

NETWORK EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT BRIEF

SAWGRASS WARS

Season One Overview | Character Guide + 17-Episode Breakdown

FORMAT	SEASON	SETTING
Serialized crime drama	17 episodes; two-hour premiere	Dawber County, Florida 2003

Series Engine

Twelve years after a federal takedown destroyed Dawber County's smuggling empire, three teenage heirs uncover a map to five million dollars hidden in the Everglades. Their search forces exiled mastermind Johnny Malone home, draws returning patriarch Bo Dawber back into power, and ignites a new conflict among fathers, sons, lawmen, gangsters, and a community that remembers crime as prosperity.

Season One Arc

The two-hour premiere reveals how Johnny, Kenny, Timmy, Scully, and Sanchez turned economic desperation into an international cocaine empire - and how betrayal destroyed it. In 2003, Alex, Bones, and Billy inherit the map, the missing money, and the unfinished war. Across sixteen one-hour episodes, Johnny returns, Bo is released, Mack's obsession metastasizes, Bones finds a family among the Maroons, Alex builds a pain-clinic network, Billy becomes Bo's reluctant accountant, and Phil Henderson brings Miami power into the alliance. The finale gathers every emerging faction around \$112 million, then ends when Bo walks into Johnny's boardroom.

Core Ensemble

- JOHNNY MALONE - THE RETURNING ARCHITECT** Vietnam veteran, accountant, fugitive, absent father, and builder of the original empire.
- ALEX GREGORY - THE YOUNG STRATEGIST** A brilliant seventeen-year-old who turns grief and financial discipline into a new business model.
- BONES MALONE - THE BRUTAL HEIR** Johnny's massive, volatile son, whose loyalty wins him a place among the Maroons.
- BILLY DAWBER - THE DIVIDED SON** Timmy's principled son, caught between his friends, his conscience, and Uncle Bo.
- BO DAWBER - THE RETURNING KING** A beloved criminal patriarch who believes ownership of Dawber County is his birthright.

MACK DONNELLY - THE FALLEN HUNTER A disgraced DEA legend whose pursuit of Johnny becomes personal, criminal, and desperate.

TIANA ROSS - THE COUNSELOR A gifted attorney asked to transform outlaw money into defensible corporate power.

WILLIS CHILDRESS - THE AVENGER Leader of the Maroons, mourning Deon and measuring whether Johnny can be trusted.

PHIL HENDERSON - THE MOGUL A white Miami music emperor whose contracts, clubs, and influence rival any gunman.

THOMAS SCULLY - THE GHOST PILOT Johnny's war brother, long presumed dead, whose return can fracture both families.

Positioning

A stylish, gritty Florida crime saga with Southern flavor, deep lore, dark humor, generational conflict, and larger-than-life characters. The story is serialized, multi-season, and built around the collision of criminal inheritance with legitimate American institutions.

SEASON ONE EPISODE GUIDE

*Editable Network Version***EPISODE 1: BLOOD IN THE WATER | TWO-HOUR PREMIERE***The past never stays buried.*

LOGLINE On a present-day podcast, legendary fugitive Johnny Malone finally reveals how four Dawber County war heroes built a Florida smuggling empire - while, in 2003, their teenage heirs discover the map that can bring the entire war back to life.

A STORY Johnny recounts Hill 861, the veterans' homecoming, the fishing restrictions that pushed local boats toward cocaine, and the secret profits that turned Bo Dawber against the men who made him rich.

B STORY The old empire collapses through betrayal, murder, federal pressure, and Johnny's calculated destruction of his own organization. Mack Donnelly survives the takedown and begins the obsession that will define him.

C STORY In 2003, Alex Gregory deciphers a map created by Kenny and Johnny, then calls Reform Prison to confront the father whose secrets have reached into the next generation.

EPISODE 2: THE MAP | ONE-HOUR EPISODE*The map is an inheritance written in blood.*

LOGLINE Alex visits Kenny in prison and learns the hidden fortune is real, while Bones enters the Neck and becomes trapped between Jasper Shelton and the Brodys hunting Johnny Malone's son.

A STORY Kenny warns Alex that the map was designed to protect families after the empire fell, but corrupt prison officials are already watching every move.

B STORY Pastor Bubs and Gethsemane Church become the moral center of a county where every institution has been compromised.

C STORY At the Shelton place, Dale Brody corners Jasper as Bones hides in the outhouse with Johnny's Colt .45 and no safe way out.

EPISODE 3: BLOOD IN THE NECK | ONE-HOUR EPISODE*At the Neck, survival makes its own law.*

LOGLINE When the Brodys attack Jasper Shelton, Bones fights his way out of the Neck, delivers the bleeding Jasper to a hospital, and races with Alex across Alligator Alley to find the father he has never known.

A STORY Bones turns the Brody ambush into a violent escape, but saving Jasper exposes the map, Johnny's return, and the old Shelton-Brody feud.

B STORY Alex and Bones realize Dawber County is no longer safe and follow Johnny's Miami address before either family can stop them.

