

# Ring of Honor TV – July 5, 2017: Back on Track

## Ring of Honor

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Location: Frontier Fieldhouse, Chicago Ridge, Illinois

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We're still in Chicago and still getting ready to deal with the fallout from Best in the World, which should start in another two weeks if we're lucky. I'm really running out of ways to complain about how messed up the schedule is and I still don't understand why we have to wait so long. Let's get to it.

Opening sequence.

Here's new World Champion Cody in the ring so apparently we're already on the new taping cycle. THEN WHY DIDN'T WE HAVE THIS LAST WEEK??? Anyway before he can say much of anything, Christopher Daniels shows up and beats the heck out of the new champ. A referee gets tossed and the brawl continues with Cody hitting a Disaster Kick. Daniels gets in a moonsault to the floor though and security breaks it up. The fans want to see them fight and didn't seem to favor one over the other. Good opener here and I have no idea why this didn't follow the pay per view last week if it was already filmed.

Jay Briscoe says this is different than the Top Prospect Tournament and Josh Woods is in way over his head.

## Jay Briscoe vs. Josh Woods

They adhere to the Code of Honor in a bit of a surprise. Feeling out process to start with Josh tripping him to the mat and chuckling a bit. A cross armbreaker doesn't last long so it's another trip to take Briscoe down. Josh knees him in the head and this is one sided in the first few minutes.

Jay comes right back with a big boot to knock Josh outside and there's a suicide dive. Well done there with having Josh get the better of it when there are rules and structure but Briscoe takes over when things get a little more violent and intense. Back with Jay throwing him outside for a whip into the barricade as the brawling continues to go Briscoe's way.

There's a ton of room on the floor too, which makes me think they could have easily fit another row or even two of fans in there. I can't imagine sales were that weak in Chicago of all places. Back in and Josh blocks a suplex for one of his own, followed by the TKO into a knee to the face. A springboard spinning knee/kick to the face gets two on Jay, who shrugs it off and lariats Woods for the pin at 10:50.

**Rating:** B-. I had a good time with this match as Briscoe continues to give the younger guys a rub, just like he did with Jay White. It's not like he has anything else going on right now so give these guys something that they're not going to be able to get from anyone else. Good match too with Woods showing off because he found out he was in over his head.

We look at Will Ferrara splitting with Cheeseburger because he's sick of dealing with a charity case like Cheeseburger. Haven't these guys split like three times now?

#### Tempura Boyz vs. Coast to Coast

Actually hang on as here are the Young Bucks who offer to add themselves to the match with the titles on the line under tornado rules.

#### Tag Team Titles: Young Bucks vs. Tempura Boyz vs. Coast to Coast

The Bucks are defending under tornado rules and the champs waste no time cleaning house. It's immediately time to fire off the kicks to send all four challengers outside, followed by the Rise of the Terminators. The double dives are broken up though with the Boyz hitting stereo German suplexes on the floor.

Coast to Coast dives on everyone and we take a break. Back with Nick firing off running knees in the corner to both Boyz, only to get caught in something like a 3D with a Flatliner instead of a cutter. There's the

big flip dive to the floor to take out Coast to Coast but the Meltzer Diver is broken up.

Coast to Coast comes back in and breaks up the Superkick Party (Colt: "Everybody knows they're just going to do superkicks so it's not that hard to figure out."). A double Indytaker sets up double superkicks to retain the titles at 8:27. That's the EXACT same ending as the match in Long Beach.

**Rating:** C+. I can't believe I'm saying this but thank goodness for the Bucks here. Coast to Coast and the Tempura Boyz are completely worthless tag teams so throw the Bucks in there and turn it into a glorified squashed. The match wasn't great but this could have been very boring so the Bucks really did help things out.

Highlights of Adam Cole vs. Marty Scurll in an anything goes match.

Mark Briscoe vs. Beer City Bruiser vs. Kenny King vs. Chris Sabin

One fall to a finish and the winner gets a TV Title shot. Mark says he has to win because he has four kids. I wonder if he has an above ground pool. Mark and Kenny start things off and apparently this is under lucha rules, meaning Bruiser can come in and toss people to the floor.

Sabin dives into a side slam and for some reason Bruiser tags out. Why would you do that in a one fall match where you have to be legal to win? King's Muta Lock is broken up and it's Mark coming in to clean house. A moonsault to the floor takes out Bruiser and King, followed by Sabin firing off the kicks from the apron.

We take a break and come back with Bruiser running Mark over as the tags have been completely abandoned, as is the custom in these matches. Mark gets crushed against Sabin in the corner for a good looking crash, followed by a running flip dive to the floor to take out Mark and Chris. Kenny dives onto everyone but Mark is smart enough to walk away. Back in and Mark hits the brainbuster on Kenny, setting up the Froggy Bow at the same time the Bruiser splashes Chris. Both guys get up to avoid leaving is as a three way but King actually manages a Royal Flush on the Bruiser for the pin and the title shot at 10:59.

**Rating:** C. Pretty standard chaos match here with everyone flying all over the place and little in the way of storytelling, though that's kind of the point to something like this. King winning is an interesting way to go as the Rebellion was such a waste of time but King's natural athleticism should be more than enough to give him a good match with Kushida.

**Overall Rating:** C+. I had a good time with this show as there were three solid matches and a strong angle to open things up. They should be fine head into the next few weeks but above all else I'm VERY happy that we're already on the pay per view fallout and don't have to sit around waiting through weeks of one off filler shows. Good show this week and one of the more entertaining editions in a long time.

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