Ring Of Honor TV — September 15, 2021: This Shouldn't Be Skippable

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It's Death Before Dishonor weekend and that is a heck of a show. It's such a heck of a show that Ring of Honor has barely spoken about the card so far outside of a few matches here or there. That is typical of Ring of Honor, but it has not exactly made things that much better over the years. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Quinn McKay gives us her usual welcome and rundown.

<u>Briscoes vs. Bandido/Rey Horus</u>

This could be good. Honor is shown before the match as we hear about the Briscoes' history of troubles against luchadors. Bandido and Jay circle each other to start with Jay fireman's carrying him to the mat for an armbar. That's broken up and Bandido shows Jay the finger gun and starts flipping around to send us to a standoff/break.

We come back with Mark bringing Jay back in to elbow Rey in the face. A trip to the outside goes badly for the luchadors but Bandido comes back in with a springboard high crossbody to the Briscoes. Rey's basement dropkick into a running shooting star press gives Bandido two on Mark but Jay is back in to run Bandido over. Mark kicks Bandido in the mask for two and then plants him down for a bonus. Bandido gets away for the tag to Horus though and the pace picks up.

A double chop into a double superkick gives Horus two with Jay having to make the save. Everything breaks down and we get a four way knockdown for a quadruple breather. Mark grabs an Iconoclasm for two on Horus but gets caught with a pop up cutter from Bandido. A Fosbury Flop takes Jay down and Horus flips Mark off the top for two. Back up and Jay sends Bandido outside, leaving Horus to get Doomsday Deviced for the pin at 12:10.

Rating: B-. Take two teams and let them get in there for a fun match. That's what you should be doing on a show like this and they made it work here. If nothing else, it is nice to see the Briscoes finally getting somewhere against some luchadors. The match itself was a good power vs. speed match and it was a rather nice TV outing all around.

Will Ferrara vs. Josh Woods

Pure Rules with Jonathan Gresham on commentary. Woods powers him down into the corner to start and we're already on the mat for the grappling. Ferrara reverses into a wristlock but gets tossed hard across the corner for the break. Back up and another armbar has Woods down, or at least it does until he reverses into a kneebar to send Ferrara to the rope.

We take a break and come back with Ferrara being gutwrench suplexed around without much effort. Ferrara tries a short armscissors until Woods uses the only counter ever to a short armscissors. Woods goes after him again, sending Ferrara over to the ropes for the third and final rope break. That's enough for Woods, who grabs rolling Chaos Theory out of the corner for the pin at 6:19.

Rating: C. This was quick and to the point, which is probably better for a situation like this one. What mattered here was making Woods feel like a star and they made that work very

well. I'm not sure how much longer Jonathan Gresham can hold the Pure Rules Title and it would make sense to finally change the titles at the pay per view. Good and mostly dominant match here, meaning they know what they're going for at the moment.

Post match, Woods and Gresham have the big staredown in the aisle.

Video on Rok-C vs. Miranda Alize for the vacant Women's Title.

<u>Tag Team Titles: La Faccion Ingobernables vs. Violence</u> Unlimited

Kenny King and Dragon Lee are challenging Homicide and Chris Dickinson. Both teams promise to win here and it's King vs. Homicide to start. King shoulders him down and snaps off some armdrags into an armbar. It works so well that King does the same thing again but Homicide gets up and brings in Dickinson.

We take a break and come back with Dickinson suplexing Lee for two. A camel clutch into a basement dropkick rocks Lee again but he is fine enough to send Homicide outside. The baseball slide misses though and the champs beat both of them down without much trouble. Back in and Lee clotheslines Homicide with King coming in to do the same. Lee's Boston crab with a boot on Homicide's head keeps him down as the violence is starting to emerge.

King grabs a chinlock with a knee in the back but misses a splash in the corner. Homicide misses a top rope splash but King misses a springboard legdrop, allowing the tag off to Dickinson to clean house. A Death Valley Driver gets two on Lee, with Dickinson having to kick King in the face. Everything breaks down again and a dragon suplex gives King two on Homicide.

Lee is back up with the Alberto Double Stomp to Homicide and a suicide dive onto Dickinson. Back in and the Royal Flush gives King two on Dickinson, setting up a slingshot corkscrew dive

onto Homicide on the floor. That leaves Lee and Dickinson to forearm it out until Dickinson twists the knee. The knee is fine enough to go smashing into Dickinson's head for the pin and the titles at 14:08.

Rating: C+. Good match here, though it's a bit of an odd title change right around the time you have the pay per view coming up. The problem here though is the fact that these stable wars are just a bunch of interchangeable matches and moments like this one. It was fine enough, but how much of an impact are these matches and even title changes having?

The Death Before Dishonor rundown wraps us up.

Overall Rating: C+. It's hard to call a show with a title change skippable, but that's how this felt. There was nothing on here that you really needed to see, as the Briscoes winning a good tag match is hardly noteworthy. It also didn't do much for Death Before Dishonor, though I'd be curious to know how much of the card was set/announced when this show was filmed.

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