

Aqueduct 2017 Track Trends

Saturday, December 30

Fast

Light Snow

22

Wind 2 MPH E/NE

In the four races we ran, riders seemed to stay a bit off the rail for the most part, but the track appeared very fair from the limited sample size.

Friday, December 29

Fast

Clear

22

Wind 6 MPH E/NE

While it appeared to be a track that strongly favored inside runners, not necessarily speed however, the last two races, also the most competitive races on the card, might have contradicted that, especially the 8th and final race. Given that information, I would wait for horses to return, and while the rail was at least an edge, it may not have been as strong as it first appeared. Ambiguous enough at this time to suggest it may have been a fair track.

Saturday, December 23

Sloppy(Sealed)

Rain

51

Wind from 4 MPH West to 9 MPH NE

While Speed was good, I wouldn't consider it a major advantage, as we saw some closers do well. Horses also ran fine inside on a few occasions indicated an overall fair racing surface despite the rain and sloppy conditions.

Friday, December 22

Fast

Cloudy

43

Wind 2 MPH NW

The track played fairly. The rail was definitely good, though not clearly a substantial advantage.

Thursday, December 21

Fast

Clear

39

Wind 2 MPH SE

The track played fairly with an edge to horses that were more forwardly placed.

Sunday, December 17

Good

Cloudy

35

No Wind

The track played very fairly and even with no apparent bias.

Saturday, December 16

Good

Cloudy

34

Wind 6 MPH E/NE

The rail appeared to be a distinct advantage, which helped speed horses, but it seems like being inside was definitely an edge more than speed.

Friday, December 15

Fast

Cloudy

25

No Wind

Once again, horses/riders stayed off the inside. Whether or not the rail was bad is hard to determine. It did start snowing midway through the card though I can't determine if, or that, this affected the racetrack. Likely it did not.

Thursday, December 14

Fast

Clear

30

Wind 13 to 15 MPH SE

Once again horses seemed to stay a bit off the rail, but there is no direct evidence the rail is bad. Horses that were at least forwardly placed dominated but that also may have been the nature of the competition.

Sunday, December 10

Good

Clear

37

Wind 6 MPH East

The riders continued to stay outside, with logical runners dominating, and given we only saw a couple of successful runners even race near the inside, it's hard to conclude a bias one way or another. Let's call it fair, with an outside flow, but somewhat vague....until proven otherwise.

Saturday, December 9

Good

Snow

30

Wind 2 to 4 MPH South

While horses stayed outside for a number of the races, we saw horses rally successfully inside (3rd race) and while it may have been better going outside, there is no clear evidence the rail was dead or off. Turf racing is done for the year.

Friday, December 8

Fast & Firm

Cloudy

38

Wind 3 MPH E/NE

The Main Track appeared fair, with horses succeeding that were mostly forwardly placed, and some on or near the rail for at least a portion of the race. However, logical choices also continue to dominate on the Main Track, as has been the case for much of the week.

The final two turf races of 2017, one on each course, were run fairly.

Thursday, December 7

Fast & Good

Clear

45

Wind 5 to 9 MPH East

Similar to 12/6, horses generally stayed off the rail on the Main Track, but some horses ran OK inside which suggests the track was probably fair. With only one race on each turf course, trends are impossible to determine conclusively, but both winners were on the rail for most, if not pretty much all, of the race.

Wednesday, December 6

Good - 1st race - Fast (2-8) / Off the Turf

Cloudy

44

Wind 11 MPH East

While horses stayed off the rail for the most part, there is no evidence the rail was bad, and horses were successful just off the rail. The 8th winner rode the rail most of the way before angled off it late. The track, while labeled fast most of the day, likely had some moisture at least part of the day.

Sunday, December 3

Fast & Firm

Cloudy

48

Wind 1 to 2 MPH W

There appeared to be no bias in the four dirt races, while the Inner Turf course continued to favor speed or forwardly placed runners. The Outer Turf Course played fairly.

Saturday, December 2

Fast & Firm

Clear

49

None

The Main track was tilted towards speed or horses close to the pace. There were no closers that made a significant impact in any of the five dirt races. The Outer Turf played fairly while speed was an advantage on the Inner Turf course.

Friday, December 1

Fast & Firm

Clear

51

Wind 3 to 5 MPH SE

The Main track continues to play fairly, as did the turf courses as far as I could tell.

Thursday, November 30

Fast & Firm

Cloudy

50

Wind 1 to 2 MPH W

The Main track continues to play fairly, and while the riders frequently stayed off the inside, there is nothing to suggest the rail was bad.

