

## KYLE DIBENEDETTO WINS 4 ON JULY 2; CLOSING IN ON 5000 CAREER WINS

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Kyle DiBenedetto, a two time driving champion at Monticello Raceway, reined four winners on the nine-race card at the Mighty M on Thursday afternoon, July 2 and now needs just 19 more to reach a career milestone of 5000 driving victories.

DiBenedetto began the afternoon winning both ends of the early double. He scored a 2:02:4 victory behind Vernon Beachys', Willie's Chica, (\$4.80) a 3-year-old daughter of Whalen Willie, and came back the next race to rein R Little E (\$4.60) to a wire to wire 2:03 trotting victory. The 3-year-old Credit Winner gelding is owned by John Dwyer and Laurie Whittemore.

DiBenedetto then won the fourth race with Bill Mintz's, Rueba Palooza (\$9.90) in a time of 2:00:4 and he capped his day with a 2:03:2 trotting victory behind Margaret Olmstead's, Bowl Lane (\$5.60).

The 41 year old reinsman began his career at Monticello Raceway at 18 years of age and over the years he has won two driving titles here. In 1997 his 304 winners topped the local leaderboard and again the following year (1998) DiBenedetto's 242-driving victories captured the dash-win crown.

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