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Busy Bandits wow fans at La Crosse & Hawkeye Downs Speedways

Rookie Ward, veteran Ball win Bandit feature races on back-to-back nights

(Blooming Prairie MN July 2018) – When the dust settled – and there was a lot of dust – the [Minimizer Bandit Big Rig Series](#) did what it set out to do, which is entertain a legion of fans and leave them with a lifetime of memories.

An unforgettable weekend of back-to-back events was met with a chorus of cheers, countless oohs and ahs, and some new fans for life.

“If rubbing is racing, we definitely had some good racing going on this weekend!” Bandit Race Director [Brian Madsen](#) said. “The boys were feeling a little chippy and weren’t cutting anyone any slack.”

It all started at [La Crosse Speedway](#) in Wisconsin Saturday night, where rookie Mike Ward (#16) drove like a man possessed.

“It’s been a long time since I’ve been in victory lane,” Ward said.

Ward led every lap of the [feature race](#) and stole the checkered flag as well as a \$10,000 check.

“Even though Ward led every lap, he had his hands full with his truck being on old tires,” Madsen said.

“The last ten laps, the tires were done. There was no traction and I was just trying to save my right front (tire), but it worked out,” Ward said.

Jon Lisenbee (#7) and Justin Ball (#17) finished two-three in La Crosse, and the very next day [Hawkeye Downs Speedway](#) in Iowa, Ball was [declared the winner](#) after rain put an end to the feature mid-race.

“It feels unbelievable,” Ball said after capturing his second Bandit feature race in three events. “The last time we were here, (the track) felt like it was fast and we just tried to keep that going.”



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Ball has jumped up in the [standings](#), thanks to an impressive run that started with a feature win in [Salem, Indiana](#). The man they call 'Boost' is now in fourth, while Ricky Rude (#17) remains on top as the Bandits get ready to run [Hickory Motor Speedway](#) Saturday, August 11th.

"It's going to be exciting," Bandit General Manager [Jason Johnson](#) said. "The World's Most Famous Short Track is a legend where many racing superstars got their start. We can't wait to get back there."

Tickets for the Hickory event are available [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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