



Big 'Cap winner Misremembered overcame unflattering early impressions

by Rommy Faversham

Well suited to stalk early on, Misremembered assumed the lead near the quarter pole and then held off a torrid late challenge from Neko Bay to score a half-length victory in the 73rd running of the \$750,000 Santa Anita Handicap (G1) on March 6.

The four-year-old Candy Ride (Arg) ridgling was sent off as the 4.40-to-1 third choice in a field of 14. His final time for 1¼ miles on the synthetic Pro-Ride surface was 2:00.20.



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This tour-de-force for Misremembered ended his streak of three consecutive second-place finishes in the Strub (G2) and Malibu (G1) Stakes and the Clark Handicap (G2). Unraced at two, Misremembered's sophomore campaign was highlighted by victories in the Swaps Stakes (G2) and Indiana Derby (G2).

The chestnut's colt's career

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mark stands at five wins and four seconds from eleven starts and earnings of \$1,188,589.

Misremembered was bred in Kentucky by his Racing Hall of Fame trainer, Bob Baffert, who conditions the homebred for his wife, Jill, and co-owner George Jacobs.

Baffert, who is known for his colorful animal metaphors, was caught reminiscing in the aftermath of the Big 'Cap on how Misremembered looked more like a camel or a kangaroo as a young foal. So much for early impressions.

Misremembered is one of five winners from six starters out of the talented Quack mare Beyond Perfection, who captured the 1990 Del Mar Debutante Stakes (G2) at two and the Bay Meadows Oaks (G3) at three.

As a broodmare, however, Beyond Perfection has suffered chronic problems getting her foals to term. Baffert bought her for \$7,000 as a 17-year-old at the 2005 Keeneland January horses of all ages sale. Prior to Misremembered, she produced just one live foal in six years and has not yielded another one since.

Misremembered's broodmare sire, Quack, annexed the 1972 Holly-

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Candy Ride (Arg) 99 276 fls, 10 SWs SI 2.43 DI=1.59	Ride the Rails 91 4 wins, \$255,096, SW 667 fls, 23 SWs SI 1.46 DI=1.58	Cryptoclearance 84 1151 fls, 42 SWs SI 1.10 DI=2.87	Fappiano 77	Mr. Prospector 70 Killaloe 70
	=Candy Girl (Arg) 90 Unraced 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.86	Herbalesian 69 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.60	*Herbager 56	Hoist the Flag 68 Mock Orange 59
		Candy Stripes 82 999 fls, 61 SWs SI 2.32 DI=2.11	*Alanesian 54	=Vandale (Fr) 43 =Flagette (Fr) 51
Beyond Perfection 88 6 fls, 1 SW DI=4.33	Quack 69 8 wins, \$514,400, SW 510 fls, 30 SWs SI 1.58 DI=5.77	=City Girl (Arg) 82 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.00	Blushing Groom (Fr) 74	Polynesian 42 Alablue 45
		T. V. Lark 57 368 fls, 53 SWs SI 2.66 DI=2.75	Bubble Company (Fr) 77	Red God 54 Runaway Bride (GB) 62
	Miss Imorullah 70 8 wins, \$48,227, SW 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.67	Quillon 64 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.03	*Farnesio (Arg) 74	Lyphard 69 Prodice (Fr) 69
		Black Beard 59 107 fls, 4 SWs SI 0.81 DI=1.57	=Cithara (Arg) 75	Good Manners 66 =La Farnesina (Arg) 57
	Imorullah 63 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.47	Swaps 52	*Indian Hemp 49	=Utopico (Arg) 66 *Cithere 66
		Darby Dunedin 42	*Miss Larksfly 48	*Nasrullah 40 *Sabzy 43
Jimo 53	Amarullah 54	*Princequillo 40	Heefly 34 Larksnest 43	
		*Nato II 53	=Prince Rose (GB) 28 *Cosquilla 33	
			*Court Martial 42 =Safari Moon (GB) 46	
			*Khaled 43 Iron Reward 46	
			*Blenheim II 27 Ethel Dear 24	
			*Nasrullah 40 Amphora 48	
			Apache 39 Star Willow 42	

wood Gold Cup Invitational Handicap at three and equaled the world record for 1¼ miles in 1:58.20. So far, Quack's daughters have combined to produce 58 stakes winners from 1242 foals of racing age (4.7%), including three Grade 1 or Group 1 winners.

Misremembered's grandam, Miss Imorullah, was a stakes winner in Ohio and the dam of Ohio stakes winner True West, by Buffalo Lark. Miss Imorullah was the best filly sired by the obscure Swaps stallion Black Beard, winner of the 1962 Jerome Handicap.

The only other graded stakes winner within this immediate family is Grade 2 winner Onceinablue mamoon, who shares the same third dam, Imorullah, as our subject.

A five generation outcross, Misremembered became the third first-crop Grade 1 winner for his sire, the increasingly prominent Ride The Rails stallion Candy Ride (Arg), who stands for \$25,000 at Lane's End in Versailles, Kentucky.

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