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## Rude wins second straight Bandit race in front of sold-out crowd

### 'Diesel Brothers' reality star Heavy D makes truck racing debut

**(Elko New Market, MN August 2018)** – A sold-out crowd got an eyeful at [Elko Speedway Saturday night](#).

Action-packed races, a reality star's debut and Ricky Rude's second straight a-main feature win kept everyone on the edge of their seats during the [Bandit Big Rig Biodiesel 20](#).

"The action on the track was some of the best we've seen," Bandit General Manager [Jason Johnson](#) said.

At the end of the night, Rude kept his [points lead](#) thanks to another feature win in the #14 truck.

"I just shut my eyes half the time," Rude said, laughing. "It's great to be here in Minnesota. All these great fans here came and packed this place and it was a great event."

[Dave Sparks](#), aka Heavy D from Discovery's [Diesel Brothers](#), drove the #51 truck and made quite the impression during his Bandit debut.

"That was some of the best driving I've seen from our rookies," Johnson said. "He can sure wheel a truck."

Sparks won three straight rounds during the [Foodliner](#) Bandit Shoot Out, only to fall to Jon Lisenbee (#7) during a dynamic duel.

"The track was slick and we slid up and got together. Rubbed hard and put on a good show for the fans," Lisenbee said. "(Dave) did a phenomenal job tonight."

Sponsor [Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council](#) raved about the event.



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“I don’t often get hyped about an event we sponsor, but this one knocked it out of the park,” MSR&PC Marketing Director Cathy Riley said. “This audience loved what they saw.”

The Bandits now turn to [Anderson Motor Speedway](#) in Williamston, South Carolina, where they will run Saturday, Sept. 15.

“It’s going to be a blast,” Johnson said. “Anderson is the last event before our season finale at [Myrtle Beach Speedway](#) Sept. 29.”

Tickets for the two remaining Bandit events can be purchased [online](#).

### 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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