

# Ring Of Honor – June 19, 2025: The Numbers Do Lie

## Ring Of Honor

Date: June 19, 2025

Location: Adrian Phillips Theater At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

We have four shows left before Supercard Of Honor but you probably wouldn't know it from watching around here. There has not been anything officially announced for the show yet, though a thing or two has been teased. Hopefully that means we get something added here, as the rapid fire builds don't make for great viewing. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

We run down the card.

## Shane Taylor Promotions vs. Anthony Gangone/Sal Mistretta

During the entrances, an errant camera shot shows a disturbing amount of empty seats. Moriarty knees Gangone down to start and works on the arm before bringing in Taylor. Mistretta comes in and gets crushed, setting up a release Rock Bottom. Moriarty grabs a Border City Stretch on Gangone and the big right hand finishes Mistretta at 2:09. And the latest push is on.

We look back at Thunder Rosa chasing off Athena two weeks ago. They'll meet in a tag match at Global Wars.

## Deonna Purrazzo vs. Marti Belle

Pure Rules. They fight over wrist control to start until

Purrazzo takes her down with a headlock. Belle is sent outside by the arm and Purrazzo stomps away on the way back in. A small package gives Belle two but Purrazzo snaps the arm. The Venus de Milo makes Belle give up at 4:24.

**Rating:** C-. The Pure Rules deal here meant absolutely nothing to the match and it would have been the exact same match without them. That sums up the tournament (which is absolutely going to start sometime soon) as I still have no idea why this needs to be a thing. We're still getting these one off matches with nothing but promises that the tournament is coming, and I certainly hope they aren't going to do the whole thing at Supercard Of Honor.

We look at the Frat house cheating to beat the Dark Order last week. Then John Silver returned for the save.

The Frat House discuss packages and want to beat up Silver.

#### Aaron Solo vs. Lance Archer

Solo strikes away to start and even avoids a charge in the corner. A chokeslam attempt is countered with a dropkick and Solo scores with a spinning kick. Archer charges into a boot in the corner, but it just seems to annoy him. The Blackout finishes for Archer at 1:38.

We look at Athena beating Miyu Yamashita in a hard hitting match back in April 2023.

#### Miyu Yamashita vs. Brooke Havok

Havok works on the arm and they roll over each other until Havok hits a dropkick. Yamashita strikes her down but Havok hits some elbows for two. A springboard rewind kick drops Havok and another kick to the face does it again. Yamashita blasts her with a spinning kick to the head for the pin at 3:33.

**Rating:** C+. Havok got in a lot here before the big strikes

took her out. That spinning kick to the head at the end looked great and felt like the kind of knockout blow that should be ending a match. If Yamashita is going to be around she could be a thing, but it isn't going to matter if her next noteworthy match isn't for another two years.

Mark Sterling has gotten some of the Premier Athletes' losses expunged from their records and now they want the Tag Team Titles. Sweet goodness. So even if you count all of their matches (which included a bunch of multi-team matches) as wins, they're 8-0 this year. Why should they get a title shot over Shane Taylor Promotions, who are 10-0 this year? Why do I expect that to actually be answered?

### Grizzled Young Veterans/Infantry vs. Top Flight/The Kingdom

The villains jump them from behind to start fast and everything breaks down into a big brawl. We settle down to Top Flight (looking odd in purple) double teaming Drake and Taven comes in for a dropkick. Taven gets taken outside though and Gibson drops him onto the barricade. Back in and Taven gets taken into the corner for some running charges in the corner.

A double belly to back suplex drops Taven for two but he gets in a spinning kick to drop Bravo. The big tag brings in Darius to clean house and everything breaks down again. Bennett comes in for the rapid fire chops in the corner but Dean hits a weird Pedigree variant on Taven. Back up and Hail To The King is broken up but Bravo is thrown over the top onto the pile. Dante's top rope splash is good for the pin on Dean at 8:56.

