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Veteran Boles pulls out win in Bandit season opener

(Blooming Prairie MN March 2018) – Allen Boles gave it his all last year, but try as he might, he couldn't catch eventual champ [Ricky Rude \(#14\)](#).

This year may be different.

In a tight finish, Boles (#3) captured the checkered flag in Saturday's [Bandit Big Rig Series](#) feature at [Mobile International Speedway](#). For his efforts, Boles stole a \$10,000 check, as well as bragging rights.

"It's about time!" Boles said. "I came close to some feature wins last year, but this is awesome to finally capture first."

Boles held off Tommy Boileau (#16), Rude, newcomer Mark Noble (#74) and Tyler Kruckeberg (#54), who earned a top-five feature finish for the first time in his career.

"I was very happy for all these Bandits and how much they put into their trucks during the offseason," Bandit general manager Jason Johnson said.

Despite Saturday being a makeup date for rain, the event saw a near-capacity crowd take in all the action.

"Great turnout by our fans," Johnson said. "The fans of Alabama were out in full force."

In addition to [Boles' feature win](#), Saturday saw the debut of a special event - an Australian Pursuit race, which features two Bandits going head-to-head for just one lap, with the winner advancing to the next round. When all was said and done, Boileau was the only Bandit left standing.

"It's too bad this wasn't for the \$10,000 check!" Boileau said, laughing. "That was a ton of fun."

"The Australian Pursuit race was filled with action," Johnson said. "Very impressed the Bandits kept it clean with nothing but bragging rights on the line."



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In addition to all of the racing action, [Minimizer](#) sponsored the [Fan Series Truck Show](#).

“It’s a free work truck show in which anyone can enter. No politics or trophies, just fun. People can come hang out and have a great time,” Minimizer Director of Marketing [Steve Hansen](#) said. “We’ll be hosting one before every race this season.”

Next up is a return to [Hickory Motor Speedway](#). Bandit fans packed the ‘World’s Most Famous Short Track’ last year, and organizers say they expect more of the same next month.

“Fans will get to watch the Bandits battle it out, door to door, dual wheel to dual wheel in one of the grand stages of racing. We expect another major turnout April 7th,” Johnson said.

Tickets for the next race at Hickory Motor Speedway can be purchased [online](#). The Minimizer Fan Series Truck Show starts at 2 p.m. and the green flag drops at 7 p.m.

About Bandit Big Rig Series

The [Bandit Big Rig Series](#) returns big rig tractor truck racing to the short track in the United States. The series was designed to be affordable and accessible for anyone wishing to put together a race team.

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