



2015 U.S. Women's Open Second-Round Course Setup Notes by Ben Kimball

A couple of items to note:

- Greens, tees, fairways, approaches and first cut of primary rough were cut this morning
- 3.5-inch rough around greens was not cut due to time we needed to prep other areas for the resumption.
- 3.75-inch secondary rough outside of the primary rough was not cut due to time we needed to prep other areas for the resumption. We will get all the other rough cut tonight.
- From drop zone on Hole No. 4 to the front of the green it is 146 yards.

| Hole | Par | Yards | Hole-by-Hole Notes |
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| 1 | 4 | 416 | The opening hole is playing slightly longer today than yesterday to a back-right hole location. Two good shots should yield a few birdies here today. Prevailing wind will be coming from the player's left to right. |
| 2 | 4 | 362 | No change to the teeing location on Hole 2 today. The hole location (5-5L) is in the very front-left portion of the putting green, so depending upon the player's angle of approach, the front-left bunker can come into play. |
| 3 | 4 | 367 | Again, tee markers are on the 361 teeing ground to give players a better opportunity to fire at the back-left hole location (22-7L). The prevailing wind should be at their back. An approach shot into the middle to back right side of this green should give the ball a chance of funneling down to the hole location. Putts from the center of the green will have some good movement from right to left. |
| 4 | 4 | 323 | The tee markers have been pushed up 15+ yards on this hole today to give all players an opportunity to find the appropriate angle to go at the front-right hole location (6-6R). A very quick putt from above the hole if players happen to leave it there. |
| 5 | 4 | 364 | Tee markers remain in a similar location here as to yesterday due to the predicted winds from the NNW today. Very straightforward hole location in the middle-left portion of this green. I would expect birdies to be plentiful here if players hit a quality tee shot. |
| 6 | 3 | 180 | The sixth hole is playing almost 30 yards longer than it was yesterday. A back-center hole location will play even longer today as this tee shot will be back into the prevailing winds. |
| 7 | 5 | 484 | No change to the teeing location on Hole 7 today, either. The hole location (14-7R) is a small plateau that fronts the water hazard. Approach shots that land short of the hole or slightly to the right will likely find their way into the water. Putts from the center of the green should be cautiously made to this hole as there is not much room for error with the water hazard. |
| 8 | 3 | 189 | The tee markers are on the back-left teeing ground today as the player faces the hole, giving them a decent angle to fire at this front-right hole location (6-4R). A par on this hole is always a good score. Putts from behind the hole will be quick. |
| 9 | 4 | 420 | Tee markers are slightly forward of the tee sign here today. The hole location (19-6R) is certainly accessible but two long, well-executed shots will be required to make a decent score on what was the third-hardest hole on the course yesterday. |
| OUT | 35 | 3,105 | |



| Hole | Par | Yards | Hole-by-Hole Notes |
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| 10 | 4 | 412 | Tee markers remain up for the second day in a row on what played as one of the toughest holes in Round 1. A front-left hole location (11-7L) will present a better look from the fairway but the false front on the approach and putting green will certainly get some action if players choose to attack. |
| 11 | 4 | 417 | This hole is playing very similar to yesterday with the exception of the hole location, the only one we could find that would allow use of the right side of the putting green. The hole location (19-11R) is pretty benign but players should be trying to use the slope on the right side of putting green to feed the ball into the hole. The prevailing wind should be helping players significantly off this tee. |
| 12 | 3 | 145 | The tee markers on this hole have been pushed up about 25 yards (1 teeing ground forward) and hug the left side of the teeing ground. The hole location (16-4L) is jammed into the back-left corner and appears from the tee to be swallowed by back surrounding greenside bunkers. I would expect to see lots of action out of the back bunkers. |
| 13 | 5 | 495 | Straightforward par 5 today as the tee markers are up again (5 yards) from tee sign. This hole should play into the prevailing NNW winds today so two quality shots will be essential to get a look at this front hole location. Putts long back to this hole should have some pep to them. |
| 14 | 4 | 359 | Though the wind will mainly be helping them off the tee we have chosen to keep the tee markers up on this hole again at 359 yards. The front-middle hole location appears very easy to get to from the shorter tee but the heavy pitch from front to back on this green will keep balls that land short or have any spin to back down into the approach. |
| 15 | 4 | 421 | Today the 15th hole will play as our longest par 4. This hole, which generally requires a very demanding tee shot, has been made easier this week due to the soft conditions we are experiencing. Today's hole location (27-6L) is a little deeper into the green than yesterday but players will still need to carry the long false front to have a decent chance to get at this hole. |
| 16 | 4 | 356 | Tee markers on 16 stay near the tee sign again today and the hole location (18-4R) is pushed to the back-right corner of this green on a very small plateau. Putts from below the hole will be very straight, but putts from hole-high left will have a lot break from left to right. |
| 17 | 3 | 161 | I really like the look players face when they step to this tee today. The tee markers are 15 yards up from the tee sign and on the left-hand side of this tee, which makes the front-right hole location (13-4R) look really pinched between the front and back right greenside bunkers. It will give them the appearance that there is no clear angle of attack on this hole today. |
| 18 | 4 | 418 | Tee markers again are on the forward teeing ground on 18, which played as the hardest hole on the course yesterday. Today's hole location (24-16C) is just back of the center-middle portion of the putting green. Players must get their approach shot over the front half of the green to have a chance at an uphill putt to the hole. |
| IN | 35 | 3,184 | |
| TOTAL | 70 | 6,353 | |



Green Speeds:

Greens are averaging 10.5 to 11 inches on the USGA Stimpmeter. They were double-cut and rolled this morning since the rain last evening prevented green maintenance, thus the slightly slower speeds.

Firmness:

A little over a half inch of rain fell on the course last night so greens remain very receptive. No watering was done to any areas of the course.

**Weather Forecast
(from ThorGuard):**

Officially 0.51" of rain fell on-site with the line of storms between 6 and 7 p.m. last evening and winds gusted up to 48 mph! Fortunately the weather is much quieter today as clouds occasionally mix with our sunshine so we'll call it partly sunny to mostly sunny today. Temps will only reach the lower 80s this afternoon with lower humidity as dewpoints drop through the 60s into the upper 50s this afternoon. North and northwest winds will generally be between 6 and 12 mph most of the day, with some gusts between 12 and 16 mph possible, especially this morning or early afternoon, then the wind diminishes later in the afternoon. Another small area of low pressure will ride along that persistent boundary that is now to our south. Look for some showers to move through WV/VA/MD later on tonight through the first half of Saturday. We'll keep us at a 20 percent chance of a shower or sprinkle from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, but overall mainly just look for again some clouds to mix with our sunshine tomorrow. Highs will be closer to the mid-80s on Saturday with maybe the dewpoints spending a little more time in the 50s and winds will be lighter tomorrow as well. Sunday's forecast remains pretty good, too, with probably more sunshine than both today and Saturday. Dewpoints on Sunday will climb back into the 60s though, with a little more southerly component to our still relatively light winds. We've got a 20 percent chance of a shower late Sunday or Sunday night as the next storm system moves into western Pa. with it really not affecting Lancaster though until more likely Monday.