

Ring of Honor TV – October 18, 2017: The Bullet Bites the Burger

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We're still in Las Vegas and still dealing with the fallout from Death Before Dishonor. It's not clear if Global Wars, which will have ended by the time this show airs, will get any focus. That's what keeps confusing me about this company: some of their pay per views matter and some are just big time specials. At least TV has been good lately so let's get to it.

Addiction isn't allowed in, despite being awesome wrestlers.

Opening sequence.

Kushida vs. Scorpio Sky

Sky is a PWG legend. A technical sequence goes nowhere so Sky takes over with a backbreaker for two. Kushida starts in on the arm and it turns out that his mom is in the crowd. Well that's always cool. Hopefully she's fine with her son working on the arm with kicks and a stomp until Sky takes him down with a neckbreaker. Sky goes up but his frog splash is countered into a cross armbreaker. It's too close to the ropes though and here's Daniels with an air horn. Kazarian comes in to kick Kushida low for the DQ at 3:27.

Rating: C. This didn't have the time to mean much but it was nice while it lasted. Sky is someone I've heard a lot about but I've only seen him a few times. I wouldn't be complaining about him being around here more often. At least Kushida was around as that's always a good thing.

Kushida gets beaten down until Jay Lethal makes the save. During the

break, a challenge for a tag match was made and we have a match...at some point in the future.

We look back at Jay Briscoe injuring Bully Ray and Tommy Dreamer's promo with him last week.

Here's Bully in sunglasses to no music. He apologizes for everything being low key and says he has to worry about the head trauma at the moment. Right now he doesn't know if he's ever going to get his hands on Jay Briscoe, even if he'd love to more than anything else. For the first time in his career, he's thinking about stepping away for the sake of his family. These people have been his wrestling family all these years but for once he has to think about his family at home. Bully goes to leave and Mark Briscoe comes out to say Bully's issues are with Jay, not the family. They're cool with each other.

We look back at Kenny King saying he'll fight anyone for the TV Title anytime. A small army came out to stare him down and King didn't seem to mind. Next week, it's a four way to crown a new #1 contender.

Here's the Bullet Club for a celebration with the promise of a big surprise. Shane Taylor follows the team out with Cody handing him a wad of money along the way. Cody talks about having the most lucrative contract in ROH history. We hit that YOU DESERVE IT chant before Cody talks about the Young Bucks getting offers from every wrestling company in the world about two years ago.

That's where Cody is now, but he is officially signing the exclusive contract with Ring of Honor. This...pretty much changes nothing but it's the Bullet Club so that makes it awesome. Everyone else leaves and Cody thinks he should do something special for his first official night on the roster. How about a title defense right now? Cody hints that it's going to be Dalton Castle but instead it's...Cheeseburger.

Ring of Honor World Title: Cody vs. Cheeseburger

Cody is defending in a suit with Shane Taylor at ringside. Cheeseburger gets taken down and slapped in the head a few times, only to come out of the corner with a high double kick to the chest. Cody bails to the floor

and that means a slingshot dive as Cheeseburger gets in his early offense. A shot with the big ring cuts Cheeseburger off though and it's time for a belt whipping.

Cheeseburger takes it away and gets two off a crucifix but a delayed superplex cuts him off in a hurry. A quick springboard knee to the head (ala Seth Rollins) gives Cheeseburger two but the palm strike is countered into Cross Rhodes...for two as Cody picks him up. The delay lets Cheeseburger get in a few whips, only to have Cody slap on the American Deathlock for the tap at 5:44.

Rating: C+. That's the kind of Cheeseburger match I can go for: he gets in some hope spots but is overwhelmed by the size and skill. It gets old watching him do the same things over and over again so this was fairly refreshing. Cody wasn't going to lose here but it came off like a weaker version of HHH vs. Taka Michinoku (that's a compliment), which is just fine.

The Kingdom is ready.

It's time for Coleman's Pulpit with his guests the Dawgs, Will Ferrara and Rhett Titus. Apparently they're wearing the wrong suit jackets and Ferrara isn't happy. So yeah, they're a bad comedy act. Ferrara hates cheese and he hates Cheeseburger. Titus on the other hand isn't happy with Kenny King not appreciating Titus getting him his job back. They're ready for the Tempura Boyz next week. This team doesn't look promising.

Kingdom vs. Search and Destroy

It's the Motor City Machine Guns and Jonathan Gresham for Search and Destroy here. Taven jumps Sabin from behind to start and we start...well not that fast really. Everything breaks down in a hurry and the Kingdom is sent outside for a triple dive. Back in and some triple kicks take Taven down but Marseglia's blind tag breaks up a tornado DDT attempt. The Kingdom takes over on Sabin in the corner with a variety of stomping as we're told how interesting Marseglia really is. O'Ryan hits a good looking spinebuster and a running knee gets two as we take a break.

Back with Sabin escaping Rockstar Supernova and getting pummeled for his

efforts. Sabin DDT's and dropkicks his way to freedom as his partners have no issues with all three opponents being in the ring at once. It's off to Gresham to clean house, including a moonsault onto O'Ryan off a belly to back from Taven in a nice counter. Gresham ankle locks O'Ryan as the Guns dive onto Marseglia and Taven. It's Taven coming back in with a Disaster Kick for the save so Gresham tags Sabin back in for a fairly dumb idea.

The Guns come right back with the Dream Sequence and a suicide dive on O'Ryan. Marseglia takes them both down with a springboard dive, followed by Taven hitting a no hands version. Gresham moonsaults from the middle rope and grazes a few of them. Back in and Skull and Bones is broken up, allowing Taven to get in a walking stick shot for the rollup (with tights) pin at 10:24.

Rating: C+. This could have been better if I cared about the Kingdom in any way, shape or form. The Guns are starting to grow on me again, especially now that they actually got the belts off the Bucks. That being said, it's not a good idea to have a new champion take a fall like this. Just pin Gresham.

Overall Rating: C. It wasn't a bad show but there was nothing that blew me away. The Bully promo is good and while I don't think there's any secret tot he fact that this is setting up Bully vs. Jay at Final Battle, at least they're giving us a good story along the way. Not a bad show here but it's a filler episode, even with big names around.

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