

Ring of Honor TV – September 7, 2016: Putting People Over

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We're finally back to the regular taping cycle though thankfully we had two strong stand alone shows in the weeks since the pay per view. The big story is Adam Cole winning the ROH World Title and bringing it to the Bullet Club, which is suddenly stronger than ever before around here. Let's get to it.

We open with a package on Cole winning the title and being attacked by Kyle O'Reilly, likely setting up their showdown at Final Battle.

Opening sequence.

Here's the Bullet Club for their big celebration. It's Story Time With Adam Cole, who has delivered on his promise to become a two time ROH World Champion. He's going to be champion as long as he wants but here's Jay Lethal to disagree. Cole knows that Jay wants his rematch tonight but it's the champ's night off. If Lethal wants to fight later then that's fine, but just remember the Bullet Club will be right there. Lethal isn't worried though because he's got friends of his own: Los Ingobernables de Japan. The big staredown takes us to a break.

A six man tag has been made for next week.

We look at what happened after last week's show ended, with the Young Bucks beating Addiction down.

Here's the Addiction at the announcers' desk to say that footage was doctored.

Video on Punisher Martinez being the new heir to Kevin Sullivan's evil.

Caprice Coleman vs. Dalton Castle

They actually start with a battle of the thumbs until Dalton single legs him down for two. We get the chest stick out followed by a B00/YAY fight over a headlock. A running knee knocks Coleman off the corner and there's a running kick to the head because wrestling is about running strikes these days. With Coleman in trouble, the rest of the Cabinet goes after the Boys and we get a four man ejection to take us to a break.

Back with the Boys still at ringside and Coleman being thrown off a suplex. Castle does a sweet bridge out of a rollup into the lifting German suplex but here's the Cabinet to get on my nerves all over again. I love that the company's boss is RIGHT THERE and this keeps happening. The Boys come in and dive onto the Cabinet, leaving Castle to hit the Bang A Rang for the pin at 8:02.

Rating: C-. Castle and the Boys are as different than the Cabinet as you can possibly be. I know that's probably why they're feuding but that doesn't work when the major difference is one being entertaining and the other being an act that caused me to wait several days to sit through this show. Hopefully this wraps up soon.

Clips from the way too good Jay Briscoe vs. Jay White match that ended in a time limit draw.

Here's the Addiction with a ladder to say they've beaten every team put in front of them. See, they're at the top of this ladder and each rung is a team beneath them.

Bobby Fish is ready for his title defense against Katsuyori Shibata next week and suggests that Shibata just pay off the referee because he has no chance otherwise.

Donovan Dijak vs. Manny Lemos

Manny slaps Dijak in the face on the handshake and gets punched down for his disrespect. Dijak throws him to the floor, bring him back in, and finishes with Feast Your Eyes at 1:34. Total squash.

Post match Prince Nana says Dijak is coming for the winner of next week's

TV Title match.

The Briscoes can respect what Jay White did in their singles match but tonight it's a tag team match and that's their world.

Briscoe Brothers vs. Lio Rush/Jay White

Non-title. For the sake of simplicity, I'll only refer to Jay Briscoe as Jay. Mark and Rush get things going with Lio snapping off a springboard hurricanrana. It's already off to White but Jay crushes him with a splash in the corner. Back from a break with White DDTing Jay and tagging in Rush for his variety of kicks. That means it's time for the first flip dive over the top to take Jay out, only to have Mark come back with the Blockbuster from the apron.

Back in and Rush gets thrown with a gutwrench suplex, followed by a regular suplex for two. As you might expect, more kicks allow the tag off to White to face Jay and you can feel the energy picking up. White scores with a missile dropkick for two and we take a second break. Back with Rush hitting a suicide dive to take Mark out, leaving White to cover Jay for two. The fans are actually accurate for once with their THIS IS AWESOME chants.

Mark grabs a fisherman's buster for two on Lio and the kickout stuns him. A Shining Wizard catches Mark for two more and it's time for the slugout between Jay and Lio. The Death Valley Driver into the Froggy Bow knocks Lio silly but White tackles Jay onto the cover for the save. The even bigger slugout goes to Jay but White slaps him in the face anyway. A double forearm from the Briscoes puts White on the floor and sets up a Doomsday Device to put Rush away at 18:41.

Rating: B+. I know he hasn't won anything but this mini-feud has done more for White than almost any initial push that I've seen in a long time. It's certainly better than having him win a tournament over a bunch of other unknowns and then having him lose to a singles champion. White has the goods and could be something special if he can talk.

We get the big handshake to really make the young guys look good.

Before we're done, Nigel makes Addiction vs. Young Bucks vs. the Motor City Machine Guns in a ladder war at All Star Extravaganza. Addiction is treated as the heels here, which really should confirm the fact that the Bucks are faces despite acting like heels. The champs freak out backstage to end the show.

Overall Rating: B-. The main event easily carries this one and it was cool to see the focus on something other than the main event again. That being said, we're less than three weeks away from the pay per view and I barely have any idea what we've got coming up other than a World Title match, a ladder match and some matches in the Six Man Tag Team Title tournament, which is likely a thing because they're a big deal in New Japan. They need something more to fill in the card and I have a bad feeling it's more New Japan to the rescue.

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