

2019 Track Trends

9/2 Track Trends

Sloppy (sealed) / Soft (9th)

Showery early

67

Wind 7 to 4 MPH NE

After sustained overnight and morning rain, we were sloppy and off the turf except the Bernard Baruch. While the majority of the successful running was on or near the lead, enough closers did OK to suggest the track wasn't heavily tilted towards speed. The best running seemed to be done outside, but mostly riders stayed clear of the inside, and some runners did find a path or two off the inside. The one turf race was fair, though being forwardly placed could have helped.

9/1 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Cloudy

74

Wind 3 to 5 MPH NW/N

Horses ran well in some races on the inside, so while it wasn't an advantage, it appears the rail was likely fine on the Main Track. The turf courses continue to play fairly.

8/31 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

73

Wind 9 to 4 MPH E/SE

Once again the races on the Main Track appeared to have an outside flow, and runners inside seemed to underperform (at least for the most part). This has been a theme throughout much of the meet, with the inside appearing bad despite one or two examples to the contrary. A bit confusing at best. The turf courses continue to play fairly.

8/30 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

79

Wind 11 to 8 MPH NE/E

The races on the Main Track pretty much had an outside flow, but it may have been situational given the 9th winner, at 9F, was on or near the inside the whole way. Worth at least monitoring going forward. The turf courses continue to play fairly with race dynamics helping determine results, not the surface.

8/29 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

77

Wind 9 to 12 MPH East

The Main Track appeared to play fairly with the rail OK. The turf courses continue to play fairly.

8/28 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Cloudy

77

Wind 7 to 10 MPH N/NE

The Main Track played fairly, though speed did well, and the rail appeared to be good. The turf courses played fairly.

8/25 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

73

Wind 7 to 4 MPH SW

Horses raced better near the rail on the Main Track than 8/24, though generally riders stayed at least a bit off the inside. The turf courses continue to play fairly.

8/24 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

72

Wind 5 to 7 MPH SW

Despite the 2nd race winner coming up the rail (impressively), it appeared to be a strongly dead rail, and maybe even a path or two off the rail were bad. The turf courses appeared to play fairly, with the rails down.

8/23 Track Trends

Fast / Good

Clear

77

Wind 6 to 4 MPH South

With five dirt races, it's hard to make conclusions about the Main Track, but given the best running seemed to be done off the rail, it's worth at least questioning whether or not the rail was a bit off. The turf courses appear to play fairly, with race dynamics influencing the results for the most part.

8/22 Track Trends

Fast / Yielding

Cloudy

80

Wind 10 to 5 MPH East

The Main Track appeared to play fairly, as while many runners stayed off the inside, enough ran well on or very close to the rail to suggest it was a fair track. There was one flat race on each turf course and they played fairly.

8/21 Track Trends

Sloppy (sealed) / Off

Rain

75

Wind 4 to 8 MPH NW to NE

There were heavy rains in the morning before the races started, but also a strong storm after the 5th race that delayed the races for around 30 minutes. Despite this, the track was remarkably fair, with

speed and closers doing well depending on circumstance. For the most part, the riders avoided the inside, and it does appear that outside paths, sometimes far outside, were best.

8/18 Track Trends

Good (1-3) Fast (5-10) / Good (4th only)

Clear

83

Wind 1 to 4 MPH from NW to NE

The best running was done off the rail on the Main Track, but the 5th winner came up the inside, which makes it difficult to say the rail was dead. Worth monitoring going forward. The one turf course played fairly and the time suggests the course was on the Firm side of Good.

8/17 Track Trends

Fast early - sloppy (sealed) 10 and 11 / Mellon - Firm; Inner - Good

Clear until late - heavy rain after the 9th race

82

Wind 5 to 9 MPH from North to SW

Inside speed seemed to be an advantage on the Main Track before the rains. The best running was done well off the rail after the late rain, but given the Alabama, it's not clear the rail was bad. The turf courses played fairly, with the Mellon a bit firmer perhaps than the Inner.

8/16 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Cloudy

78

Wind 4 MPH NE

The Main Track appeared to play fairly, as while much of the best running was done off the rail, the second winner came right up the inside. The turf courses continue to play fairly.

8/15 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

79

Wind 4 MPH SW to NW

The best running on the Main Track seemed to be done at least a path or two off the inside, though it's not clear the rail was bad. Worth monitoring going forward. The turf courses appeared to play fairly.

8/14 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

80

Wind 4 MPH SW

The Main Track appeared to play fairly, and horses did OK on the inside, which has not been the case for much of the meet. The turf courses played fairly.

8/11 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

78

Wind 8 to 10 MPH E/SE

The best running on the Main Track was done off the inside. The turf courses continue to play fairly.

8/10 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

72

Wind 9 MPH SE

The rail continues to be off on the Main Track. Speed was fine as long as you were off the inside. The turf courses played fairly.

8/9 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

79

Wind 11 to 13 MPH NE/E

The rail continues to be off on the Main Track and the races had an outside flow. The turf courses played fairly.

8/8 Track Trends

Fast (sealed for the 4th only) / Firm

Clear

80

Wind 6 to 4 MPH NE

The Main Track played towards outside runners the first two races, but when sealed for the 4th, the inside seemed much better, and the track slowed down considerably when it was sealed, and thereafter. The turf courses continue to appear to play fairly.

8/7 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

79

Wind 5 to 8 MPH North

The predicted storms never materialized. The fast Main Track appeared to play to outside runners, but the results seemed fair, and some OK running was done towards the inside. Still, it likely continues to be best to be at least a bit off the rail. The turf courses appeared to play fairly.