**Rating:** C+. This was a bunch of teams with very little going on getting thrown out there for a bit for the sake of a main event. That's a fine way to go, but it would be nice to see something a bit more important taking place with Supercard Of Honor coming up so soon. These matches are perfectly fine, but I could go for something that feels like it matters around here.

**Overall Rating:** C-. Normally I would be surprised by how they've done a grand total of nothing so close to Supercard Of Honor (as in nothing has been announced, save for the Pure Tournament finals, which hasn't even started yet) but that's how Ring Of Honor works. I'm sure we'll get some matches added in the next week or so, but a lot of it will probably be done at the last minute, which again makes watching this show feel completely unimportant.

### Results

Shane Taylor Promotions b. Anthony Gangone/Sal Mistretta – Right hand to Mistretta

Deonna Purrazzo b. Marti Belle – Venus de Milo

Lance Archer b. Aaron Solo – Blackout

Miyu Yamashita b. Brooke Havok – Spinning kick to the head

Top Flight/The Kingdom b. Grizzled Young Veterans/The Infantry – Top rope splash to Dean

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# **Ring Of Honor – June 12, 2025: So Much For That**

Ring Of Honor

Date: June 12, 2025

Location: El Paso County Coliseum, El Paso, Texas

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

We are about a month away from Supercard Of Honor and thus far, it seems that we have one match likely for the show. In theory that should mean something gets put together here, but stranger things have happened in Ring Of Honor. If nothing else, it would be nice to see someone coming after the World Title so let's get to it.

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

Shane Taylor Promotions is tired of waiting. I'm tired of waiting for Shane Taylor Promotions to be interesting.

Opening sequence.

We run down the card.

Atlantis Jr./Templario vs. Magnus/Volador Jr.

Volador isn't interested in shaking hands before taking Templario down to start. Back up and Templario trips him down before it's off to Magnus and Atlantis. Some double teaming has Atlantis in trouble but he pops back up to clear the rudos out. Templario comes back in and flips over both of them, followed by an armdrag to Magnus.

Back in and Volador hits a powerslam, only to get dropkicked by Templario. Everything breaks down until Atlantis is sent outside, leaving Templario to get kicked in the ribs for two. Atlantis comes back in and is immediately elbowed down, leaving Magnus to go for his mask. Magnus ties Atlantis in the Tree Of Woe for the stomping but Atlantis is right back with the tilt-a-whirl backbreaker. The powerslam plants Magnus though and the frog splash finishes for Atlantis at 7:54.

**Rating:** B-. Usual entertaining stuff from the CMLL guys, even if it feels like they're just doing random matches over and over. I still don't get the appeal of Atlantis Jr., but

Templario has one of the best looking masks I've ever seen and Magnus does well almost any time he is in the ring.

### Preston Vance vs. Evil Uno

The rest of the Frat House and Alex Reynolds are here too. Vance jumps him to start but gets sent outside. Back up and Uno hammers away, only for the Frat House to get in some cheap shots to take over. Vance mocks the Dark Order pose and flips Reynolds off, which seems to wake Uno up.

Uno Stunners his way out of trouble but misses a charge, allowing Vance to grab the full nelson. That's only good for two arm drops and Uno fights back with the right hands in the corner. A DDT plants Vance for two but Uno can't hit a piledriver. Vance's Samoan driver gets two but Uno is back with a discus lariat. The Frat House offers a distraction though, allowing Vance to get in a shot with the paddle for the pin at 6:42.

**Rating:** C-. This is what I mean when I talk about a match that feels like it is just there. These various groups have been having matches for months and it feels like nothing has changed at all. That's not good storytelling but it keeps going no matter what, which makes for some very tedious action. It doesn't help that neither of these guys are anything noteworthy in the ring, making this even less interesting.

Post match John Silver returns to chase off the Frat House and hits a helicopter slam to one of the prospects.

Red Velvet is on her way to Mexico for three matches.

### Red Velvet vs. Harleen Lopez

Non-title Proving Ground match, meaning if Lopes wins or lasts the ten minute time limit, she gets a future title shot. Lopez powers her down to start but Velvet is back up with a

dropkick. A butterfly suplex sends Velvet into the corner but she's fine enough to grab a snapmare. Velvet wins the strike off and the flipping faceplant finishes at 2:42.

