Milestone Hanover (3, TT1.57.4, \$28,272), by Valley Victory from Monet Blue Chip (3, 1.56.8, \$303,828), by Sir Taurus (Speedy Crown) from Joan T Collins (3, 2.00.8, \$12,038), by Texas (Super Bowl) from Joan Collins (4, 2.04, 5451), by Noble Victory from Rain, by Storm Cloud from Prissy Miss, by Volomite.

Joan Collins was a roan and she produced the well performed T N T Collins (1.58.4f, \$222,066, 40 wins) and Texas Snazzy (1.58.2f, \$184,070), while Joan T Collins left Lotto's Collins (4, 1.55.8,

\$389,185, 60 wins), Chemung Blue Chip (3, 1.59.2, \$200,158) and Monet Blue Chip all to Speedy Crown's underrated siring son Sir Taurus.

Monet Blue Chip was a good filly in New York and she has also produced Show Me The Monet (3, 1.55, \$184,361) and Mo Monet Hanover (3, 1.56.8, \$329,990 plus \$413,923 in Europe), the latter winning heats of the Houghton and Breeders Crown at two before finishing second in the final of the latter and being sold to Norway.

Trained throughout his career by Karen Garland, **Monkey Bones** won four of his 11 starts as a juvenile including two PASS and an International Stallion Stakes at The Red Mile in 1.59, where he won by three lengths trotting his last quarter in 27.2, while he took his record of 1.57.6 at Harrah's Chester.

Last year he was timed in a qualifier in 1.55.2 before finishing second in a heat and the \$334,600 final of the Goodtimes at Mohawk, which was won by the Andover Hall colt Quite Easy.

He would win PASS events at The Meadows and Pocono Downs in 1.56.6f and 1.56.8f, and be placed in the Zweig and Colonial Trots along with a 3yo Open at The Meadowlands, where he was timed in 1.55.2 as a lead up to the Hambletonian.

He was unplaced in a heat of the latter however before having his last race in October, having raced 11 times as a 3-year-old for two wins, three seconds and two thirds for \$151,265.

Monkey Bones has no double ups within three generations of his pedigree, but he does have crosses to Speedy Crown (4x5x4), Texas (4x4) and Noble Victory (4x5x5), while having eight crosses to Star's Pride is his sixth generation.

He is an average size at 15.2 hands and a long barrelled horse in keeping with his sire Andover Hall (2, 1.56.2, 3, 1.51.6, \$870,510), a son of Garland Lobell-Armour Angus who stood at Hanover in Pennsylvania this year at \$30,000.

A brother to leading sires Angus Hall (stud fee Can\$15,000 and sire of Peaceful Way (M) 1:51.4 \$3,245,055 and Majestic Son 1:52.2 \$1,993,157) and Conway Hall (fee US\$15,000 and sire of Windsong's Legacy) along with the well performed Adams Hall, the latter racing and standing at stud in Sweden for \$7500, Andover Hall sired the world champions Donato Hanover (2, 1.55, 3, 1.50.2, \$3m, Hambletonian etc) and Pampered Princess (2, 1.54.8, 3, 1.53, \$1.45m) from his first crop.

He was last year's leading all-age trotting sire in North America with just two crops racing, heading off Angus Hall when his progeny won a record \$9.3m, including \$7.9m from his 3-year-olds.

Donato Hanover also won the Canadian Trotting Classic, World Trotting Derby and Kentucky Futurity before meeting defeat in the Breeders Crown at the end of last season.

He was syndicated for \$10m and now stands at Hanover alongside Andover Hall at \$20,000.

Monkey Bones arrives at Wai Eyre at the start of September and he will stand for a fee of \$2750 + GST.