

Ring Of Honor – August 21, 2025: Take What You Can Get

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We are eight days away from Death Before Dishonor and that means it should be time for more of the card to come together. In this case, we currently have three matches set up for the card so there are several other matches that need to be added. There is at least one match that is all but announced so maybe now we get to see it officially confirmed. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

We run down the card.

CMLL Trios Titles: Volador Jr./Magnus/Rugido vs. Mistico/Mascara Dorada/Neon

Mistico and company are defending and the challengers aren't up for handshakes. Neon and Rugido start things off and they exchange some armdrags. Dorada and Magnus come in with Dorada snapping off a spinning headscissors to send Magnus outside. It's off to Volador vs. Mistico with Mistico hitting a springboard crossbody but the challengers take over, with some triple teaming in the corner.

Neon comes in and seems to be favoring his shoulder but the good guys are back in with some springboard hurricanranas. Triple dives connect as well, followed by a superkick to Magnus back inside. Mistico and Dorada use something like Private Party's Silly String to drop Magnus again and it's off

to Rugido, who is taken down with a springboard hurricanrana. Neon hits a dropkick and a great looking springboard hurricanrana but Magnus decks him from behind.

Mistico gives Magnus a super Spanish Fly but walks into a Canadian Destroyer from Volador. We hit the parade of knockdowns until no one is left standing for a bit. Back up and we get a double rowboat spot with the four feet touching (basically making a circle), leaving Neon to roll Magnus up for two in the middle. Dorada's shooting star press hits Volador and La Mistica retains the titles at 10:08.

Rating: B+. It was a fast paced and exciting match with the champions looking incredibly smooth (that springboard hurricanrana from Neon was one of the best I've ever seen). There's a reason these guys are some of the best in the world at this style and the match went well. I could go for the Ring Of Honor versions of these titles being defended, but this was a great showcase.

Blake Christian vs. Beef

Fallout from last week when they were in a tag match and Lee Johnson is here with Christian. Beef easily wins a battle of shoulders but Christian knocks him into the corner, where Johnson gets in some choking. The strutting Old School is broken up, though Christian hits a nifty springboard dropkick to the back of the head. Beef strikes away in the corner but gets sent to the apron for a spear to the floor. Back in and a 450 stomp sets up the Vanilla Choke Zero for the win at 5:10.

Rating: C. I've said it before, but I'm really not sure if I'm comfortable with enjoying Blake Christian this much. There's something about him just embracing being so...average. I get that's what he's going for with the vanilla deal, but dang it's working for reasons I can't explain. Give him the TV Title rather than Nick Wayne. My goodness I just said I want Christian to be TV Champion (the Christian Cage connection is

even included in his name).

Post match Christian and Johnson lay Beef out again.

We look at Paul Walter Hauser saving QT Marshall last week.

Marshall is not happy with Hauser coming into his industry and they are set to fight at Death Before Dishonor. There's your match that was all but set.

Video on the Outrunners.

The Beast Mortos vs. AR Fox

Dralistico is here with Mortos. Fox wastes no time in sending Mortos to the floor for a pair of big no hands dives. Back in and Mortos takes him into the corner and snaps off a powerslam for two. Fox is right back up to knock him to the apron for the flipping double stomp, followed by a big Swanton for a near fall of his own. Fox charges into a boot in the corner but kicks him in the head, setting up a Death Valley Driver. Mortos shrugs that off and hits a headbutt, followed by the spinning piledriver for the pin at 5:38.

Rating: B-. Yeah this was always going to be fine, as you have a basic formula of power vs. speed and wrestlers who know how to do that rather well. Fox hasn't become a huge star, but it feels like he is giving it his all out there. That's something I absolutely appreciate and it's taken him from just someone on the card to someone reliable for me and that's a big upgrade.

Post match Rush comes in for the big group beatdown.

Here are the Workhorsesmen and Adam Priest to say that the Von Erichs' partner is injured so just forfeit since we can't have a six man match. Cue the Von Erichs to say not so fast my friend, because they have a replacement.

Workhorsesmen/Adam Priest vs. Von Erichs/Sammy Guevara

Neither the Von Erichs nor Guevara have their belts with them. Henry headlocks Guevara to start and goes nowhere with it so Ross comes in to take over. Ross' Stinger Splash misses Priest though and the villains take over in the corner. Drake hits a big chop but Ross fights his way out of trouble rather quickly. It's back to Guevara to clean house but Henry kicks him down. A Shining Wizard sets up Priest's top rope splash for two and Guevara is taken onto the ramp. That's broken up rather quickly and it's Marshall coming in to take over on Priest. A spinning claw slam into the claw finishes for Marshall at 7:26.

Rating: C+. This would be the logical way to go for the Six Man Tag Team Titles, though I'm not sure about the Tag Team Titles. Or they'll just leave the titles in limbo until Dustin Rhodes gets back. Or they still don't know because there is almost no planning in Ring Of Honor. Then again, the fact that the Workhorsesmen and Priest went from not being together two weeks ago to working with the champions here, there isn't much of a need for Six Man Tag Team Titles in the first place.

Trish Adora vs. Janai Kai

Kai shoulders her down to start and gets two off a quick kick. Adora's comeback is cut off by more kicks and a spinning faceplant gives Kai two. Back up and Adora grabs a backbreaker for two of her own, followed by the German suplex from her knees. The Lariat Tubman finishes for Adora at 4:35.

Rating: C. This was much more about Kai, who was being given a lot of time and offense here and that's great to see. Her striking and movement were both good, but there was pretty much no way she was going to win here. Adora did her big moves well, but it's pretty clear that she's not going anywhere and that isn't changing.

The Von Erichs and Sammy Guevara seem to be ready to team together at Death Before Dishonor. I'm not wild on it, but

swapping Guevara in as the other Six Man Champion is as good as anything else.

Death Before Dishonor rundown.

We get the Hechicero vs. Bandido old west video from last week.

Jay Lethal vs. Hechicero

Don Callis is here with Hechicero and butchers his Spanish entrance. Hechicero goes after the arm to start but gets punched to the floor for a suicide dive. They get back in and Hechicero kicks him in the head in the corner but Lethal grabs some rollups for two each. Callis gets caught interfering and is promptly ejected, allowing Lethal to come back with some snap jabs.

Hail To The King is blocked but Lethal blocks the block and tries the leg. Hechicero cuts that off but the Lethal Injection is countered into the headscissor driver. Lethal gets tied up in a...well he's on top of Hechicero, who ties up Lethal's legs and bends his neck forward for the submission at 6:31.

Rating: B-. And this is what Lethal should be used to do. He's still a big enough name around here and certainly has the resume in Ring Of Honor to matter. Use him to put over people like Hechicero, who is involved in the upcoming World Title match and needs the rub. As usual, Hechicero does things that should not seem possible but he made it look easy.

Hechicero says he's ready for Bandido to end the show.

Overall Rating: B. The opener and main event alone made this work, and that's about all you can ask for around here. Death Before Dishonor is likely going to get its usual card thrown together at the last minute and that's about all it's going to be. Just go with the bigger matches and hope for the best, as

that's pretty much as good as you're going to get around here.

Results

Mistico/Mascara Dorada/Neon b. Volador Jr./Magnus/Rugido – La Mistica to Magnus

Blake Christian b. Beef – Vanilla Choke Zero

The Beast Mortos b. AR Fox – Spinning piledriver

Von Erichs/Sammy Guevara b. Workhorsemen/Adam Priest – Claw to Priest

Trish Adora b. Janai Kai – Lariat Tubman

Hechicero b. Jay Lethal – Full body neck crank

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