

2018 Track Trends

9/3 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

88

Wind 3 to 5 MPH NE

All courses, the Main Track and both turf courses, appeared to play fairly. The rail was good on the Inner Turf, and a possible advantage.

9/2 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Cloudy

77

Wind 4 to 6 MPH North

The Main Track and both turf courses continued to play fairly.

9/1 Track Trends

Fast / Good

Cloudy

77

Wind 5 to 7 MPH N/NW

The Main Track and both turf courses played fairly. The rail was good on the main track though not an advantage.

8/31 Track Trends

Fast / Good

Cloudy

72

Wind 2 MPH NW/N

The Main Track and both turf courses appeared to play fairly.

8/30 Track Trends

Fast / Yielding (8 & 9)

Clear

77

Wind 3 to 8 MPH SW

The track dried well after heavy overnight thunderstorms, but only one race was run on each turf course, with four races in total taken off the grass. The Main Track was fair though speed did well in some of the races. The two turf races were run to form and run fairly.

8/29 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

92

Wind 5 to 10 MPH NE

The Main Track, and turf courses, appeared to play evenly.

8/27 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

83

Wind 4 to 6 MPH NE

The Main Track appeared to play fairly, as did the turf courses, though arguably you were best on the inside for at least some of the race on the Inner Turf.

8/26 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Cloudy

79

Wind 2 MPH NE

The Main Track appeared to play fairly, and while successful runners were off the rail, there is no direct evidence the rail was off. The turf races seemed to be run fairly on both courses.

8/25 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

79

Wind 2 to 8 MPH NW/N

Tricky day to make track trends. The Main Track seemed to favor speed, and the inside, but the 8th race (the Ballerina) played in an entirely opposite manner. Unless you believe the track changed for one race, it's hard (at least for me) to make any definitive bias declarations. However, it's hard to completely overlook the results over the course of the day. As for the turf courses, while inside paths may have been an advantage, there were races run in a fair manner on both courses, which makes it hard, once again, to declare a strong bias.

8/24 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

80

Wind 4 to 2 MPH E/NE

There is some evidence that speed was an advantage on the Main Track, though those runners were not always down on the rail. It's at least worth considering going forward. The turf courses appear to play fairly.

8/23 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

75

Wind 6 to 8 MPH SE

The Main Track and turf courses appeared to play fairly.

8/22 Track Trends

Fast / Good

Cloudy

77

Wind 9 MPH East

While speed did well in a couple of Main Track races, the track appeared to play fairly overall. The rails were down on the turf courses, but with only one race on each course, it's impossible to say there were any biases or trends.

8/20 Track Trends

Fast / Good

Clear

78

Wind 2 to 4 MPH W/NW

The Main Track seemed to play fairly, though runners off the rail dominated the results, but enough horses ran at least fairly inside to suggest the rail was probably OK. The turf courses appeared to play fairly.

8/19 Track Trends

Fast / Yielding

Cloudy

78

Wind 3 to 5 MPH West

There is an argument that speed, and the rail, were good, perhaps even stronger than 8/18, on the Main Track. The turf courses appeared to play fairly, with the Mellon Good to Yielding and the Inner closer to Yielding.

8/18 Track Trends

Muddy (1) Good (2-5) Fast (6-10) / Yielding (8th)

Cloudy Early, Clear mid-card

77

Wind 5 MPH SW

The track was drying throughout the day as the weather cleared up. There is an argument that speed and the rail was an advantage, though how strong is debatable given some of the races. The one Turf race was on the Mellon and it was Yielding, but not terribly soft. No other conclusions can be fairly made.

8/17 Track Trends

Fast (Good and Sealed for the 10th) / Good (8 & 9)

Showery

77

Wind 3 to 5 MPH NW

Perhaps it was due to logical results, but the Main Track races were dominated by forwardly placed runners. The turf races appeared to be run fairly (one on each course). It's worth noting that a small amount of rain fell before the day started, and a small amount late, with the bulk of the rain coming after the races were over.

8/16 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Cloudy

85

Wind 5 to 7 MPH East

The Main Track played fairly. The Mellon Turf seemed fair, though once again only two sprints were run on the course, while the Inner Turf was firmer than 8/15 and likely on the Good side of Firm. Both Inner and Turf races were won wire to wire, but it was likely situational more than any kind of bias.

8/15 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Cloudy

83

Wind 5 MPH East

The Main Track seemed tilted towards speed, but it may have been situational, as many results were at least fairly logical. As for the turf, the Mellon was probably in range of Firm, and as only two sprints were run on the course, it's hard to make any real conclusions. However, the Inner Turf, while listed as Firm, yielded times that suggest it was Good to Yielding, and outside runners appeared to have an advantage.

8/13 Track Trends

Fast / Good (4th - Mellon)

Showery

79

Wind 3 MPH SW

The Main Track appeared to play fairly, with race dynamics playing a major role in most outcomes, or relatively logical results. The one race on the turf played fairly, though with the rails out 27 feet, it's fair to think outside paths may have been best.

8/12 Track Trends

Good (9 1-3) Fast (4-10) / Off the Turf

Cloudy Early / Cleared Late

75

Wind 3 to 5 MPH SW

The Main Track seemed tilted towards speed, but given the results and small fields, it may not have been as significant an advantage as it appeared.

8/11 Track Trends

Good / Good

Showery

73

Wind Insignificant

The Main Track appeared to play fairly though there is an argument that there was an advantage to speed. The turf courses were fair, and while Good, there wasn't a significant amount of give.