We look at Nick Wayne in the New Japan Best Of The Super Juniors tournament.

The Dark Order wants to face the Frat House in a six man tag.

Shane Taylor Promotions vs. Vaughn Vertigo/Martian Webb/Riley Reinhart/Joe Demaro

Dean powers Webb into the corner to start and it's Bravo coming in for the stomps in the Tree Of Woe. Demaro comes in and gets tied in the ropes for some rapid fire clotheslines, followed by Taylor's big chop in the corner. Taylor throws him over for the tag to Vertigo, who is quickly knocked down by Moriarty. Reinhart comes in and for some reason slugs away at Taylor, earning him a splash for two, with Webb making a save. Taylor's "you are DUMB" look is great and everything breaks down. Moriarty kicks Reinhart in the chest and grabs the Border City Stretch for the win at 5:02.

**Rating:** C. Speaking of things that seem like they are going nowhere, I present you with Shane Taylor Promotions, who have been talking about being ready to break through and be taken seriously or whatever for months now. It's the same stuff over and over and that stopped being interesting or believable a long time ago. They do this kind of squash well enough, but spare me on trying to make them a thing.

Bandido vs. Mansoor

Non-title Proving Ground match, meaning if Mansoor wins or lasts ten minutes, he gets a future title shot. Mason Madden, Johnny TV and Taya Valkyrie are here with Bandido. Mansoor ducks behind him and strikes a pose to start before jumping over Bandido and posing again.

Bandido knocks him down and does the gun pose but Madden breaks up a 21 Plex attempt. A cheap shot puts Bandido in trouble and Mansoor gets in a hard whip to the steps. Back in and a backbreaker gives Mansoor two and we hit the double arm crank. That's broken up and Bandido comes off the top with a twisting crossbody.

The one armed gorilla press sets up the frog splash but Madden breaks up the 21 Plex. The double underhook spinning slam gives Mansoor two and the other villains choke, only to get caught and ejected. A Backstabber sets up Mansoor's missed moonsault so it's the X Knee into the 21 Plex to give Bandido the pin at 7:17.

**Rating:** C+. It's nice to have the World Champion in action on the show, even if this hardly feels like anything important. The problem at the moment is the same that it has always been: there really aren't things like contenders or challengers for titles around here, so the champion will have random matches (or even ones with small feuds like Bandido has been in recently) but it doesn't feel worthy of a World Title match in the slightest.

Post match Lee Johnson comes out for a distraction and Blake Christian jumps Bandido from behind. Christian holds up the title but Mascara Dorada comes out to cut off that insanity. Dorada holds up the title and implies that he wants a title match to end the show. Well, it's better than nothing.

**Overall Rating:** C. And so much for the tiny bit of interest they were teasing last week for Supercard Of Honor. Athena and Thunder Rosa are not even mentioned this week and it looks like we're heading towards Bandido vs. Dorada for the title. That's not exactly a must see match, but I'm sure it will make CMLL happy and apparently that's about half of the reason Ring Of Honor exists.

Results

Atlantis Jr./Templario b. Magnus/Volador Jr. – Frog splash to Magnus

Preston Vance b. Evil Uno – Paddle to the face

Red Velvet b. Harleen Lopez – Flipping faceplant

Shane Taylor Promotions b. Riley Reinhart/Martian Webb/Vaughn

Vertigo/Joe Demaro – Border City Stretch to Reinhart

Bandido b. Mansoor – 21 Plex

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# **Ring Of Honor – June 5, 2025: The Spaceship, La Biblioteca, And Barry Darsow**

## **Ring Of Honor**

Date: June 5, 2025

Location: Masonic Temple Theater, Detroit, Michigan

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

We're getting close to Supercard Of Honor and it would be nice to see the show actually being mentioned. Nothing has been set up yet and in theory Bandido is going to need a new challenger. We might find out a thing or two for the show this week, or at least we should be. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

We run down the card.

