

# Aqueduct 2016 Track Trends

## Saturday, December 31

fast

cloudy

12-17 SW

Inside speed and ground-saving trips were at a premium on a day that featured a strong rail / inside advantage.

## Friday, December 30

good

cloudy

12-17 W

No apparent trends.

## Thursday, December 29

muddy

rainy

5-10 SE

The rail / inside paths controlled the card first day back off the holiday break: six wire-to-wire winners in total over a sealed track that was tough for many horses to make up significant ground through the stretch.

## Sunday, December 18

muddy

rainy

8-13 W, SW

No apparent trends over a marathon-like, 11-race program that featured a muddy, sealed track; final day of racing before the Big A's holiday break.

## Saturday, December 17

good

cloudy

5-10 W

Sizable rail / inside advantage on a day that featured five wire-to-wire winners and a pair of "chasing speeds" that raced in 2<sup>nd</sup> before taking over.

**Friday, December 16**

fast

cloudy

10-15 W, SW

Chalk dust flew through the air on a card that featured seven winning favorites and a pair of winning “second choices.”

**Thursday, December 15**

Racing was canceled due to the polar vortex.

**Wednesday, December 14**

fast

clear

5-10 W, NW

No apparent trends.

**Sunday, December 11**

fast

cloudy

0-5 W, SW

Inside trips – no matter a horse’s running style – were at a premium on a card that featured an edge to the rail / inside paths.

**Saturday, December 10**

fast

cloudy

8-12 W, NW

No apparent trends on a day with various successful trips and tactics.

**Friday, December 9**

fast

clear

15-20 W, NW

Another sizable edge to the rail / inside paths – and by extension, early speed – on this card: seven of the day’s eight winners were never worse than 2<sup>nd</sup> and five horses scored wire-to-wire.

#### **Thursday, December 8**

fast

clear

8-13 W

The rail / inside paths were super live and were a big edge to horses throughout the program.

#### **Wednesday, December 7**

muddy

cloudy

2-7 N

Despite a resolute inside trip upset win from 9-1 shot Unrepented, opening day of the inner dirt track was dominated by wide / outside winning runs and trips; favorites won just one race (from 8) and most of the successful runners raced / rallied wide.

#### **Sunday, December 4**

fast, yielding

clear

5-10 N

No apparent trends on this final day of racing on both the main track and turf course till next spring.

#### **Saturday, December 3**

fast, soft

clear

15-20 NW

No apparent trends; back on the turf today for two races.

#### **Friday, December 2**

fast

clear

15-20 W

No apparent trends; no turf.

#### **Thursday, December 1**

muddy

clear

12-17 W

Typical wet track in which most riders avoided the inside paths, giving the card an outside "flow" and feel to it.

#### **Wednesday, November 30**

sloppy

rain

5-10 E

With the exception of a few runners, including the victorious 34-1 To the Victor, the majority of horses were kept off the inside paths.

#### **Sunday, November 27**

fast, good

clear

8-13 W, NW

No apparent trends over either surface.

#### **Saturday, November 26**

ft, gd

clear

8-12 N, NW

No apparent trends on an excellent Cigar Mile Day; stakes wins by Connect and Mo Town were solid as was firster Elate, who romped to a 12 ½-length maiden win for William I. Mott.

#### **Friday, November 25**

fast, good

cloudy

0-4 E, NE

No apparent trends on a chalky Big A Friday with seven winning favorites.

**Thursday, November 24**

fast, good

cloudy

2-7 NE

No apparent trends over either surface.

**Wednesday, November 23**

fast, good

clear

8-12 N, NW

No apparent trends; week began with no portable turf rail in use.

**Sunday, November 20**

Racing canceled because of extreme winds.

**Saturday, November 19**

fast, good

clear

5-10 E

Pace / early speed did very well over the main track as three of five dirt races were won wire-to-wire – note a couple of big-priced-pace-types also ran well in finishing second (16-1 Quai Voltaire and 22-1 Sal the Turtle.)

**Friday, November 18**

fast, good

clear

2-7 N, NW

Late, outside runs worked well over the turf course.

**Thursday, November 17**

fast, yielding

clear

5-10 NW

Outside speeds, stalkers and closers were still very effective over the main track – no surprise given the last few days of Big A racing – but Manipulated and Show Giant won races with rail/inside trips / stretch rallies; both turf races were won by wide, off-the-pace finishers.

### **Wednesday, November 16**

good, good

clear

8-12 W

Main track featured an outside trip / run / flow throughout the card; just one turf race today – portable rail began the week set at 18'.

### **Sunday, November 13**

fast, firm

Clear

8-12 W, SW

Despite a determined pace/inside-speed trip from 11-1 firster Mizzen Max, main track racing was dominated by outside runners, ralliers and overall flow.

### **Saturday, November 12**

fast, firm

clear

8-12 W, NW

Edge went to outside trips / runners over the main track.

### **Friday, November 11**

ft, fm

clear

15-20 W, NW

Even though short-priced favorites won the first four races, the main track played to an outside flow / edge as rail and inside-trip runners were rarely heard from.

**Thursday, November 10**

fast, firm

clear

8-13 W, NW

Well bet and logical horses controlled the card with seven combined winning favorites and second choices.

**Wednesday, November 9**

fast, firm

cloudy

5-9 N, NW

No apparent trends; first full Big A racing week began with the turf rail set at 9'.

**Sunday, November 6**

fast, firm

clear

10-15 N, NW

No apparent trends.

**Saturday, November 5**

fast, firm

clear

5-10 W, NW

No apparent trends

**Friday, November 4**

fast, firm

clear

8-13 N, NW

Opening day at the Big A saw four of six main track races won wire-to-wire.