

Take A Look at eight big victories

Canada's greatest eight-year-old athlete, a harness horse by the name of Take A Look, paced to his sixth consecutive victory Sunday night at Mohawk Raceway for a Canadian season's record of 1:54.3 in a \$24,000 Free For All pace.

The win was his eighth in 12 starts this year and boosted his bankroll to \$170,250, making him North America's leading money winning harness horse thus far in 1990.

Trained and driven by Roger Mayotte, who is also part owner, for partners Mabel Fraser, Phyllis Warriner and Early Bird Stables of Mississauga, the eight year old son of Most Happy Fella has become a fan favourite on the Ontario Jockey Club circuit, partly because of his talent and success and partly because of his age.

Race horses as a rule just aren't supposed to peak on the track at the ripe old age of eight. Try telling that to trainer-driver Mayotte and he'll only smile and shake his head.

Mayotte had lots of company Sunday night as Take A Look's latest performance left fans at Mohawk shaking their heads in disbelief. "He's just amazing me," laughed Mayotte. "He did all the work out there, and he's just so relaxed on the outside. He just waits for me to tell him what to do."

Take A Look keeps a busy schedule these days. He now juggles his racing assignments on the track with stallion duties in the breeding shed. Last week, prior to his fifth straight win on the year, Take A Look had bred three mares.

Take A Look is booked with 30 mares this spring for breeding. "I think it's the females that are keeping him so sharp," joked Mayotte. "We're trying to make a career for him when he's done racing." The combination of his pedigree, determination and heart should ensure future success in the breeding ranks.

Mayotte and his associates claimed Take A Look for \$100,000 in 1986. In 1988 he won the inaugural edition of

Minor novices do well in Mississauga preliminaries

The Milton minor novice AA hockey reps completed the first week of the Mississauga Novice Tournament in fine style, winning two and losing only one.

On Friday the Milton squad faced off against Lorne Park (Mississauga) and claimed a 5-1 win thanks to four second period goals.

The Hockey Moms managed the first two goals of the game and after Lorne Park scored they reeled off three goals to nail down the win.

Derek Birnie got Milton on the board first and Craig MacDonald, Michael Wheelihan and Danny Crowden scored to put the game away before Birnie could score again to finish it. Birnie received the game MVP award.

Milton waited a day and took on Whitby, but lost 4-1.

The Hockey Moms came back to tie the score in the first when Chris Bramwell finished off a play initiated by Kevin Heffron and Danny Bonham.

Whitby came back to take the lead before the period ended and then added two in the second to complete the scoring.

Goulding Park was the next team on the Milton schedule.

Goulding Park scored first but Milton stomped back with a goal by MacDonald.

In the second period, Bramwell scored three times, twice from Danny Bonham and once unassisted to lift Milton to a 4-1 victory. Not surprisingly, Bramwell received the game MVP award.

The rest of the tournament is scheduled for the coming weekend.



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The Toronto Pacing Series. In 1989 Take A Look captured one of the preliminary legs in that same series.

Also in 1989, Take A Look was nixed out by Camtastic in the \$237,500 Canadian Pacing Derby, Canada's oldest harness stakes event, in 1:52.4 — an all-age track record.

In February of this year Take A Look scored a win in a preliminary leg of The Toronto Pacing Series and then returned to the winner's circle on February 25 after he cruised to a half length win over Barely Visible in 1:55.4 at the \$134,500 final of The Toronto.

His victory in the second leg of the Toronto Series was the beginning of his win streak, and with each win he's raced faster. As of Sunday Take A Look had \$948,124 in lifetime earnings and was, characteristically, closing fast on the millionaire's club.



Take A Look with trainer/driver and part owner Roger Mayotte is on a roll with eight wins in his last 12 starts. The eight year old Take A Look has won just under \$1 million for his career.

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