C STORY At Dantes Marine Services, Bones finally stands face-to-face with Johnny. The greeting he rehearsed his entire life disappears when the ghost smiles back.

EPISODE 4: ALLIGATOR ALLEY | ONE-HOUR EPISODE

The road home is lined with enemies.

LOGLINE Johnny's uneasy reunion with Bones collides with a pursuit across Alligator Alley, where Tiana Ross is run off the road and five strangers become allies before they ever reach Dawber County.

A STORY Johnny, Alex, Bones, and Billy search his Miami property for the financial trail and evidence the old organization left behind.

B STORY Tiana carries the prison conspiracy west as Warden Kinder's men pursue her across the Alley.

C STORY Bones dives into the canal to save Tiana, and Johnny chooses the one destination no enemy expects: the county he destroyed.

EPISODE 5: MALONE'S BACK | ONE-HOUR EPISODE

A ghost returns. A county prepares for war.

LOGLINE Johnny crosses the county line, reclaims Widow's Walk, and penetrates Reform Prison as Warden Kinder confirms the impossible news to Bo Dawber: Malone is alive.

A STORY Johnny brings the boys and Tiana into the remains of Widow's Walk and begins reconnecting the people and routes that once served him.

B STORY Inside Reform Prison, a hidden mortuary route and falsified records reveal that the institution is manufacturing deaths for profit and control.

C STORY Kinder shows Bo surveillance photographs of Johnny with the boys. Bo recognizes the return not as a reunion, but as the opening move of another war.

EPISODE 6: SORRY, CHARLIE | ONE-HOUR EPISODE

The hunter who never let go becomes the hunted.

LOGLINE DEA agent Mack Donnelly reopens the case that destroyed his career, only to discover that Bo, Kinder, and Johnny have each spent twelve years preparing a different version of the truth.

A STORY Mack and Agent Aisha Reyes test the prison's false records and force their way into Bo's carefully controlled interview.

B STORY Flashbacks expose the old violence Mack never escaped - including the shadow of Atticus Shelton and the day the official investigation stopped serving justice.

C STORY As Johnny's name travels cell to cell, Bo realizes the county is awakening before his release and smiles at the fear his rival still creates.

EPISODE 7: THE OTHER BROTHER | ONE-HOUR EPISODE*Blood makes relatives. Loyalty makes brothers.*

LOGLINE Bones enters Willis Childress's Maroon stronghold as Johnny offers two million dollars and revenge for Deon - if Willis helps prove what happened inside Reform Prison.

A STORY Willis tests Bones physically and emotionally, seeing both Johnny's recklessness and the abandoned boy beneath it.

B STORY Tiana and Willis confront Deon's reported death, while Johnny insists the prison's account cannot be trusted.

C STORY Johnny and Bones disappear into the swamp to recover the reserve, leaving eleven armed Maroons waiting to learn whether Johnny delivers vengeance or another lie.

EPISODE 8: CAPTAIN AHAB | ONE-HOUR EPISODE*Obsession always needs a monster.*

LOGLINE Johnny and Bones navigate the Everglades toward the buried reserve while Mack and Aisha follow a trail that leaves them stranded with Johnny's lighter, stolen money, and a forty-eight-hour deadline.

A STORY The swamp journey forces father and son to work together while Johnny measures how much of his own appetite for danger Bones inherited.

B STORY Gethsemane Church becomes the crossing point for lawmen, fugitives, money, and the remaining witnesses to the old empire.

C STORY Mack weighs Johnny against the Russians threatening his daughter and starts a countdown that turns obsession into desperation.

EPISODE 9: NO SANCTUARY | ONE-HOUR EPISODE*Even holy ground runs out of mercy.*

LOGLINE Warden Kinder brings the prison war to Gethsemane Church, where Sheriff Buck, Johnny's allies, and Willis collide over Deon's fate and the money everyone believes the church is hiding.

A STORY Kinder attacks the last neutral ground in Dawber County and discovers that Bubs's protection reaches further than religion.

B STORY Buck is forced to choose between official authority and Bo's command that no one touches Pastor Bubs.

C STORY Willis takes Kinder at knifepoint and demands the truth about his brother before anyone can manufacture another story.

EPISODE 10: THE OFFICIAL STORY | ONE-HOUR EPISODE*Truth is whatever survives the night.*

LOGLINE After the Gethsemane bloodshed, Johnny, Buck, Willis, and the survivors construct a public account that buries the real crimes - while Bo learns he will be free in fourteen days.

A STORY The church becomes a crime scene, negotiation table, and burial ground as every faction decides which deaths can be explained.

B STORY Mack and Aisha are pushed outside the version of events that local law enforcement agrees to defend.

C STORY Wiggins tells Bo that Johnny is alive. With Kinder dead and his release imminent, Bo tells the county to prepare for the king's return.

EPISODE 11: THE KING COMES HOME | ONE-HOUR EPISODE*The county welcomes the man who once owned it.*

LOGLINE Bo returns from twelve years in prison to a hero's reception and begins reclaiming Dawber County one family at a time, while Johnny leaves for Switzerland to unlock the fortune no one knew survived.

