

Ring of Honor TV – October 25, 2017: I'm Not Really Laughing

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I'm assuming it's time to start the build towards Final Battle and aside from bringing in an outsider to challenge for the title, things seem to be heading towards Cody defending the World Title against Jay Lethal. I know there's no story there yet but it's not like there's anything else to do. Let's get to it.

We recap everyone wanting to challenge Kenny King for the TV Title. Tonight it's a four way for the #1 contendership.

Opening sequence.

Marty Scurll vs. Jay White

Now this could be interesting. Marty grabs the ankle lock to start and takes White to the mat. Jay can't shake off a front facelock but can manage to put Marty on the top. That means a bird pose and it's a standoff. Back up and Jay takes him down with little effort, setting up a full Muta Lock.

Since that hold can't last long, they hit a pinfall reversal sequence for some near falls. Ever the cheater, Marty gets caught putting his feet on the ropes. The referee gets in his face and the distraction lets Marty poke Jay in the eye. Back from a break with Marty hitting something like a reverse Angle Slam for two. It's time to start in on the arm but Marty takes his time with a charge, earning him a chop.

White wastes no time in swinging away and grabs a suplex for two. A

deadlift German suplex gets two more but Marty is back with something like an octopus hold. That goes nowhere so Marty switches into the standing chickenwing. White slips out and gets two off a rollup, only to have Marty throw him the umbrella. Since the referee is half blind, he grabs it as well to take it away from White. That allows Marty to hit a low blow, setting up a small package for the pin at 12:27.

Rating: B-. The ending didn't work very well for me but these two are both favorites of mine. I'm hoping White doesn't go back to Japan anytime soon as he's one of the most consistent wrestlers on the roster. Scurl is someone who always seems to have potential but I'm not sure he's going to be moving up to the next level anytime.

The Addiction is ready to take care of Jay Lethal Kushida whenever that match takes place.

Lethal is ready to deal with the Addiction because they don't show Ring of Honor the respect it deserves.

Dawgs vs. Tempura Boyz

The Boyz charge in and start the fight in a hurry before snapping off some German suplexes to take Titus and Ferrara down. The bigger Dawgs are right back though with Sho being sent outside for a suicide dive. Rhett runs Yo down and we settle into a regular match. Will chokes Sho down and a dropkick gives Titus two as we take a break. Back with Rhett grabbing a quickly broken chinlock. Sho gets in a knee to the ribs and the hot tag brings in Yo to clean a few rooms of the house.

Some running knees in the corner (think Sasha Banks) give Yo two as everything breaks down. A superkick into a powerbomb backstabber gets two on Ferrara but Titus slugs the Boyz down with ease. The Boyz start firing off kicks to the head, followed by something like a Shining Wizard for two on Rhett. Ferrara blasts Sho with a wind up lariat and a gordbuster/top rope clothesline to the back (it's kind of hard to describe) ends Yo at 10:20.

Rating: D+. Neither of these teams are doing anything for me and the fact that the Boyz are heading back to Japan doesn't cause me any issues.

They've never been interesting and the Dawgs don't seem much better. I'm also not a fan of the "screw the tagging" formula and it was in full blast here. It wasn't a miserable watch but this was almost everything I didn't like about tag wrestling at once.

The Bullet Club talk about Cody's contract and laugh hysterically.

Back from a break and they're still laughing. That made this so much better in an odd way.

Mark Briscoe vs. Chuckie T. vs. Punishment Martinez vs. Shane Taylor

One fall to a finish for a future TV Title shot with Caprice Coleman on commentary. Thankfully there are tags here so it's Chuckie vs. Martinez to start. A single chop has no effect on Martinez so it's off to Mark instead. Briscoe hammers away with strikes and punches, only to get clotheslined inside out. Now Chuckie is willing to come back in, only to have his crossbody countered into a World's Strongest Slam. Well that didn't work.

Martinez stares Shane down but it's a missile dropkick from Chuckie to take both of them down. Stereo dives take the monsters down again and we take a break. Back with Mark and Chuckie speeding things up, only to have Mark cut it off with some Red Neck Kung Fu poses. The monsters come in again and punch Chuckie down for daring to interfere. Mark is back up and kicks Shane into the corner, only to get destroyed by Martinez.

A release falcon arrow of all things (looked great) gets two but here's Shane to clear out the ring again. Shane's middle rope splash gets two on Chuckie and NOW we get the big showdown. The entirety of the fight: a double clothesline to put them both down and a pair of missed splashes. Back from a second break with Shane and Martinez slugging it out with Punishment getting the better of it until a headbutt staggers him into a corner.

The normal sized guys come back in with Chuckie hitting a sitout powerbomb for two on Mark. Martinez is back up though and it's a springboard flip dive (geez) to take out everyone else. Back in and a hanging piledriver (think Orton's DDT but with a piledriver instead)

plants Shane, only to have Mark come in with a Death Valley Driver. The Froggy Bow gives Mark the pin and the title shot at 13:30.

Rating: C+. This was the kind of all over the place match that it should have been, which makes the tag match look a little more out of place. Mark winning the title shot is a great idea as him winning the TV Title later in the year while Jay has his match against Bully Ray at Final Battle is an interesting plan. Good enough match here and it did its job.

Post match Jay comes out and says Mark needs to be more loyal to the team. Mark is confused to end the show.

Overall Rating: C. This feels like the build to the last big set of TV before Final Battle, which is where the real stories will take place. Mark vs. Jay has potential, though we might be a long time away from that. The rest of the show wasn't great, though the lack of star power didn't do the show any favors. Good enough episode but nothing you need to see.

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