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## Race Analysis

*Thursday, August 1, 2019*

RACE 1: 2 – 1 – 5 – 6

RACE 2: 5 – 6 – 2 – 4

RACE 3: 4 – 7 – 5 – 1

RACE 4: 3 – 2 – 5 – 4

RACE 5: 1 – 4 – 7 – 3

RACE 6: 5 – 1 – 7 – 6

RACE 7: 7 – 5 – 6 – 2

RACE 8: 2 – 1 – 5 – 3

RACE 9: 9 – 10 – 2 – 6

### Fillies / Mares Take Thursday's Spotlight

August has arrived (crazy, I know) while South Florida horseplayers dive into a nine-race Thursday program at Gulfstream Park. The gals undoubtedly get the bulk of the action thanks to the day's handful of female restricted races (that includes the first four on the card exclusive to fillies and mares.) In fact, three-year-old fillies, bound for race 7, are the featured attraction on this August 1<sup>st</sup>. Eight runners entered race 7, a high-priced optional claimer at 7.5 furlongs over the turf. In order, I prefer a trio of recent "stake-faced" fillies in La Australiana, Bello Porte (who both exit a quality running of the Martha Washington nearly a month ago) and Malibu Rainbow, who is untested over turf. La Australiana is the top selection given her big late May maiden score and her ability to stalk and roll. In hindsight, La Australiana may have been a tad closer to the early pace – coincidentally set by Thursday foe Bello Porte – in the Martha Washington. It's definitely worth noting that mid-pack stalkers and late-running closers dominated the top three Martha Washington spots as the field's opening trio of speeds finished sixth, fifth and fourth. Thursday, Bello Porte may make the lead again but she's likely to have company from Hy Dollface, Lady Nina and/or Perspire. I believe La Australiana may get the best trip of all and especially like her turf win two-back for trainer Juan Avila. The Saffie Joseph Jr.-trained Malibu Rainbow has ability, has given the impression of a relentless "grinder" at crunch time and is the field's first-time-turf "wildcard." By Malibu Moon-Jaramar Rain, by Thunder Gulch, Malibu Rainbow is most definitely bred for dirt. Seven of her siblings have tried the turf with only one winning a minor race.

*First-Race Post: 1:15 ET*

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