The Outer Turf hosted two turf sprints that were run fairly, while speed dominated on the Inner Turf Course.

Wednesday, November 29

Fast & Firm

Clear

59

Wind 11 to 16 MPH E/SE

The Main track played fairly. The riders stayed off the rail early in the card, but both the 7th and 8th winners rode the rail to victory, so there was nothing perceptively wrong with the inside. Both turf courses appeared to play fairly.

Sunday, November 26

Fast & Firm

Clear

47

Wind 6 MPH SE

There were only four dirt races and the Main Track appeared fair, as were both turf courses.

Saturday, November 25

Fast & Firm

Clear

55

Wind 6 to 8 MPH NE While the Main Track MAY have had an outside lean, given that the 6th was won wire to wire by a horse right on the inside, you would pretty much have to call the track fair. Both turf courses continue to play fairly.

Friday, November 24

Fast & Firm

Clear

48

Wind 4 to 7 MPH NE

The Main Track seemed to be on the fair side, though outside runners were likely strongest. However, enough runners did well at least towards the inside to make any strong bias ambiguous at best. The turf courses were listed as firm and played fairly. The Inner Turf is starting to feel the effects of the colder weather, while the new Outer Course, with the rails up a considerable distance, is holding up very well considering.

Thursday, November 23

Fast & Good

Clear

41

Wind 5 MPH E/SE

The Main Track was changed to Fast shortly before the 1st race was run. It played seemingly outside, and the best running was done there, but enough runners did OK on the inside to make it at least ambiguous that the rail was bad, particularly Shimmering Moon in the 6th race. However, she may have been much the best, and her narrow margin reflective of her racetrack positioning. Tough call. One race was run on the new Outer Turf, and two on the Inner Turf Course, and both seemed to play fairly with plenty of give in the ground.

Wednesday, November 22

Sloppy (Sealed) / Off the Turf

Clear

50

Wind 12 to 19 MPH SE

Overnight rains turned the track sloppy, though it did not rain during the day. It was an unusual track in that, like much of the meet, much of the best racing was done off the rail, but there was a tire track around the two path that some riders used to their advantage. Watch the head-on of the 2nd race to see what is being referenced if you're interested.

Saturday, November 18

Fast & Firm

Cloudy

46

Wind 13 MPH NORTH

The Main Track continues to play fairly, but runners seem best off the inside, and the riders rode that way for the most part. Both turf courses continue to play fairly.

Friday, November 17

Fast & Firm

Clear

42

Wind 13 to 16 MPH SE

The Main Track appeared fair, but horses once again seemed to stay off the inside, and outside runners did well. The turf courses appeared to play fairly.

Thursday, November 16

Fast & Inner Turf – Firm (4th) Outer Turf – Good (8th)

Clear

55

Wind 11 to 16 MPH EAST

We had some showers overnight that left us with only two turf races, but the Main Track was labelled Fast shortly before the 1st race. Speed did well on the dirt, and given some of the prices, I can see how some could see this as an advantage. I thought it was inconclusive. Horses did stay somewhat off the inside, but two to three path appeared fine. Overall, it was hard to be sure. With only one turf race on each surface, it's impossible to draw any bias related conclusions. Both races seemed fair.

Wednesday, November 15

Fast & Firm

Clear

49

Wind 2 to 6 MPH West

It feels like we were back to a dead rail, and an outside track, on the Main Track. Some at least semi-logical horses completely stopped racing inside. The turf courses continued to play fairly....though saving ground, especially on the now "inner" turf, continues to be an advantage. Not a bias situation, more logical.

Sunday, November 12

Fast & Firm

Cloudy

46

Wind 4 to 6 MPH NE

The rail on the Main Track was definitely a good place to be. How strong an advantage is somewhat debatable, but I would say it was at least an edge. Only the 6th race played more "fairly" or outside leaning, which is enough to suggest it wasn't a strong gold rail situation. The turf courses continued to play fairly.

Saturday, November 11

Fast & Firm

Clear

39

Wind 5 to 8 MPH South

While in some races on the Main Track, runners stayed towards outside paths, enough were effective inside to suggest the dirt course was fair. The two turf courses continued to play very fairly.

Friday, November 10

Fast & Firm

Clear

38

Wind 19 MPH SE

The windy conditions didn't seem to dramatically affect the races. Enough horses raced OK on, or near, the rail on the Main Track to suggest it was fair, or certainly close to fair. The turf courses continued to play fairly.