8/10 Track Trends

Fast / Good

Clear

79

Wind 3 to 5 MPH SW

The first three Main Track races showed a decided edge to inside runners and speed, while the fourth dirt race was run very fairly, and the final one fair, but speed was good. I think it's feasible to consider that the track changed but impossible to be sure given the small number of races. The turf races appeared to be run fairly.

8/9 Track Trends

Fast / Good (6 & 8)

Clear

82

Wind 6 to 8 MPH East

Being forwardly placed seemed to be the way to go on the Main Track, but the results were so logical that it might be a mistake to read too much into that. As for the Turf, the Mellon played Good to Firm, while the Inner was clearly Yielding. Both races yielded logical results and seemed to be run fairly.

8/8 Track Trends

Fast (1-3-6) Good (8-10) / Firm (2-4-5) Good (7-9)

Showers

82

Wind 2 to 4 MPH NW to NE

Rain came before our 7th race which changed both the Main Track and both turf courses. The Main played fairly before the rain, and given the results after, it's tough to argue there was any perceptible bias later. The turf courses seemed fair as well, but given the rain right before the 7th, that course may have been hard for some horses to handle, and a bad performance could possibly be excused.

8/6 Track Trends

Fast / Good

Clear

90

Wind 4 MPH NE

The Main Track played fairly, as did both turf courses.

8/5 Track Trends

Good 1-4 Fast thereafter / SoftClear

88

Wind 2 MPH E/NE

The Main Track races were dominated by outside closers, with a pronounced bias, and it seems fairly clear the rail was NOT the place to be. The turf courses, while there was clearly a great deal of give, appeared to play fairly.

8/4 Track Trends

Good (1-4) Fast (6-8) Sloppy (sealed - 9th) / Soft (5th)

Clear (until after the 8th race when we got severe thunderstorms)

82W

Wind Negligable

Other than the Sloppy Whitney (9th race) where the favorite wired the field, outside closers dominated the results on the Main Track. While its hard to say the rail was dead, it is fairly definitive that outside paths were better. The one turf race was dominated by two short prices that closed from last and second to last.

8/3 Track Trends

Muddy (sealed) / Yielding (9th)

Showery

75

Wind 2 MPH SE to NW

Despite the conditions, the main track seemed to play fairly, with runners succeeding towards the inside and outside. The one turf race appeared to play fairly.

8/2 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Cloudy

81

Wind 4 MPH E/NE

The Main Track and both Turf courses appeared to play fairly.

8/1 Track Trends

Fast / Firm Showers / Clearing late

74

Wind 3 MPH NW

The Main Track may well have been tilted towards speed. The turf courses both appeared to play fairly.

7/30 Track Trends

Fast / Good

Clear

81

Wind 2 to 5 MPH NW to NE

All three courses, turf and dirt, appeared to play fairly. The Main Track was on the quick side, but speed and closers performed well.

7/29 Track Trends

Fast / Good (Mellon) Yielding (Inner)

Clear

79

Wind 4 to 7 MPH East

It's fair to say that all courses, dirt and turf, played fairly.

7/28 Track Trends

Good 1-8, Fast 10 / Inner – Soft (9), Mellon – Yielding (11)

Clear

80

Wind 3 MPH NE

The Main Track appeared to play fairly. There is a possibility that you were better at least a little off the rail, but too many horses ran fine inside to suggest there was any bias. The Inner was soft, and as a result, it's fair to say a number of horses simply did not handle the course in the Bowling Green, the 9th race. The Mellon (11th) seemed fair.

7/27 Track Trends

Fast (1st) Sloppy (Sealed) 3-10 / Good (2nd)

Thunderstorms

83

Wind 4 MPH NE to NW

Once the rains came, before the 3rd, and there were numerous storms, speed was absolutely dominant with only heavily favored Hofburg closing to win.

7/26 Track Trends

Sloppy (Sealed) 2-6 - Muddy (Sealed 7-10) / Turf - OFF

Cloudy

79

Wind 7 to 9 MPH N/NW

It appears that speed was pretty dominant, but given that closers did OK in some circumstances, it's hard to say it was definitively a speed track. The inside was good, if not an advantage.

7/25 Track Trends

Good / Yielding

Showery early, cloudy thereafter

79

Wind 7 to 9 MPH North

The Main Track appeared to play fairly though speed was fine. The turf courses played fairly, though with some obvious give.

7/23 Track Trends

Sloppy (sealed) / Soft (race 7)

Rainy early, cleared midday

78

Wind 5 to 7 MPH NW

The Main Track played fairly. There is an argument that you were better off at least a bit off the rail, but some horses did OK inside, so it may be more a result of riders often staying clear of the rail. The turf course was soft and it was likely a case of a few handling the going and many not.

7/22 Track Trends

Good 1-4 Fast 5-7-9 / Firm

Clear

81

Wind 9 to 7 MPH NW

While there is a reasonable argument there was an advantage to being forwardly placed on the main track, it still may be that logical results prevailed. All worth paying attention to going forward. The turf courses continue to play fairly.

7/21 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

84

Wind 6 MPH NW

There is an argument that the rail and speed were good again, but much like 7/20 it was also somewhat situational, as some paces were moderate and/or somewhat logical runners did well. The turf courses appeared to play fairly, with race dynamics and talent being the biggest determinants.

7/20 Track Trends

Fast / Firm

Clear

87

Wind 4 to 6 MPH NW

In the 5 dirt races, speed and the inside were good, but it may have been more situational than a distinct advantage. Both turf courses appeared to play fairly.