

Ring of Honor TV – November 14, 2018: Welcome Home



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We're still in Philadelphia and on the road to Final Battle, but the big question is how many more ECW names can we get in here. I wonder if Blue Meanie is doing anything tonight. Anyway we still need a card for the pay per view so maybe we can start building things up this week. Let's get to it.

[Here are last week's results if you need a recap.](#)

Opening sequence.

Shane Taylor vs. Jeff Cobb

Non-title. Shane spits on his extended hands and they start ramming into each other. Cobb hits his swinging belly to back suplex but Shane pops up. That earns him a t-bone suplex and Cobb is right back up again. They slug it out until Taylor blasts him with a clothesline. Back from a break with Shane telling Cobb to show him why he's the chosen one. Cobb is right back up with a running elbow in the corner and a dropkick as Taylor is on the ropes.

Since that's not impressive enough, a delayed release suplex gives Cobb one. That means the standing moonsault for tow more as Cobb isn't sure what to do with this guy. Taylor is back up with a running Canadian Destroyer of all things but Cobb is back up with a German suplex. The Tour of the Islands finishes Taylor at 7:05.

Rating: C+. This was EXACTLY as it was advertised with two big guys doing things that people their size shouldn't be able to do. It was a lot of fun with both guys beating each other up until the other couldn't stand any longer. Good, fun match that didn't try to be anything more than it should have. I didn't expect to like this and they entertained me so well done.

Post match Hangman Page comes in for a staredown with Cobb but they pause to beat up security. Page stares at the title...and one security guard is foolish enough to still be in the ring. Page leaves and Cobb hits a superkick and the Tour of the Islands.

Jay Lethal knows that being World Champion has put a target on his back and Kenny King took a shot at him. He'll take care of King at Global Wars on November 11 (as in after this show aired) and tonight he'll show that off in a six man tag.

The Bouncers aren't sure of their opponents' names tonight but know they have to win.

Post break, Brian Milonas has lost the Beer City Bruiser. Ok then.

Marty Scurll talks about being stuck in the story of superhero vs. supervillain. Next week, it's round four. Earlier this month, Scurll won the Survival of the Fittest tournament to earn a World Title shot. There is zero reason for him to be in an extended feud with Shane Helms.

Milonas finds Bruiser drinking because Silas Young won't talk to him. The talk of hitting people makes Bruiser feel better. Well I'm so glad that problem was started and solved in the span of five minutes.

The Bouncers vs. Cheeseburger/Eli Isom

Cheeseburger and Isom have Ryan Nova in their corner. Isom can't do much

to Bruiser to start so he steps on the big man's foot. The suplex just isn't happening though and Bruiser sends him into the corner, only to miss a charge. It's off to Cheeseburger for a chop, followed by a sleeper to the also tagged in Milonas. He staggers over for a tag to Bruiser for a side slam/dropkick combination and it's time to bite Cheeseburger. Make your own jokes.

Milonas sits on Cheeseburger in the corner but misses a charge and goes shoulder first into the post. That's enough for the hot tag to Isom and the pace picks up. A high crossbody gets two on Milonas and everything breaks down. Cheeseburger DDTs Bruiser and Isom manages a suplex for two. The dive is caught though and Cheeseburger gets posted, leaving Isom to take Closing Time for the pin at 6:02.

Rating: D+. Isom has grown on me a lot and that's not something I would have expected. They teased the idea of him outgrowing Cheeseburger (his mentor, which would make me want to quit wrestling) and I'm really hoping it doesn't lead to some match and feud between them. I'd hope they can do better than that for a passing of the torch. As for the Bouncers...I don't hate them. I thought I would have but for a team that plays a pretty specific role, they're not terrible.

Here's So Cal Uncensored for a chat, where they suck up to Philadelphia and insult it, because that's what Scorpio Sky does. Kazarian calls this place sacred ground and there's the required ECW chant. He lists off some names in the Hardcore Hall of Fame and gets the fans to chant SCU, who at least work for this company. Daniels (in an SC F'N U shirt) says he wants to be serious for a minute and talk about Joe Koff throwing out Kazarian and himself after this year's Final Battle.

Some things have changed since then and now Koff should want to keep SCU around here. Maybe the best way to prove their value is to take the Tag Team Titles from the Briscoes. They came up short at Death Before Dishonor, but next week it's the Briscoes vs. the Addiction and the Young Bucks. Daniels promises to win the titles next week and next year, the best thing about Ring of Honor is going to be SCU. Good fire from Daniels here, which tends to be the case. The trio goes to leave but here are the Briscoes to beat them down, including a Jay Driller to Daniels on the

stage. That sounds like an injury angle.

Daniels was helped to the back during the break.

Jay Lethal/Jonathan Gresham/??? vs. The Kingdom

The mystery partner is...Dalton Castle, who is making his return after a lengthy injury absence. Castle's thigh, elbow and back are taped up but he seems to be moving fine. Gresham and the now mohawked Taven start things off as the fans are behind Jonathan. It's amazing how being not Matt Taven makes you popular. O'Ryan comes in before anything of note happens so Gresham takes him down and tries to spit on him. Some hero.

A kick to the leg sets up a dropkick to send O'Ryan into the corner for the tag off to Marseglia. Vinny wants the peacock though and it's off to Castle for a big reaction. Castle can't hit a bulldog but can hit the peacock pose with those wild eyes. Another takedown lets Castle work on the arm for a second, followed by a clothesline to the floor. The teased dive lets Castle bring back the slow motion strut and now Taven is willing to come in. Taven gets in Castle's face but the rest of the Kingdom pulls Lethal and Gresham down, allowing Matt to take over with a cheap shot.

Castle gets thrown into the crowd but the good guys take over with Lethal putting Taven in a chair. The referee breaks up a dive...gets pulled underneath the ring. Lethal's suicide dive sends O'Ryan into the barricade but, with the referee having been pulled into the abyss, Taven comes in with a chair to Lethal's ribs. Back from a break with Taven kneeing the heck out of Lethal's face but Jay fights up and brings Gresham in anyway.

Everything breaks down and Gresham cleans house, allowing the hot tag to Castle. A running knee in the corner gets two on Taven and Gresham elbows Marseglia down. That means a dive onto O'Ryan but the shooting star hits knees. Lethal hits the Lethal Injection on O'Ryan as Marseglia brings in a chair. That goes badly though as it's the Bang-a-Rang onto the chair to give Castle the pin at 12:08.

Rating: C+. This was all about Castle's return and that worked very well.

The fans went coconuts for him and he adds another big name to the roster. I'm not sure what they can do with him at this point but having too much talent around isn't a problem. Gresham continues to look like a star and it's always nice to see the Kingdom taking a loss.

Castle poses with the winners but points at the title. Lethal isn't sure about that so Castle extends a handshake, which Lethal accepts. Sounds like a title match is imminent.

Overall Rating: C. This show had the energy back again with some good wrestling and a nice surprise in the end. They're starting to talk about Final Battle more too and that's a good sign as we get closer to the biggest show of the year. Just keep up the angles and stories instead of the filler episodes and things will start getting better at the right time.

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