

## Harrah's Chester Week In Review

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Four Starz Robro (\$43.40) parlayed perfect pocket position into a track record for older stallion trotters in Thursday's (June 5) featured Open Trot, highlighting the week's racing action at Harrah's Chester Casino and Racetrack.

The six-year-old Conway Hall entire yielded to Beach Nut Brand (Daniel Dube) on the first turn, tracking the leader through strenuous fractions of :27.1, :55.4, and 1:23.3. Despite Beach Nut Brand drawing off by 2-1/2 lengths on the far turn, he became quite weary at the head of the stretch, prompting Jonathan Roberts to attack the open stretch with Four Starz Robro, winning by a half length in 1:53.04. Ripped (Cat Manzi) re-rallied from first-over to earn second honors, with Beach Nut Brand fading to third.

Judy Welty trains the Pennsylvania-bred Four Starz Robro for owner Kelley Rogers.

In Monday's (June 2) featured Mares Open Pace, Jans Luck (\$8.00) fended off constant pressure from a host of challengers to score a 1:50.4 victory. The four-year-old daughter of Camluck brushed up the outside on the first turn, clearing from Ball Gown A (Eric Goodell) just after a first quarter of :26.4. Driver Yannick Gingras had limited opportunity to rate the middle half, as Ball Gown A provided steady pressure in the bridge turn and up the backstretch, stalling midway up the backstretch. Enhance The Night (George Napolitano, Jr.) and Dance Hall (David Miller) stacked up three-deep on Jans Luck on the far turn after middle fractions of :55.2 and 1:23.0--resulting in a :56.1 middle half. Despite never receiving a breather, the Mickey Burke-trained Jans Luck dug deeper through the stretch, holding off Enhance The Night by three parts of a length in the end. Life Of Luxury N (Tim Tetrack) closed steadily off cover to be third.

Sylvia Burke, Weaver Brussemi LLC, the JJK Stables LLC, and the M1 Stable LLC own the Michigan-bred Jans Luck.

Sunday's (June 1) Open Pace saw Philos Hanover (\$18.80) again go unnoticed by the betting public, sitting the pocket behind dueling leaders before taking over in deep-stretch for a 1:50.0 mile. The

five-year-old Cam's Chard Shark entire cut an opening quarter of :27.2 before being overtaken by Four Starz Sue (George Napolitano, Jr.) en route to the half. After a :28.3 second-quarter breather (half-mile of :56.0), Four Starz Sue faced a strong bid from Cue The Paige (Tony Morgan) up the backstretch, ruthlessly battling past three-quarters in 1:22.0 before Cue The Paige broke stride on the far turn, just after clearing the lead. With Cue The Paige off-stride, Western Ace (Ron Pierce) continued uncovered to the head of the stretch, but Philos Hanover was best of all, tipping to the open stretch and prevailing by a neck over Western Ace, with Four Starz Sue a tiring third. World Champion Boulder Creek (Tim Tetrick) was favored at odds of 2.3-1, but lacked kick in the homestretch in his 2008 debut.

Joe Polisenno trains the Pennsylvania-bred Philos Hanover for owner John Cancelliere.

Sunday's (June 8) thirteen-race card at Harrah's Chester, highlighted by a pair of eliminations for the second edition of the Ben Franklin Pace, is slated for a 12:25 p.m. post time.