Thursday, November 9

Fast & Good

Clear

51

Wind 4 to 6 MPH W/NW

Horses stayed off the inside, so it's hard to make any conclusive judgments on the rail. The 8th winner moved inside but quickly angled to outside paths in the stretch. The turf courses, while labeled GOOD, were in terrific shape, and played fairly.

Wednesday, November 8

Good (Harrowed) / Off-Turf

Cloudy

48

Wind 2 to 4 MPH SW

The rail was dead on the Main Track with effective runners staying at least a few paths off the rail. You could be effective if forwardly placed as long as you were off the inside.

Sunday, November 5

Fast & Firm

Shower

59

Wind 3 to 5 MPH West

The Main Track and both Turf Courses appeared to play fairly with no biases.

Saturday, November 4

Fast & Firm

Clear

55

Wind 5 MPH W/SW

The Main Track and both Turf Courses appeared to play fairly with no biases.

Friday, November 3

Fast & Good

Sunny

58

Wind 6 to 10 MPH North

While both courses played fairly, saving ground on the turf was at a premium. This is likely not so much a "bias" as the nature of the courses. Going forward, look for horses compromised by wide trips on the Aqueduct turf course.

Sunday, April 23

Fast & Firm

Sunny

58

Wind 6 to 10 MPH North

While both courses played fairly, saving ground on the turf was at a premium. This is likely not so much a "bias" as the nature of the courses. Going forward, look for horses compromised by wide trips on the Aqueduct turf course.

Saturday, April 22

Fast & Firm

Cloudy with Light Showers

58

Wind 2 to 6 MPH South, switching to North late

Both courses played fairly, though speed may have been an advantage on the main track.

Friday, April 21

Fast & Firm

Cloudy

56

Wind 3 to 7 MPH S/SW

Both courses played fairly, though speed may have been an advantage on the main track.

Thursday, April 20

Fast & Firm

Cloudy early - Clear later

62

Wind 3 to 6 MPH SW to NW

Main track and turf course both played fairly with no apparent biases.

Wednesday, April 19

Fast & Firm

Partly Cloudy

51

Wind 12 to 15 MPH NW

Main track and turf course both played fairly with no apparent biases.

Saturday, April 15

Fast & Firm

Partly Cloudy

59

Wind 10 MPH N/NW

Main track was tilted towards inside speed while the turf course played fairly.

Friday, April 14

Fast & Firm

Clear

62

Wind 8 MPH North

Main track and turf course both played fairly with no apparent biases.

Thursday, April 13

Fast & Firm

Partly Cloudy

61

Wind 4 to 8 MPH SE

Main track and turf course both played fairly with no apparent biases.

Wednesday, April 12

Fast & Firm

Sunny

65 degrees

Wind 5-9 MPH SE to East

The dirt track was likely more on the fair to even side, though speed was good, but it was likely situation with mostly very logical results. While speed did well on the turf, it was probably more situational, and with a faster pace, the 5th race was won by a closer.

Sunday, April 9

Fast (1-7, 9) Turf – Yielding (8th)

Sunny

60 degrees

Wind 7 MPH NE

Track was very strongly favoring speed, with even horses setting relatively fast paces generally holding well. The one turf race was dominated by the favorites in wire to wire fashion.

Saturday, April 8

Fast

Partly Cloudy

55

Wind 14 MPH E/SE

Track was very speed favoring. Pace collapses in races 7 & 12 were due to strong relative paces. The bias may have been most pronounced in the two turn race. Very tough to make up any real ground.

Friday, April 7

Muddy (Harrowed)

Partly Cloudy

47 degrees

Wind 17 MPH E/NE

Track played fairly and evenly with no apparent bias.

Thursday, April 6

Sloppy (Sealed)

Rain

60 degrees

Wind 11 mph SW (Changed for the last two to N/NE)

While the riders often stayed a bit off the rail, there is no evidence any paths were bad, and the track seemed to play fairly despite the conditions.

Wednesday, April 5

Good

Clear

54 degrees

Wind 4 to 8 MPH North

Track played fairly and evenly with no apparent bias.

Sunday, April 2

Good (1-6) Fast (7-9)

Clear

60 degrees

Wind 7 to 11 mph SW

Track played fairly and evenly with no apparent bias.

Saturday, April 1

Sloppy (Sealed)

Cloudy

45 degrees

Wind 16 mph SE

The track seemed very fair. Speed was fine but closers also did well. The riders frequently stayed outside but there isn't evidence the inside was bad.

