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## Rude's last second charge pays off, steals Bandit win at Hickory

(Blooming Prairie MN October 2017) - [Ricky Rude \(#14\)](#) and [Darren Proffitt \(#27\)](#) may be brothers, but when they're squaring off on the track, brotherly love goes out the window.

Rude, the [Bandit Big Rig Series points leader](#), had what some might consider his signature win of the season in front of a sold-out crowd at [Hickory Motor Speedway](#) Saturday.

Leading by several truck lengths late in the race, Proffitt was in the driver's seat until his brother flew by on lap 24 of 25 to steal the checkered flag and the \$10,000 victory check.

"My brother hasn't won a race yet this year," Rude said. "He's good with second."

"I don't think anyone thought on lap 20 that Ricky would end up with the check," Bandit Director of Operations [Brian Madsen](#) said.

Lap traffic certainly helped Rude, as Proffitt encountered several different trucks on the last few laps of the race.

"I don't know that I could have caught him without the lap traffic," Rude said.

The win is Rude's fifth feature victory of the season. He also put some breathing room between himself and [Tommy Boileau \(#16\)](#), who now trails Rude by 172 points heading into the season's last race at [Crisp Motorsports Park](#).

"It's going to be one heck of a finale," Madsen said. "Can Ricky close the deal or will someone else steal the championship? A \$50,000 purse is up for grabs, so who knows what's going to happen!"

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The event at Crisp Motorsports Park begins at 5 p.m. on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

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