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Barbless,

I think you're probably on the right track. In my experience, larger river SMBs usually don't feed much on small insects high in the water column (there are exceptions to this). They prefer crayfish or other larger bottom macros. Or they want baitfish which they will smack high in the water column or in shallow riffles. The one piece of your puzzle that's missing is actual baitfish scattering across the surface. Usually when bass are hitting baitfish the minnows will flee by leaping out of the water and literally bouncing across the surface. Nevertheless, even if you haven't seen this, I'd bet they're eating minnows and would try a close imitation fished just under the surface.