

Ring of Honor TV – March 29, 2017: We're Almost There

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I think we're up to the pay per view now, only a mere three weeks after it took place. The big story is Christopher Daniels FINALLY winning that elusive World Title, which was the best possible option since Adam Cole is reportedly on his way out. That's the case with far too many people and it's a bad sign for the company. Let's get to it.

Christopher Daniels talks about how he couldn't lose on this one night and then he wouldn't let it happen. So we're FINALLY to the Anniversary Show, just as it's the go home show for the next pay per view. Got it.

Opening sequence.

Here's the Addiction to open things up with Daniels looking very happy holding that title. We even have APPLETTINIS! Daniels immediately hits the bragging by talking about the brilliant plan, which can overcome a younger, faster and arguably more talented opponent. Kazarian couldn't be happier for his buddy and just happens to be the new #1 contender to the TV Title. Cue Dalton Castle as we take a break.

Back with Daniels introducing Castle to the appletini, which seems to blow his mind. Dalton would love one of his own but there's only one glass. No worries of course though as a single snap of the fingers brings out the Boys with a large glass for Castle. A toast allows Dalton to congratulate the new champion, but that brings some changes. This includes a title defense against Castle at Supercard of Honor and Castle wouldn't wish that on anyone.

Cue the Bullet Club with Adam Cole not wanting to hear about the fairytale ending because he remembers it as the title being stolen.

As for Castle, who in the world thinks he's the best option for the title? Kazarian throws out a challenge for a six man later tonight and the match is made.

Marty Scurll cuts a promo about facing anyone when Kenny King comes up to challenge him for a title match. It seems to be all set.

Tag Team Titles: Briscoe Brothers vs. Hardys

Matt and Jeff are defending in a match with fifteen minutes' build. Sweet goodness I can't stand this show's taping schedule. The champs have a very Broken style entrance without actually doing any of the Broken trademarks. Mark busts out some Redneck Kung Fu to confuse Jeff early on (you don't hear that too often) but everything breaks down as the Hardys take over.

Chops in the corner give us some OBSOLETE/DELETE chants but Poetry in Motion is easily countered. Jay nails a suicide dive to set up the Cactus Elbow from the apron and it's off to a break. Back with Jeff getting stomped down and then rear chinlocked for good measure. Jeff fights up and scores with a double Whisper in the Wind though, setting up the hot tag for the loud DELETE chants.

Matt's bulldog is good for two on Mark and it's back to Jeff for a chinlock. Back from another break with Mark and Jeff hitting a double clothesline to set up the double tag. Matt bites Jay in the corner to bust him open a bit. The neckbreaker gets two on Matt and the champs take back to back superplexes.

The Froggy Bow is only good for two on Matt though as the fans don't seem sure who to cheer for. Mark comes in to slug away at Matt and the Doomsday Device gets yet another near fall. Back up and Jay is sent outside for a big crash, leaving Mark to take the Twist of Fate and Swanton.....for two? Dang I bought that as the finish, along with Mark rolling Matt up for two. Jeff makes a blind tag though and Matt backslides Mark down so Jeff can cradle him to retain at 17:44.

Rating: B+. That's the best ROH match I've seen in a very long time and, while I'd love to see it actually get a proper build, there's only so much you can do with the Hardys' limited schedule. As a bonus, it's pretty amazing to see Matt come back to ROH just a few years after he was Big Money Matt as this completely different character. He really is someone capable of re-inventing himself like this and it's great stuff a lot of the time.

Post match the Young Bucks come out to challenge the Hardys to a ladder match at Supercard of Honor XI. The champs quickly agree.

Adam Page/Young Bucks vs. Addiction/Dalton Castle

This is joined in progress in a huge brawl and Daniels taking a double superkick. Nick adds a huge springboard flip dive to put everyone down, followed by another superkick. Of course that means the heels get to pose but the Boys break up the Rise of the Terminator dive. For your comedy, they even take the Bucks' place next to Cole, who somehow doesn't notice. The Bucks save another dive though and beat up the Boys (it's not that hard) as Cole is STILL kneeling in the ring.

What does that say about the good guys on the floor Somehow they're unable to be ready for the dives, which were loaded up about a minute before they even launched and Addiction had no chance of avoiding them. That's a stretch even for wrestling. Back in with Kazarian getting beaten down in the corner before his partners come in, only to be triple suplexed. We take a break and come back with Kazarian blocking a double superkick but taking the slingshot X Factor.

Kazarian grabs a cutter though and it's off to Daniels so house can be cleaned. Cole sneaks in with a superkick to drop Daniels but since he's not a Buck, the champ can actually get the better of him. Castle (I forgot he was in this match) comes in for some suplexes but can't hit the Bang-a-Rang. He can however catch Matt's springboard in a German suplex. Nick comes back in with a Swanton on Castle but Daniels gets in Angel's Wings on Matt.

Cole superkick him down though and everyone is out. The Canadian Destroyer nails Kazarian but it's time for a Superkick Party. The Bucks kick Cole by mistake and Castle no sells a double superkick (that's a new one and while I can't stand the Bucks, that's a bit of a stretch), setting up the Bang a Rang to put Cole away at 13:48.

Rating: B-. This was fun, though also served as the weekly Young Bucks party. At least the new champ was on the winning team, but he could have gotten the pin over Cole. You can see the problems with the Bullet Club coming through which is likely the way to set Cole's exit from the company.

Castle and Daniels grab the title to end the show.

Overall Rating: A-. I know this isn't going to last long term but at least we had a great show here. This was ALL about the wrestling with the Daniels promo as a bonus. This also helped set up the two Supercard of Honor main events, which certainly need the help with the show so close. Really good and entertaining show, mainly because they got back to the regular stuff instead of all the filler episodes.

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