

2016 Track Trends

Monday, September 5

ft, fm

clear

0-4 N

Pace and early speed-types did consistently well throughout this closing day card at Saratoga; thanks for a great summer at the Spa – see you in July.

Sunday, September 4

ft, fm

clear

0-3 N

Five main track winners were never worse than 3rd at any call (including three wire-to-wire winners) on a day that early speed was tough to beat.

Saturday, September 3

ft, fm

clear

0-5 N

Pace and early speed-types did well over both dirt and turf; note portable rails were taken down and not used on both the Mellon and inner turf courses.

Friday, September 2

ft, fm

clear

0-6 N

Pace and positional speed played well over both turf courses.

Thursday, September 1

ft, fm

clear

0-5 N

No apparent trends over either surface.

Wednesday, August 31

ft, fm

cloudy

light, N

Closing week at Saratoga began with no apparent trends over either surface; turf rails were set at 27' over the Mellon and 18' on the inner.

Monday, August 29

ft, fm

clear

5-8 NW

No apparent trends.

Sunday, August 28

ft, fm

clear

0-5 S

No apparent trends over either surface.

Saturday, August 27

ft, fm

clear

light N, NE

Despite an otherworldly wire-to-wire Travers victory from Arrogate – wow, he was awesomely superb – and Reckling’s maiden score, the majority of successful main track runners pulled outside trips and/or closed with wide runs in the stretch.

Friday, August 26

my-ft, yl

clear

0-5 W

Drying out main track appeared to have a slight outside tilt / flow throughout the card; main track was muddy, sealed races 1-3, ‘good’ for races 4 and 5 and ‘fast’ the remainder of the program; in preparation for a big Travers Stakes weekend, portable turf rails were not used.

Thursday, August 25

ft, fm

showery

light, S

No apparent trends over either surface.

Wednesday, August 24

ft, fm

clear

0-3 S

Slight edge to pace / early speed types on the turf; portable turf rails began Travers Week set at 12' on the Mellon and 18' over the inner.

Monday, August 22

ft, gd

clear

6-11 W, NW

No apparent trends over the main track which was 'good' for race 3 and 'fast' the remainder of the program.

Sunday, August 21

ft, fm

rainy

5-10 S

No apparent trends over either surface; main track was downgraded to 'good' for the last three races.

Saturday, August 20

ft, fm

clear

0-5 S, SE

Pace and up-close speeds did well over both turf courses; Songbird went about her business and toyed with the field in the Alabama.

Friday, August 19

ft, fm

clear

0-4 W, NW

Pace / early speed appeared a big advantage over the main track as speeds ran one-two in four of the day's five dirt races.

Thursday, August 18

ft, fm

clear

0-4 W

No apparent trends over either surface; very chalky day saw six winning favorites from 10 races.

Wednesday, August 17

ft, gd

clear

5-11 W, NW

No apparent trends over either surface on a day with varied, successful trips and tactics.

Monday, August 15

ft, gd

clear

0-5 W, NW

No apparent trends.

Sunday, August 14

gd-ft

cloudy

0-5 S

No apparent trends over a drying out main track that was 'good' through race 6 and 'fast' the remainder of the program; big four-win day for jockey Javier Castellano.

Saturday, August 13

ft, fm

hazy, heavy rain

0-5 NE

Day 20 of the meet was one for the Saratoga history books; heavy, torrential rain forced the cancellation of the card after race 5.

Friday, August 12

ft, fm

hazy, humid

0-5 W

No apparent trends over either surface with a good mix of successful styles and tactics.

Thursday, August 11

ft, fm

clear

0-5 S, SW

No apparent trends over either surface.

Wednesday, August 10

sy, gd

showery

0-3 W, SW

No apparent trends over a sloppy, sealed main track; ran one race on both the Mellon and inner turf courses – Mellon portable rail was set at 27' and the inner was at 9' to begin the week.

Monday, August 8

ft, fm

clear

0-5 W

No apparent trends.

Sunday, August 7

ft, fm

clear

5-9 W, NW

No apparent trends over either surface.

Saturday, August 6

ft, fm

clear

light S, SW

Another terrific Grade 1 score from Frosted in the Whitney; slight edge to inside paths over the inner turf course with no portable rail in use; rail was at 18' on the Mellon.

Friday, August 5

ft, fm

clear

0-5 S

No apparent trends over either surface; no portable rail was used over the inner turf while the Mellon's remained at 18'.

Thursday, August 4

ft, fm

clear

0-4 S

No apparent trends over either surface.

Wednesday, August 3

ft, gd

clear

Light, S

No apparent trends over either surface; turf rails began the week set at 18' on both the Mellon and inner.

Monday, August 1

sy

cloudy

0-5 E

Majority of riders avoided the rail / inside throughout the homestretch on a sloppy, sealed main track; no turf.

Sunday, July 31

sy

rain

0-5 N, NE

Majority of riders avoided the rail / inside over a sloppy, sealed main track; no turf.

Saturday, July 30

ft, fm

clear

Light, NE

No apparent trends over either surface.

Friday, July 29, 2016

ft, fm

clear

0-5 NE

No apparent trends over either surface.

Thursday, July 28

ft, fm

cloudy

0-5 NW

No apparent trends over either surface; congratulations to jockey Jose Ortiz on his 1,000th career winner aboard Moonlight Song (terrific training job by Charlie Baker, too).

Wednesday, July 27

ft, fm

clear

5-10 NW

No apparent trends; inner turf rail began week 2 at Saratoga set at 9'.

Monday, July 25

ft, fm

clear

light, W, NW

Chalk dust flew through the air with six winning favorites and an additional "second choice" that paid \$5.10 to win.

Sunday, July 24

ft, fm

clear

0-5 NW

Songbird stole the show on this opening Sunday card with a rousing, electrifying victory in the 100th Coaching Club American Oaks! Thanks for coming to the Spa, Songbird, and see you in the Alabama.

Saturday, July 23

ft, fm

clear

8-13 W, NW

No apparent trends on either surface; powerhouse stakes victories from Dacita in the Diana and Bitumen in the Sanford.

Friday, July 22

ft, fm

clear

5-9 W

Ahhhhh...welcome back to Saratoga Race Course; portable rail began the meet at 12' on the Mellon; main track featured and outside "flow" on a day inside speeds and inside trips consistently weakened.