

Ring of Honor TV – June 1, 2016: Well Of Course It Is

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Could this finally be the week? Could this finally be the week that we do something other than just recap stuff or show matches from Japan? It would be nice to finally get somewhere with this stuff as it's been going on four months since we saw a Ring of Honor show without the Japanese contingent. Let's get to it.

We open with a clip from the end of Global Wars with Adam Cole joining the Bullet Club and laying waste to various people.

The main event tonight: three New Japan guys vs. the Bullet Club. Of course it is. Well to be fair one of those New Japan guys is Michael Elgin but still, close enough.

Lio Rush vs. ACH

In case one of them isn't enough. ACH and partner Matt Sydal amicably split up at a recent house show. Silas Young sits in on commentary because he's sick of people like ACH playing video games in the back before the show. A dropkick puts Lio down to start as Silas rips on the two of them for trying to be fake wrestlers. Rush sends him to the floor for a flip dive but gets kicked in the head back inside. A snap German suplex gets two on Rush and he runs into a superkick. ACH gets a brainbuster and the Midnight Star pins Rush at 4:10.

Rating: C. Yeah I know it was high flying and exciting but I'm really not a fan of this style. If nothing else you have two guys who wrestle a very similar style, which still makes me wonder why they even hired Rush in the first place. This was better than most ACH matches though so maybe it was Sydal holding them back.

Young comes in and lays both guys out post match.

Clip of the Addiction cheating to beat War Machine for the Tag Team Titles at a recent show.

Here's the Addiction for a chat. Daniels talks about how much better the world feels right now because everything is just a little bit better now that they've got the Tag Team Titles back. He says no one else is worthy of them and since they've never been beaten in a Ring of Honor ring (Kelly: "SAY WHAT?").....and here are the Motor City Machine Guns to interrupt.

Sabin thinks that since they're already losing their battle with male pattern baldness, how about they lose those titles to the Guns tonight too? Roppongi Vice comes out as well with Trent saying they're the young and cool tag team while the Addiction is getting old. That's too much for Daniels so he says let's do a triple threat right now and if either team can beat them, they get a title shot at Best in the World.

Roppongi Vice vs. Motor City Machine Guns vs. Addiction

Non-title. Sabin and Romero start things off while the Addiction chills on the floor, only to have the champs come in for some cheap shots. Romero clotheslines Kazarian and Daniels down before it's off to Trent for some dancing on the apron before coming in to rake his boot over Kazarian's eyes. The Guns come in and beat on Daniels for a bit with their fast paced (well high speed paced at least) but Kazarian takes Shelley down and we go to a break.

Back with the Addiction still in control on Shelley with a stomping in the corner. Not that it matters as Shelley gets over for the tag to Sabin a few seconds later as things speed up again. Everything breaks down with Trent suplexing Kazarian and kneeling Daniels in the face for two. Strong Zero is broken up and Daniels plants Trent with a Rock Bottom and the BME. That cover is broken up as well as the Guns get in one of their quick sequences capped off by a basement dropkick to Daniels, followed by Skull and Bones for the pin on Daniels at 9:28.

Rating: C+. The right team won here and I like it a lot better than

having the champs lose a clean tag match to any team to set up the title match. Vice didn't serve much of a purpose but it was nice to see them there to make this match different from the eventual title match.

Roderick Strong is going to prove how good he is to Jay Briscoe this Sunday in Columbus, Ohio. Strong is still not great on promos but he's WAY better than he was just a few months ago.

The Bullet Club brags about throwing 51 superkicks at the end of Global Wars and says we're just living in their world.

Nigel announces BJ Whitmer vs. Steve Corino in a Fight Without Honor for Best in the World after Whitmer has stalked Corino's family.

We see Adam Page joining the Bullet Club and helping beat down a bunch of wrestlers at a recent show with the highlight being a Rite of Passage (over the back piledriver) onto a table (as in the table didn't break) to Jay Briscoe. I get the NWO vibe but the group is getting WAY too big, just like the NWO back in the day.

Elite vs. Hiroshi Tanahashi/Michael Elgin/Yoshi Tatsu

Kelly almost laughs off the idea of there being groups within the Bullet Club. Matt Taven is on commentary for no apparent reason. The match begins after a break (thankfully without the bell ringing before the break) with the non-Bullet Club guys (I have no idea who the faces are in this as the Club gets ridiculous pops every time) telling them to suck it. The Club is sent to the floor and it's Elgin flipping over the top to take them down.

The Bucks get double suplexed and Omega gets caught in the air, only to slip into a dragon suplex on Elgin. Tanahashi comes in to clean house but a double superkick breaks up the Cloverleaf. A triple dive takes the New Japan crew down and Tanahashi takes a triple kick to the head. Nick comes in for a bunch of cartwheels as Taven rips on how stupid this concept is, along with how easy it is to make fans cheer them.

Back with Tanahashi ducking a superkick and sending the Bucks into each other for the hot tag off to Elgin. Both Bucks get German suplexed at the

same time but Taven accurately points out that they combine to weigh as much as one average wrestler. The Falcon Arrow from the apron gets two on Matt with Omega making the save. Everything breaks down and it's Tatsu getting the tag as house is cleaned. With the referee looking away, Nick sprays Tatsu in the face and it's a triple superkick for two. Omega adds the One Winged Angel for the pin at 10:02.

Rating: B-. It's a fine enough main event if you can handle another Bullet Club match. Elgin continues to be an amazing strong man with seemingly limitless strength and that's all he needs to be at this point. Tatsu being the Bullet Club Hunter over them injuring him a long time ago makes sense but he could use some wins over them. That can't happen though because BULLET CLUB IS AMAZING.

Overall Rating: C+. What am I even supposed to say here? It's very clear that Ring of Honor is all about the Bullet Club now and I can't imagine Best in the World doesn't end with the screwing up the main event. It's nice to have some regular stuff going again but Ring of Honor becomes New Japan Jr. more and more every single week.

On top of that though, it's really annoying to have the Bullet Club running around like heels but getting the biggest face reactions on the show. For all intents and purposes, they're the top faces on the show despite being heels and that gets old in a hurry. Unfortunately they're going to be here for a very long time because they make a fortune and the fact that they're so upside down with psychology and absorbing half the roster just like the NWO. That group turned out fine though, right?

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