

Harrah's Chester Week In Review – June 26

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Ball Gown A and Talk About Me both took advantage of perfect pocket trips while Quality Western scored from off the pace, all upset-minded in this week's trio of \$40,000 Open events at Harrah's Chester Casino and Racetrack.

Ball Gown A (\$12.60) was part of the early pace in Monday's (June 23) Fillies and Mares Open Handicap Pace before even-money favorite Jans Luck (Yannick Gingras) brushed to the front through an opening quarter of :26.2. Sitting in the garden spot through intermediate fractions of :56.1 and 1:24.3, Eric Goodell angled Ball Gown A out of the pocket at the head of the stretch, closing willingly to win by one-half length in 1:52.2. Premier Elecktrah (Andy Miller) took second, with Jans Luck fading to third.

Peter J. Tritton, Inc. owns the seven-year-old daughter of Presidential Ball and Ensign's Dream; Tritton also handles the training duties.

Thursday's (June 26) Open Handicap Trot saw 7-5 favorite Railee Possible (Daniel Dube) break stride on the first turn, eliminating any chance of his fifth consecutive win. Meadowlands shipper Westland Sun N (Yannick Gingras) left sharply for the lead, and went uncontested through early splits of :27.1 and :57.0 before Lolique (Tony Morgan) made an extended first-over bid. Reaching three-quarters in 1:24.3, Lolique could no longer sustain his bid and Westland Sun N was slowing considerably, prompting Eric Goodell to angle Talk About Me from the pocket spot. The six-year-old Keystone Smothers-Moorelands Brenda gelding scored by 1-1/4 lengths under moderate urging in 1:54.4. Beach Nut Brand (George Napolitano, Jr.) closed well from off the pace to finish in a dead heat for second with the fading Westland Sun N.

Frank McEachern trains the Florida-bred Talk About Me for A&M Floral, Inc.

In Sunday afternoon's (June 22) Open Handicap Pace, Quality Western (\$8.80) sat well off a ruthless pace before circling the field in deep stretch to score in 1:49.2. South Park Hanover (Ron Pierce) went immediately to the front and was unchallenged through early fractions of :25.3 and :52.4. Beginning to show signs of fatigue midway up the

backstretch, South Park Hanover was collared by Psilvuheartbreaker (Jim Meittinis) midway on the far turn, just past a three-quarter split of 1:20.3. Sitting third-over, Tim Tetrick angled Quality Western three-wide off the turn, closing in :28.1 to win by 1-1/4 lengths.

Vincent Fusco, Jr. trains the eight-year-old Western Hanover-True To Life entire for D'Elegance Stable IX, TLP Stable, Carmen Iannacone, and George Giamarino.

Live racing takes place at Harrah's Chester every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, with first post scheduled for 12:25 p.m.