A STORY Bo retakes his home, his legend, and Billy's labor, promising lawful revival while privately inventorying every property and loyalty he once controlled.

B STORY Johnny reunites with pilot Tommy Scully and prepares the Swiss mission that can turn the hidden reserve into a modern financial empire.

C STORY Tiana returns to Miami carrying Johnny's promised accounts, while Bo takes Billy to Battenberg Plantation to renew an alliance older than the boys.

EPISODE 12: THE OLD ALLIANCE | ONE-HOUR EPISODE*Old blood finds new business.*

LOGLINE At Battenberg Plantation, Bo and Forbee measure what remains of their old partnership as Alex and Vinnie Del Vecchio recognize that family money, medical licenses, and Florida pain clinics can create a new empire.

A STORY Bo offers Forbee a route back to relevance through the packing house, plantation transportation, and the old agricultural corridor.

B STORY Forbee confirms Kenny's death and reminds Alex that Battenberg blood carries both access and obligation.

C STORY Alex and Vinnie form their own alliance and agree to find the first crooked doctor willing to make their legal-looking business possible.

EPISODE 13: FIRST RULE: SURVIVE | ONE-HOUR EPISODE

Before you inherit the empire, survive the invitation.

LOGLINE While Johnny and Scully prepare the Swiss transfer, Bones enters the Maroons' world, bonds with Willis, Suds, and Teddy Henderson, and rides toward a Miami meeting under one order: stay in the car.

A STORY Johnny's old records reopen the wounds around Timmy, Sanchez, Scully, and the violent collapse of 1991.

B STORY Bones finds unexpected acceptance at Maroon headquarters and recognizes in Willis another man shaped by an absent or violent father.

C STORY Willis lays down the rules for Teddy's meeting. Bones carries Johnny's envelope into Miami and quietly repeats the only rule that matters: survive.

EPISODE 14: A PLACE IN THE CAR | ONE-HOUR EPISODE

Respect earns a seat no one intended to offer.

LOGLINE Ordered to wait outside, Bones crashes through a warehouse skylight and saves Willis, Suds, and Teddy from an ambush - earning his place with the Maroons as Tiana accepts Johnny's most dangerous legal assignment.

A STORY Bones turns the warehouse torture into a counterattack, protects the captured Maroons, and proves that Johnny's son is more useful inside the fight than outside it.

B STORY Willis recognizes Bones's loyalty and gives him what Johnny never did: a place beside men who trust him.

C STORY Johnny asks Tiana to turn dirty money into lawful power. From below her office, Mack watches the call connect and reports to the Russians holding his daughter over him.

EPISODE 15: THE FIRST DOCTOR | ONE-HOUR EPISODE

We do not sell drugs. He prescribes medicine.

LOGLINE Bo forces the Brodys and Sheltons into a business truce as seventeen-year-old Alex and Vinnie recruit a disgraced physician to open the first cash pain clinic in their expanding Florida network.

A STORY Inside the abandoned packing company, Bo makes Dale and Merle surrender weapons, accept blood payment, and shake hands over contracts neither can safely refuse.

B STORY Alex identifies Dr. Raymond Vale's active license, gambling debt, and empty practice as the perfect combination of legitimacy and desperation.

C STORY Vale signs. Alex signs without Kenny's name above his for the first time, then watches the doctor unlock the medication cabinet.

EPISODE 16: THE MOGUL | ONE-HOUR EPISODE

Every criminal eventually wants a conference room.

LOGLINE Music mogul Phil Henderson brings celebrity, clubs, and institutional power into the conflict while Bo revives the Gulf smuggling route and places his private ledger in Billy's hands.

A STORY At Gordy Sound, Phil turns a recording session into a demonstration of total control, then evaluates Bones, Suds, and his son Teddy as potential assets.

B STORY When Lucien's men threaten Teddy, Phil closes clubs, radio access, and promoters across Miami with a few telephone calls - proving his power operates without gunfire.

C STORY Bo runs square grouper through the Neck, orange groves, and packing house, then makes Billy the accountant of an operation he calls temporary and necessary.

EPISODE 17: BOARD OF DIRECTORS | SEASON ONE FINALE

The future takes its seat. The past walks through the door.

LOGLINE Johnny returns from Switzerland with Scully and \$112 million, assembling Dawber County's emerging powers in a Miami boardroom - until Bo Dawber walks in and faces him for the first time since the old empire fell.

A STORY Johnny proposes a diversified organization built from property, shipping, entertainment, agriculture, private security, medicine, construction, and legal services.

B STORY Alex, Bones, Billy, Willis, Phil, Teddy, Vinnie, Suds, Scully, and Tiana reveal competing ambitions, loyalties, and definitions of legitimacy around the same table.

C STORY A visitor who has waited twelve years enters alone. Johnny rises. Bo smiles and says, "Hello, Johnny." Season One ends with the next generation trapped between two returning kings.

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