

WWE Speed – May 3, 2024: Wellthatwasfast

Speed

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Location: Heritage Bank Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

Commentator: Corey Graves

So this is Speed (as the title implies), which is basically a single match series that airs weekly on Twitter. It's not a show I'm going to watch regularly (though the gimmick of a three minute time limit is interesting) but I was in the building for this one, which happens to be for the inaugural title. Let's get to it.

Speed Title: Ricochet vs. Johnny Gargano

For the inaugural title, meaning a special five minute time limit, in a tournament final and they're starting fast here with no entrances. They go to the mat to start as Graves recaps the tournament and even says which is which. Ricochet powers him out to the apron to start, where Gargano manages a kick to the head. Gargano gets knocked to the floor but Ricochet misses the step up moonsault.

That means Gargano can hit a diving tornado DDT for two back inside and the Gargano Escape goes on. Ricochet powers out without too much trouble, only to miss the 450. A superkick into a poisonrana gives Gargano two and he drops Ricochet face first onto the turnbuckle. The low superkick gets two more but Ricochet is back with the Benadriller into the Recoil for two of his own. A Lethal Injection gives Ricochet the pin and the title at 4:21.

Rating: B-. This is a good example of "it is what it is" as WWE is flat out saying that this is about going as fast as you can with as many moves as possible. It's not something I would

want to see a full length show from, but for a one off match where you're in and out in less than six minutes, it's virtually impossible to complain.

Ricochet poses with the title and that's the show, which clocks in at 5:38 total. Ricochet cut a promo about being the best and feeling like he would hold the title for a long time because it looks good on him but it didn't air here.

Overall Rating: B-. What is there to say here? The show is literally one match and you're done in less than six minutes. I'm sure WWE got a nice check from Twitter to run this every week and sure why not. It's filming one match with the thinnest of gimmicks and a tournament can be held to put some continuity with it. The show isn't anything great or brilliant but how much complaining can you do when the whole thing is shorter than a Roman Reigns entrance?

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