# Rampage – March 15, 2024: At Least They Beat Someone

### **Rampage**

Date: March 15, 2024 Location: TD Garden, Boston, Massachusetts Commentators: Excalibur, Tony Schiavone, Chris Jericho

We're slowly on the way towards Dynasty and that means we are going to be needing some things set up for the show. Odds are we won't get anything big this time around, but we could be getting some smaller things here or there. That should be combined with some solid action so let's get to it.

Here is Dynamite if you need a recap.

Opening sequence.

#### <u>Orange Cassidy/Trent Beretta vs. Dark Order</u>

Chuck Taylor is here with Cassidy and Beretta. Uno's headlock on Cassidy doesn't work to start but Cassidy asks him to wait for the hand/pocket merging. Silver breaks that up so Beretta comes in to shoulder the Order down. We get a forced Dark Order hug, followed by the real version, referee and Chuck included. Silver is back up with a gorilla press drop on Cassidy, followed by Uno neckbreakering Beretta.

We take a break and come back with Cassidy kicking away at the Order. Beretta rolls some German suplexes Silver a few times but Uno breaks up Strong Zero. Everything breaks down and we start the flip dives to the floor. Back in and Silver gets two on Beretta with Cassidy having to shove Uno into the cover for the save. That leaves Cassidy to Orange Punch Silver into Strong Zero for the pin at 9:42.

Rating: B-. Fast paced match here and they didn't stay out

there for a long time, meaning there was less Dark Order than was necessary. Cassidy and Beretta are getting primed for the tournament and they could make a nice run for a round or two. As for the Order, they're fine in a role like this, which thankfully doesn't involve them talking.

The Righteous talks about how you have to die to grow again.

Zak Knight and Angelo Parker get in a fight as the Outcasts watch on.

#### Mariah May/Toni Storm vs. LMK/Kayla Sparks

Before the match, Storm asks us to turn off all cellular devices. Also, if Deonna Purrazzo and her partner want a tag match, watch this. Storm jumps the two of them to start, with May adding a hard basement dropkick. Mae and Storm pose for a bit before Storm hits LMK with some hip attacks (including a dance before one of them). It's back to Mae for a running knee to the face, followed by back to back running hip attacks. Storm Zero finishes Sparks at 3:07.

**Rating**: C. Total dominance here as May becomes more and more like Storm every time she's out there. That should take us towards something interesting between the two of them and it could go in a few ways. Other than that, Storm gets to look dominant before we find out who Purrazzo has as a partner.

Post match here is Deonna Purrazzo with her partner…Thunder Rosa. Cool, as it's been too long since she's had anything important to do.

Video on Queen Aminata, who wants the ROH Women's TV Title.

We get the brackets for the Tag Team Title tournament:

Young Bucks Private Party

Undisputed Kingdom

Best Friends/Don Callis Family

Ricky Starks/Big Bill Top Flight

FTR Infantry/House Of Black

The lack of Jon Moxley/Claudio Castagnoli is interesting.

## Konosuke Takeshita vs. Komander

Takeshita shoulders him down to start but Komander nips up. Komander avoids a running knee and hits a quick Lionsault, sending Jericho into a rant about a stolen move. Back up and Takeshita kicks him in the face to take over before snapping off a nasty release German suplex. We take a break and come back with Komander hitting a rope walk moonsault to the floor for the double knockdown.

Back in and a springboard hurricanrana gives Komander two but a springboard crossbody is countered into a Blue Thunder Bomb. Komander kicks him off the rope though and hits a springboard Canadian Destroyer. Cielito Lindo hits raised knees though and Takeshita scores with a running knee. A spinning Falcon Arrow finishes Komander off at 9:38.

**Rating:** B-. This is the kind of win that gets Takeshita back on the right track after losing his big showdown with Will Ospreay at Revolution. Takeshita is someone who feels like he has had to take a back seat multiple times and it would be nice to see that change. Unfortunately, I have no reason to believe that will be the case this time around.

Serena Deeb is back and ready to hurt people.

Video on the Undisputed Kingdom vs. Top Flight.

Undisputed Kingdom vs. Top Flight/Action Andretti

Strong jumps Dante to start and the villains take turns stomping away in the corner. Dante slips out to the apron and springboards in with a flip dive. A rolling DDT is cut off though, leaving Dante to bring in Darius to keep the pace up. Strong comes in to knock Darius into the corner and some hard chops have him in trouble. It's already back to Dante for two off a sunset flip and Andretti comes in for a running shooting star press. Everything breaks down and the good guys hit running dives as we take a break.

Back with Taven missing a Lionsault (Jericho: "Another one? You have got to be kidding me."), allowing Dante to come back in for a springboard high crossbody. A springboard 450 gives Andretti two but Bennett makes the save. Andretti slips out of the spike piledriver and cleans house, only to get spike piledriven anyway. The End of Heartache gives Strong the pin at 11:25.

**Rating**: B-. It was the usual fast paced, entertaining match with Andretti and Top Flight doing exactly what they should have done. At the same time, it's kind of nice to see the Undisputed Kingdom getting to do something, even if it's had to buy into them as a threat to anyone of note. The match was fine for a Rampage main event, but I'm not sure how much of a future the villains have without a bunch of adjustments.

**Overall Rating**: B-. This show felt a bit more important than the last few weeks and that's nice to see. There weren't exactly higher stakes but there were some bigger names and Rosa joining forced with Purrazzo should be good. Other than that, they set a few things up for future shows and that made for a nice enough show. It's still nothing worth seeing, but you won't be disappointed if you do see it.

<u>Results</u> Orange Cassidy/Trent Beretta b. Dark Order – Strong Zero to Silver Mariah May/Toni Storm b. LMK/Kayla Sparks – Storm Zero to Sparks Konosuke Takeshita b. Komander — Spinning Falcon Arrow Undisputed Kingdom b. Top Flight/Action Andretti — End of Heartache to Andretti

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