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### Rude in control as Bandits head to Cedar Rapids

**(Cedar Rapids, IA May 2018)** – Ricky is being awfully Rude to his fellow [Bandits](#) this season, and he has no plans of taking his foot off the gas.

The driver of the #14 Peterbilt is on top of the [Minimizer](#) Bandit Big Rig Series standings, but three races don't make a season, so he'll have to keep looking for wins as the series hits [Hawkeye Downs Speedway](#) in Cedar Rapids June 9<sup>th</sup>.

“We've had a little bit of a break and I know these Bandits will be itching to get back in the cab and put on a show for the great fans of Iowa,” Bandit general manager [Jason Johnson](#) said.

[Sadler Power Train](#) is the event sponsor for the race at Hawkeye Downs.

“When we were presented with this opportunity by the Bandit Big Rig Series, we were thrilled because this race has such a natural connection to our core business of truck parts and service,” Sadler Power Train sales manager Randy Kray said.

SPT has four locations across eastern Iowa, and in addition to sponsoring the Bandit race, they're also hosting a toy raffle at Hawkeye Downs the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup>.

“We participated in the toy raffle last year and it was awesome to see the kids get excited about truck racing. Who knows, we might even see one of them in the driver's seat some day,” SPT marketing director Matt Poeltler said.

“Upon entry, younger fans will receive a ticket and get a chance to win a toy provided by Sadler Power Train,” Johnson said. “We will also have [Cedar Rapids Truck Center](#) out at the track with us, showcasing some great Peterbilt trucks and entertaining their customers on the party deck.”

Minimizer is sponsoring the [Fan Series Truck Show](#), which takes place prior to the start of the Bandit race. It's designed as a 'wash n' show' event, so truck drivers can bring any kind of rig and show it off. Drivers can register [online](#) prior to the event.

“We have plenty of room to let the next generation of truckers get to see some iron up close,” Johnson said.



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Tickets for the Bandit race at Hawkeye Downs are available for purchase [online](#).

“We still have seats left, including our VIP tickets, which get you first class treatment, food, drinks, reserved seating and access to the Bandit Pits,” Johnson said. “There will be a lot going on, including the truck show, activities for the entire family, and the Bandit meet n’ greet starting at 4 p.m. You don’t want to miss this event!”

Check out the 2018 Bandit [schedule](#) and grab your favorite Bandit [gear](#) by going to [www.banditseries.com](http://www.banditseries.com).

### 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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### About Minimizer

Leveraging more than 30 years of manufacturing expertise at its state-of-the-art facility in Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, [Minimizer](#) is not only the leader in poly semi truck fenders - *we invented the category*. Minimizer poly fenders and integrated bracket kits are nearly indestructible and are guaranteed for life.

Our research and development team constantly “tests and tortures” each of our products to make sure what goes *on, in or is used to fix the truck* meets the rigors of our tough industry.

We also manufacture industry-leading light kits, mud flaps, tool boxes, tire masking kits, work benches and other accessories. Our most recent innovations include the world’s ONLY custom molded floor mats for semi trucks, as well as the revolutionary “whole body health” Minimizer Truck Seat System.

Minimizer has been family owned and operated for three generations. The company manufactures its products in the USA and makes everything tough enough to please tough people in a tough industry.