

Ring of Honor – October 29, 2011 – Every Bowler's Favorite Wrestling Show

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Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Kevin Kelly

After last week we can actually see some angles starting to come together. This is I think the sixth episode for this show and it's about time that it turned into a regular show. Their pacing is still pretty bad but from what I can find that is going to start changing on this show in that there are actually three matches for this episode. Let's get to it.

Ok so it's Saturday afternoon and I turn on Ring of Honor....and it's the same episode from last week. I mean Mondo vs. Perkins and the TV Title match tonight. The show re-airst on Sunday night so I'll see if that's the new one. Until then I'll try to find a copy of it.

Ok so now it's Sunday night and we have the actual show. Good to see.

We open with a recap of last week's TV Title match which ended in a draw.

Kyle O'Reilly says he's good. Roderick Strong says he isn't worried about O'Reilly because he's a punk kid.

Kyle O'Reilly vs. Roderick Strong

Truth Martini sits in on commentary. They start with technical stuff as Martini talks about Strong's open challenge for Final Battle. They hit the mat and neither guy can take over that well. Both guys avoid strikes and the fans applaud the

stalemate. These guys look a lot alike. Time for strikes because this is a Ring of Honor match. Northern lights suplex gets two for Kyle.

Strong goes to his bread and butter in the form of a backbreaker (half nelson variety here) for two. We take a break and come back with Kyle chopping Roderick but getting caught in a waistlock. Martini is off commentary now. More strikes from O'Reilly including a missile dropkick for two. Butterfly suplex is countered as is a backbreaker. O'Reilly hits rolling butterfly suplexes for two.

Roderick takes him off the top and pounds him down with ease. A modified sitout powerbomb gets two. Strong tries a few moves but Kyle counters off of there. Here are some more strikes for his troubles and a fireman's carry into a spinebuster gets two. Strong Hold (Boston Crab) doesn't work because Strong is a heel. A half nelson is countered into a crucifix for two. O'Reilly hooks on a guillotine choke but Rodderick rolls forward for two. A running kick (gee, another strike!) ends this for Strong at 12:28.

Rating: C. I get the appeal of it, but man those strikes get annoying fast. I mean, DO SOMETHING ELSE!!! Why is that such a difficult request to fulfill? I don't like Richards' style at all and Kyle is part of Team Richards or whatever it is. They try to do almost MMA matches out there and it doesn't make for entertaining wrestling other than in the eyes of people that think doing a lot of strikes and such make for good matches.

Post match more House of Truth people and Richards come out with Richards being beaten down. Eddie Edwards comes out for the final save. I think I smell a tag match.

After the break, Cornette says that every member of the House of Truth is being fined \$2500. Some fans want Kevin Steen back and let's put the cameras on them. Cornette says Steen has too many mental problems so there won't be any Steen back. If

Steen doesn't like that, sue him.

Either Lethal or Edwards will get the world title match at Final Battle. Gee, I wonder if it'll be a guy that has nothing to do with Richards or his former partner that he beat for the belt in the first place. Both guys say they should get the shot.

We also hear about Proving Ground matches. The idea is that they're non-title, but if you can beat them or get to a time limit draw, you get a title match within 90 days. Logical. A new tag team has such a match next week and they say nothing of note.

Alex Silva vs. Tomasso Ciampa

Steve Corino sits in on commentary. His first line: "My name is Steve Corino and I'm an evil <http://onhealthy.net/product-category/cholesterol/> person." He's trying to reform his evil ways which could set up a sweet heel turn later on if need be. Silva is an OVW guy who likes to kick a lot. Oh ok so that makes sense now. Ciampa spits at a handshake attempt and hits a jumping kick to take over early on. They go to the floor and let the pain begin.

Silva takes a suplex on the floor and it's off to a chinlock in the ring. They kick it out a bit as Corino offers to be a mentor to Ciampa. A neckbreaker puts Silva down and there's a running knee to the face. Make that two knees. Ok three. I think you get the idea here. Silva's face would seem to say..."THAT REALLY FREAKING HURT!" A powerbomb onto double knees (Project Ciampa) ends this at 4:00.

Rating: C. Total squash here but Ciampa is a pretty decent power guy. He needs to have an actual feud though which is one of the problems with the way they air ROH. With only an hour a week, having the multiple ten minute matches is becoming a big problem. I do however really like them fitting in a quick match like this to showcase someone else other than just two

teams/acts a show.

All Night Express vs. Briscoe Brothers

Main event here and the winners get Haas/Benjamin at Final Battle. It's a brawl on the floor to start as they don't wait for the intros. I think that's Jay vs. Kenny to start but it's off to Titus quickly. The Express takes over to start with the quick tags. A big clothesline gets two for King. The Briscoes take over and pound away as we go to a break. Back with King in trouble but hitting an enziguri to put Mark down.

The fans are totally behind the Briscoes here which isn't the idea but who cares about that? They know what wrestling is right? Anyway Jay runs in as we hear about how good Titus is in bed. Why does McGuinness know that? Next week we find out who gets the shot at Richards. Backslide gets two for King. There's the hot tag to Titus and they beat on Jay for a bit, including a dropkick for two.

The fans still chant for the Briscoes as we're really running out of time here. Jay counters King but can't hit his finisher (Jay Driller). Mark takes out Rhett and a spinebuster puts down King with a spinebuster. Rhett and Jay go up but Jay is dropped into a snake eyes. Mark goes off on Titus and botches a springboard cutter to put Titus down.

King hits a springboard Blockbuster but walks into a DDT from Jay as all four are down. In a pretty innovative ending, the Express sets for their finisher (Blockbuster/powerbomb combo) but Jay knocks King down and clotheslines his own brother into a rana on Titus for the pin at 12:42. Think about that and it'll make sense.

Rating: C+. The opening stuff of this (as in before the commercial) was really pedestrian but after that the match got a lot better. They threw out the tagging aspect and the hot tag didn't have a lot of heat on it, mainly due to the Briscoes being one of those teams that is so over they can't

really be turned heel. Also the fact that they're athletic and do impressive looking stuff makes it hard to boo them.

Overall Rating: C. Well, they're getting there. I guess that's the best way to put it. The show having a third match is a huge step in the right direction and they cut down the lengths of the two featured matches to make them fit into the time frame much better this week. Not a bad show but it's nothing good either. At least we're building to something for a change, which is a nice thing to see.

Results

Roderick Strong b. Kyle O'Reilly – Sick Kick

Tomasso Ciampa b. Alex Silva – Project Ciampa

Briscoe Brothers b. All Night Express – Hurricanrana to Titus

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