8/4 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

78

Wind 4 to 7 MPH NW

While it appears it's best to continue to be off the very inside on the Main Track, two or three runners ran well enough on the rail to suggest it may not be that bad. Worth mentioning at the very least. The turf courses appeared to play fairly.

8/3 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

83

Wind 6 to 9 MPH NE

It continues to appear to be best at least a little off the rail on the Main Track, and the riders generally are staying away from the very inside. The turf courses played fairly.

8/2 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

82

Wind 1 to 4 MPH West to SE

Outside runners did well on the Main Track and it continues to appear to be best to stay at least a path or two off the rail. The Inner Turf plays fairly, while on the Mellon, outside runners may have an advantage. Worth following and/or considering.

8/1 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

81

Wind 4 to 6 MPH W/NW

There continues to be an argument that you are better off at least one or two paths off the rail on the Main Track. Otherwise, it plays fairly for speed and closers. The turf courses played fairly, though outside movers did best on the Mellon, but that very well could have been situational, and somewhat the nature of turf sprints (which are run on the Mellon).

7/31 Track Trends

Fast / Good

Cloudy

82

Wind 6 to 3 MPH NE

After thunderstorms Tuesday evening and night, two races were off the turf. The courses were listed as Good but were likely on the firmer side of that.

The four turf races, two on each course, appeared to play fairly. With a threat of thunderstorms, that thankfully never materialized, the Main Track was sealed for races 2 and 3, and in those races the inside played well, if not an advantage. As far as the other dirt races, when the track was harrowed (1, 5, 6, and 9) it feels like horses were better off at least a path or two off the rail. Worth monitoring going forward.

7/28 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Cloudy

85

Wind 8 to 4 MPH NE

The Main Track was back to playing fairly and horses on the rail did well all day. The turf courses appeared to play fairly as well.

7/27 Track Trends

Fast / Good (early) and Firm (10 & 12 - both inner)

Clear

86

Wind 4 to 6 MPH NE

The rail continued to be dead on the Main Track, and outside runners enjoyed a distinct advantage. The turf courses played fairly. Two of three on the Mellon were won wire to wire, but they were sprints.

7/26 Track Trends

Muddy (sealed) / Yielding (6 & 8 - one on each course)

Clear

82

Wind 2 to 4 MPH N/NW

After Thursday's torrential rain, the track remained muddy and sealed all day. The rail was completely dead, to the point where it seemed the wider the better. Impossible to judge how the

courses played save to say they were between Good and Yielding and in reasonably good shape under the circumstances.

7/25 Track Trends

Fast / Good

Clear (Rain for the 4th and final race)

80

Wind 6 MPH NE

The 1st race was a steeplechase race, while the 2nd and 3rd were run under perfect conditions on the main track, with the track appearing to play fairly. A substantial and sudden storm came shortly before the 4th race (on the Inner Turf) which made watching that race, won wire to wire, very difficult. Racing was cancelled after that race.

7/24 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

79

Wind 5 to 3 MPH SW

The Main Track appeared to be fair, but most running was done at least a little off the rail. Not clear this means the rail was off at all. One race on the Inner Turf was won wire to wire by a short-priced horse, and the best running of the Mellon Course appeared to be done outside, though it could have been situational.

7/21 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

89

Wind 10 to 12 MPH SE

The Main Track played fairly. It's possible the best running was done a little off the rail but perhaps it was situational. The Inner Turf seemed to play fairly. There is some discussion that the best running on the Mellon Turf was done outside, but it seems somewhat inconclusive, and perhaps it's best to monitor it, or at least consider it, going forward.

7/19 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

90

Wind 6 to 10 MPH NE

Speed did well on the Main Track, which was producing quick times, but it may have been situational. The turf courses appeared to play fairly overall.

7/18 Track Trends

Fast / Good (races 4 and 8)

Partly Cloudy

79

Wind 4 to 2 MPH SW to NE

The Main Track played fairly. The turf courses (we ran one on each course) played fairly but were likely on the yielding side of good.

7/17 Track Trends

Sloppy (sealed) Races 2 thru 7 / Muddy (sealed) Races 8 thru 10

Rain

77

Wind 3 to 5 MPH NE and SE

Through much of the early races, the riders tended to stay away from the inside, but the 7th winner came up the rail which suggests the track was fair, though possibly as the rain ended midday and the track was more packed without standing water, the rail improved. Hard to know.

7/14 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Partly Cloudy

82

Wind 10 MPH E/SE

All courses, dirt and turf, appeared to play fairly.

7/13 Track Trends

Fast / Good

Clear

80

Wind 6 to 8 MPH NE

It may well have been situational, but the dirt races were dominated by stalkers. The turf courses appeared to play fairly.

7/12 Track Trends

Fast / Yielding

Cloudy early, Clear midday

80

Wind 8 MPH East

The Main Track appeared to play fairly. There was one turf race on each course and they appeared to play fairly as well.

7/11 Track Trends

Fast (1-3-5) Muddy (sealed) Race 8 and Sloppy (sealed) Race 10 / Firm 2-4, Good 6, Yielding 7 and 9

Cloudy - Rain after 5th race

80

Wind 8 to 2 MPH N/NE

While the first two dirt races favored inside runners, it was likely more about slow paces than inside bias, as the other dirt race before the rain was run fairly. Seemed fair after the rain but hard to judge. The turf courses appeared to play fairly, but clearly changed for the last two races after the rain, as they went from Firm to Yielding.