

# Ring of Honor TV – June 28, 2017: It's Filler Tim

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Location: Frontier Fieldhouse, Chicago Ridge, Illinois

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It's the first show after Best in the World and that means absolutely nothing as we're starting the taping cycle before the show. I'd put it at probably four weeks of TV before we're caught up, which should put us close to getting ready for the next pay per view, which I believe is Death Before Dishonor. Let's get to it.

One quick note: apparently some markets got a different episode so there's a chance this is a completely different show than you saw.

Opening sequence.

## Flip Gordon vs. Jonathan Gresham

An amateur exchange doesn't go anywhere so Flip does a series of nipups, earning himself a headscissors on the mat. Gordon handstands out of that so Jonathan dropkicks him down. Back up and Flip backflips away and scores with a dropkick, followed by a handspring elbow in the corner.

We take a break and come back with Gordon fighting up but charging into boots in the corner. That's fine with Flip as he climbs the ropes for something like a superkick to put Gresham outside. Of course that means a running dive, followed by a top rope spinning splash for two. An enziguri and snap German suplex drop Gordon but he kicks Gresham in the head for two more. Flip misses a 450 (you knew that was coming) and it's off to the Octopus Hold to make Flip tap at 10:53.

**Rating:** C-. This one is going to depend very heavily on your taste and that's going to determine if you found this entertaining or ridiculous.

Gordon is almost every stereotype about indy wrestling rolled together but the fact that he basically presents himself as that is a bit refreshing. On the other hand, just naming yourself flip and then doing a bunch of flips isn't the most interesting thing in the world. I wasn't huge on this but it was far from awful.

Post match Gresham and Shelley praise Gordon's performance.

We recap Punishment Martinez vs. Jay White.

Video on Josh Woods.

Woods is in the arena and wants to face Jay Briscoe to give himself a real challenge. No matter how tough Jay is, he can be knocked out or tapped out.

### Silas Young vs. Bobby Fish

Given that Fish has already debuted for NXT, this isn't likely going well for the finned one. Bobby takes him down into a knee bar less than five seconds in so Young bails to the floor. That's fine with Fish who sends Young into the barricade to really take over. Back in and Misery doesn't work but Bobby's cross armbreaker doesn't either. Young comes back by dropping Fish and hitting a slingshot double stomp (ow) to send us to a break.

Back with Young charging into a boot and Colt not knowing what the word "literally" means. Silas knees him in the corner and adds a running boot, earning himself a belly to back suplex. Fish's sleeper is broken up by a Stunner over the top rope so Bobby spears him through the ropes for a big crash.

Silas throws him over a table and we take a second break. Back again with both of them on the apron and slugging it out between the ropes in the corner. Fish finally pulls him through the ropes and trapping him over one of the buckles, setting up some hard kicks. Not that it matters as Young pulls him into the corner for a crash, setting up a knee to the ribs and Misery for the pin at 16:25.

**Rating:** C+. This was a bit better than the opener but still felt like

nothing more than a way to fill in a show. Young is getting a nice push but, again, Ring of Honor has cut the legs off of him by having him lose the big match at Best in the World. If you're wanting to push the guy then push the guy, but this start and stop booking isn't going to help anyone.

Fish shoves him away post match.

Here's a clip/preview of Adam Cole vs. Marty Scurll in a No DQ match, now available on ROHWrestling.com.

### Punishment Martinez vs. Jay White

Why this wasn't at Best in the World is beyond me, though they did manage to bring in two guys from Mexico with next to no connection to Ring of Honor to put over the Kingdom. Punishment tries to shove him into the corner but misses a big boot, allowing Jay to start in on the leg. A running forearm to the floor has Punishment in even more trouble and a missile dropkick gets two.

That earns White a big spinning kick to the face and something like a curb stomp from the corner. A right hand to the back of the head gives Martinez two and he smiles at White for trying a desperation forearm. White throws more right hands to annoy Martinez and then takes the knee out again. Some rolling German suplexes give Jay two and we take a break.

Back with Jay slipping out of a powerbomb but getting chokeslammed onto the apron. That and a Falcon Arrow give Martinez two because a monster and a CHOKESLAM ONTO THE APRON is only a setup move around here. White is right back with a swinging Rock Bottom for two of his own but walks into a reverse sitout AA. The sitout chokeslam is countered into a rollup to give White the pin at 11:17.

**Rating:** B-. Stupid chokeslam onto the apron for two aside, this was entertaining stuff as I continue to be a fan of both guys. White survived just long enough to survive until the end was a fine story but Martinez losing again isn't the best idea in the world. Now it's fine if he comes back with the win in the big match (because this wasn't the big match) but I don't see that happening.

Martinez isn't done and gives him a Last Ride through a table to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C+. The in-ring stuff was fine but sweet goodness they weren't even hiding the fact that this was a filler episode. I can live with the idea of filling in time between a pay per view show and the next big episode but I have a feeling we're a few weeks away from anything important. At least the wrestling was good though, which you never can guarantee around here.

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