Friday, March 31

Sloppy (Sealed)

Rain

40 degrees

Wind 14 to 22 mph West

The track played relatively fairly in that speed did well but closers also won their share. Outside paths seemed better, and while the rail may have been deeper, the last winner made his move inside suggesting it wasn't completely dead.

Sunday, March 26

Muddy 1-4 / Good 5-9

Cloudy/Scattered Showers

43 degrees

Wind 9 mph SW

Tricky track for closing day of the Inner. The rail appeared dead early, and the track was very slow, but this changed either after the 4th or 5th, when the track sped up and the rail also likely improved.

Saturday, March 25

Fast

Cloudy

58 degrees

Wind 4 to 7 mph SW

While the riders seemed to stay away from the rail in many cases, given the 5th race where the runner-up came through the inside, there is no evidence the rail was bad. The track appeared to play fairly.

Friday, March 24

Fast

Cloudy

49 degrees

Wind 12 mph N/NE

Track played fairly with no apparent bias.

Sunday, March 19

Good

Clear

45 degrees

Wind 10 to 13 mph S/SW

Track played fairly with no apparent bias.

Saturday, March 18

Good

Cloudy/Scattered Showers

39 degrees

Wind 9 to 13 mph SW

While most races were won by horses that raced on the rail or two path for the majority of the race, it's hard to define a strong bias, as it may have been somewhat situational. Still, there was likely at least a slight advantage to inside position (one and two paths) as well as horses that were at least forwardly placed.

Friday, March 17

Good

Clear

40 degrees

Wind 5 to 8 mph SE

Track played evenly and fairly with no apparent bias.

Sunday, March 12

Fast

Clear

30 degrees

Wind 12 to 14 mph East

Rail was a bit of an advantage but the results played fairly enough to assume the track was at least reasonably fair.

Saturday, March 11

Fast

Clear

30 degrees

Wind 15 mph SE

There was a clear edge to rail runners, and at least those that spent a significant portion of the race on the rail. It was possible to close, but the advantage was to inside speed.

Friday, March 10

Good (Harrowed)

Snow/Cloudy

35 degrees

Wind 12 to 15 mph SE

The track played very fairly with no apparent bias

Sunday, March 5

Fast

Clear

35 degrees

Wind 10 to 13 mph SE

Strong inside bias. Rail runners pretty much dominated. The rail was good all weekend but was strongest today.

Saturday, March 4

Fast

Clear

30 degrees

Wind 18 to 21 mph SE

The wind could have affected the races, but it did feel like racing on the rail/inside was an advantage

Friday, March 3

Fast

Clear

39 degrees

Wind 12 to 15 mph SE

Advantage to horses that spent at least some of the race on the rail. Not an extreme rail bias, but an edge/advantage to the rail.

Sunday, February 26

Fast

Clear

42 degrees

Wind 12 mph East

Track played fairly throughout the day with no apparent bias.

Saturday, February 25

Fast

Cloudy/Foggy

56 degrees

Wind 8 to 11 mph N

Track played fairly throughout the day with no apparent bias. The rail was good but not a confirmed advantage.

Friday, February 24

Fast

Clear

60 degrees

Wind 8 to 12 mph N

Track played fairly throughout the day with no apparent bias.

Monday, February 20

Fast

Clear

52 degrees

Wind 8 - 10 mph SE

No apparent trends as the track seemed pretty much universally fair.

Sunday, February 19

Fast

Clear

60 degrees

Wind 8 to 11 mph SE

Track seemed to play very fairly, but there is an argument that you were better off outside, or at least a bit off the rail. Somewhat ambiguous.

Saturday, February 18

Fast

Clear

52 degrees

Wind 8 mph NE

Track played fairly throughout the day with no apparent bias

Friday, February 17

Fast

Clear

40 degrees

Wind 12 mph SE

Track played fairly. The rail was good but did not appear to be any real advantage.

Thursday, February 16

Fast

Clear

36 degrees

Wind 15 to 17 mph SW

Track strongly favored the rail/inside, with the vast majority of successful runners spending at least a major portion of the race on the rail. It almost certainly helped a number of runners outrun their odds.

Sunday, February 12

Sloppy (sealed)

Raining

42

Winds 2 to 5mph – W/NW

Speed held well, and seemed preferable, but some closers ran OK. Riders frequently stayed outside, but enough horses ran well enough inside to suggest the track was at least relatively fair, or ambiguous at best.

Saturday, February 11

Fast

Cloudy

44 degrees

Wind 15mph West

Though possible to close off the rail in the stretch, there was a clear advantage to the rail runners, and horses that spent at least a significant portion of the race on the inside/rail.