Ring of Honor TV — July 18, 2018: Yes They're Doing This Again



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Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Colt Cabana

Now I bet you were expecting some storyline development since we're about three weeks removed from Best in the World, but you don't know your Ring of Honor. Tonight is a gauntlet match for the #1 contendership to the Six Man Tag Team Titles. I'm not sure if there's anything else on the card, but it wouldn't shock me. Let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

The Kingdom can't wait to see how which Melvins get the next title shot because the conspiracy is still real.

Opening sequence.

Kelly Klein vs. Jenny Rose

Well at least there's something else. Rose won't put up with the trash talk and slaps Klein in the face to start. They hit the mat with Rose getting two off an Oklahoma roll and an armdrag out of the corner has Klein a little flustered. Rose charges into an elbow in the corner though and we take a break. Back with Klein dropping her with a clothesline and getting two off a one handed cover. She's quite good with the cocky character.

There's a running boot to drop Jenny again. Riccaboni: "Jenny Jenny, Kelly has your number right now." Jenny turns to a running elbow in the corner and a release German suplex sends Klein flying. Klein is in trouble but grabs a quick suplex and rolls through into the End of the Match for the knockout at 7:58.

Rating: D+. Rose is another name in the division who can do the basics but can't get much further than that. Klein and Dashwood come off as miles ahead of everyone else and it makes things look that much worse every time they're out there. I still have no idea who these people are and I don't know anything about them. The division isn't going to get any better until that's changed.

The Dawgs go to ask Cody for money to pay Shane Taylor to be their partner. Cody: "I just financed a 10,000 seat arena. I don't have expendable cash right now." The Dawgs think Marty Scurll might have it but Cody's not cool with that. He pulls out an envelope of money and hands it to them instead, much to the Dawgs' delight.

Matt Taven joins commentary with the Kingdom behind him.

Gauntlet Match

Five team trios gauntlet match with the winners getting a future Six Man Tag Team Title shot against the Kingdom. Shane Taylor/The Dawgs vs. Jonathan Gresham/Alex Shelley/LSG start things off, showcasing the depth of this "division" with two thrown together teams. LSG chops Taylor for no effect to start so Taylor kicks him in the chest. It's off to Titus vs. Gresham as Riccaboni says every team has to start somewhere. True, but maybe it shouldn't be in a #1 contenders match.

Shelley and Ferrara come in to make sure we have all three combinations before it settles down to Taylor headbutting Shelley in the face. Back

from a break with Shelley avoiding the doggy splash. The hot tag brings in LSG for a running flip neckbreaker and the rope walk flip dive to take the villains down. Back in and LSG ducks Ferrara's right hand into a rollup for the elimination at 8:58.

Silas Young/Beer City Bruiser/Brian Milonas are in third with Bruiser wasting no time in hitting the flip dive off the apron. Milonas catches LSG's dive and picks up Shelley for a swinging side slam/dropkick to the head combo. Young and Gresham have a series of standing switches to a round of applause, break apart, and then do it again. That's enough wrestling for Milonas, who crushes Gresham with a crossbody as we take another break.

Back again with Gresham and Young doing more standing switches until Gresham scores with a DDT. LSG comes back in and starts cleaning house, including low bridging Milonas to the floor. Everything breaks down and LSG hits something like a low F5 on Young. Milonas comes in to run LSG over though and what Riccaboni calls a Hart Attack with a legdrop (or as the Midnight Express called it, the Veg-O-Matic) gets two. The backbreaker into the clothesline drops Shelley and Bruiser's windup DDT plants Gresham. The PowerPlex is broken up though and LSG's 450 pins Milonas at 19:46.

So Cal Uncensored is in fourth and beat the heck out of the exhausted trio. We take a third break and come back with So Cal Uncensored taking turns beating on LSG. Sky's super hurricanrana sets up Celebrity Rehab for the elimination at 24:17. Good performance from the makeshift team and I'm fine with having them get squashed in the third fall against an established team.

The final team is Kenny King/Eli Isom/Chuckie T because....well someone has to be the final team. It's a big staredown to start so let's look at the announcers a few times. Chuckie backdrops Daniels to start and clotheslines him into the corner for the tag off to Sky. King comes in as well and can't quite figure out the Best Friends elbow with Chuckie. Some forearms have Kazarian in trouble and it's already back to Chuckie for the rolling hilo.

Back from another break with Isom missing a dropkick and getting pummeled down like the jobber that he is. A slingshot legdrop gets two and it's off to the chinlock. Isom fights up for a clothesline and King comes in to pick up the pace. King kicks Kazarian in the face as everything breaks down. For some reason Isom gets tagged in and it's a three way hug. Chuckie and King dive to the floor, leaving Isom to reverse Angel's Wings into a cover for the pin at 35:16.

Rating: B. I really don't care for the idea of having all of those teams being thrown together for something like this but the action was quite good. The LSG team was a nice collection of three guys with nothing to lose trying everything they could and the surprise ending wasn't bad. I'm still not sold on this "division" though and this match didn't change my mind about the future.

Overall Rating: C+. The main event dominates the show and was entertaining enough to make things work fine. That being said, it's not like any of this stuff matters as the trio isn't going to win the titles so this was just a big one off show with no long term importance. That's fine once in awhile, but it's been the case for three weeks now. Do something that matters, because this is really old.

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