

Ring of Honor – November 5, 2011 – Worst Show Yet

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Location: Davis Arena, Louisville, Kentucky

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This is week what, 8? I'm not sure what to expect from this one but it's probably going to be more of the build to Final Battle. If nothing else that show is going to be very well established when we get there. Expect more of Richards vs. House of Truth which would be great to have in a Survivor Series/Team match. Anyway let's get to it.

We open with a recap of last week's main event where Strong beat O'Reilly.

The main event tonight Wrestling's Greatest Tag Team vs. a new team.

Here's Cornette to make an important announcement. Final Battle is the show of the year so the world title match is going to be Richards defending against.....Eddie Edwards. Yeah no one else is surprised about this as Edwards is Richards' partner and the guy he beat for the title in the first place. Edwards says it'll be Edwards vs. Richards III (Edwards beat Richards in the final of a tournament for the first ROH TV Title.

The camera shots are way too close here at times. Edwards talks about all the training that Richards does. Edwards says he has a new trainer but won't say who it is right now. Could this be a heel turn? Cue Richards who is really short. He says they're going to do this one more time for this belt right here which means something, unlike most others. It's wolf vs. wolf and it's on in New York.

One more thing before Richards leaves though. Regarding the House of Truth, next week how about we have the American Wolves vs. the House of Truth? Edwards says it's on, but remember that when the fans are chanting next world champ at them, they mean Edwards, because he's going to win at Final Battle.

Here's a video on Edwards and his road to Final Battle which included beating Michael Elgin a few weeks ago.

Truth Martini and Elgin say that only what Martini says matters. Elgin apparently caused his brother to be badly injured by not taking keys from him. And he hurt his father before he died. I guess this is more of Martini's brainwashing.

Elgin's dinner for tonight says nothing of note.

Shiloh Jonze vs. Michael Elgin

Jonze (yes that's how it's spelled) is an OVW guy. Elgin won't shake hands. He's a big power guy who hammers Jonze down in the corner with ease. Jonze gets a boot up in the corner but a tornado DDT is easily countered into a powerslam. Jonze tries some clotheslines and a sunset flip but the latter is countered. The counter however is avoided and Jonze goes up for a top rope punch, getting two. There's a buckle bomb and a helicopter bomb ends the torture at 3:45.

Rating: C-. I don't know what to say about squashes and this was a very squashy one. I guess this was to let Elgin get back in the good graces after the loss to the bigger star in Edwards. Nothing boring here and it did the right job as a squash. Still though, not much to see and when you have two matches on the show, one being under four minutes isn't a good idea.

We talk about ROH banning Kevin Steen. There's a video from attorney Christopher Mascagni (midcard heel manager in OVW)

who is representing Kevin Steen. There's a lawsuit against Steen which says Cornette cost him his career or something. Cornette has four weeks to fix this. Steen says that he should beat up Cornette and he won't go away. He has things to do when he comes back and will do whatever it takes, including beating Davey Richards if need be, which only he can do. Then Cornette will admit Steen belongs in ROH.

Mike Bennett says he won the TV Title match so he didn't bother going into overtime. The referee says he had no intention in ending the match. Lethal says he injured himself instead of Bennett doing the damage. I'd like to point out that we're almost 35 minutes into a 60 minute show and we've had less than four minutes of in ring time.

Video on the tag match last week where the Briscoes beat the All Night Express.

We discuss the Proving Ground. The idea is any credible opponent can apply for a match with a champion. Once approved, they get a match with a set time limit which is non-title. If they win or go to a time limit draw, they get a title shot in 60 days.

Caprice Coleman/Cedric Alexander vs. Wrestling's Greatest Tag Team

This is one of those Proving Ground matches. There's a 15 minute time limit here. Alexander has the blonde mowhawk. Got it. Coleman vs. Benjamin starts us off. Benjamin works on the arm to start and Coleman can't get anything going. He's trying though so give him some points for that. Coleman manages to send him to the corner and gets a surprised look from Shelton.

Off to Haas vs. Alexander who is a bit more physical than his partner. Benjamin gets a blind tag in and kicks Alexander down for two. The champs have never really been in trouble at all. Haas works over the knee as we take a break. Back with Alexander fighting out of something by Benjamin but Shelton

kicks him down with ease. Haas works on a leg lock but eventually walks into a bad tornado DDT.

We're over ten minutes in now if this is in real time. Double tag brings in Coleman and Benjamin who is taken down by a leg lariat for two. We have less than four minutes according to Kelly. The non-champions speed things up and hit a double dropkick to send Haas into the barricade. Three minutes left. Their clock is about 10 seconds off but it's close enough. There's a double powerbomb to Coleman and we're done at 12:55.

Rating: C. Uh...so? The champions beat the newcomers with their finishing move. Is this supposed to be surprising in a way or something? If Coleman and Alexander were worth something they would be on the roster already. Not a bad match or anything but it's not like anything changes now or in the future. I don't mean it hurt anything but it didn't change things at all.

Post match here are the Briscoes. They say they're awesome and will take the titles in New York.

Overall Rating: D+. This was one of the least interesting shows on the entire series so far. Everything was designed to set up future shows and we only had two squashes (for the most part) in the whole show. Not much to see here and they really need to work on their pacing some more. I wasn't liking this show and after two months, that's not good.

Results

Michael Elgin b. Shiloh Jonze – Helicopter Powerbomb
Wrestling's Greatest Tag Team b. Caprice Coleman/Cedric Alexander – Wrestling's Greatest Finisher to Coleman

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