Dulce Tormenta/Leila Grey vs. Thunder Rosa/Persephone

Grey headlocks Persephone to start before getting caught in something like a spinebuster. Rosa comes in for a splash and an Oklahoma roll gets two. Grey kicks her way out of trouble and hits a basement dropkick but Rosa dropkicks her into the corner for the tag to Tormenta. A backslide gives Persephone two and she dropkicks Tormenta into the corner.

Persephone gets low bridged to the floor to put her in trouble though and it's back to Grey for a running knee to the face. The ensuing chinlock is broken up rather quickly and it's back to Rosa to pick up the pace. A double stomp to the ribs sets up a seated cobra clutch to make Tormenta tap at 6:39.

**Rating:** C+. Perfectly fine match here with Rosa adding some star power to the show. She's going to be a bigger deal than just about any woman not named Athena on the show so having her around is a great addition. Other than that, it was nice to not have Grey get pinned again, as that has been happening far too often as of late.

Post match respect is shown.

Earlier today, the Frat House was ready for their initiation later tonight and called Ian Riccaboni over to complain about him not speaking favorably of him. They can just go back to beating up the Dark Order though.

Here is the Frat House with their two new recruits...who they then jump.

Frat House vs. ???/???

Riccaboni makes a Mr. Hole In One Barry Darsow reference on commentary as Garrison drops one of the recruits with a clothesline. The recruit gets a boot up in the corner though and hammers away, only to get dropped again. Karter comes in but can't get in a suplex, allowing the other recruit to come in. Everything breaks down and a running boot/flapjack combination finishes for Garrison at 2:56.

Thunder Rosa and Persephone are happy with their win and they're ready to team up again in CMLL.

### Aaron Solo vs. Wheeler Yuta

Yuta strikes away without much trouble to start but walks into a dropkick. Solo's armbars is broken up and Yuta hits a middle rope elbow before tying up the leg. Back up and Solo bites his head and hits a dropkick, followed by a Trouble In Paradise. Yuta holds the ropes though and grabs a German suplex but Solo hits a suplex of his own. A superkick staggers Yuta again but he shrugs it off and hits the running knee for the pin at 5:31.

**Rating:** C. Yuta is stuck in that "you know what you're getting" place and that is not a good sign for his future. At the end of the day, he wrestles a pretty standard style for AEW/ROH and he is only going to get so far as a result. I'm not sure how to fix that, but for now, he is going to be stuck as little more than the technically sound lackey that he has been for a good while.

Video on Bandido.

The MxM Collection is ready for Bandido to face Mansoor. He gives a speech in Spanish, with Taya Valkyrie translating, including asking for the location of the library.

### Athena vs. Rachel Armstrong

Non-title Proving Ground match, meaning if Armstrong wins or

survives the ten minute time limit, she gets a future title shot. Athena decks her at the bell to start fast, including the forearms in the corner. An armdrag sends Athena down though and Armstrong grabs a quick DDT. They go outside, where Athena reverses a dive to send her into the barricade. Back in and Armstrong reverses a powerbomb into a hurricanrana. A 450 misses though and Athena grabs a sitout straitjacket powerbomb for the pin at 4:54.

**Rating:** C+. Yeah that's more like it from Athena, who is at least back to add some additional star power around here. As dominant as she is, she is pretty clearly the biggest full time star on the show but she is dying for some fresh challengers. I'm not sure who that is, but at least she is back to do something for a change.

Post match Athena goes after Armstrong again but Thunder Rosa makes the save. Ok that's at least a viable challenger.

We go to the desert where a bunch of people are staggering around...and find a peacock feather. Then a spaceship lands (just go with it) and Dalton Castle is back, telling the Boys that it's time to go break some hearts.

**Overall Rating:** C+. The last minute and a half of this show made it that much better, as it's hard to not like Castle and Athena vs. Rosa has some potential. Other than that, this show was about forty minutes long and felt a good bit more to the point than usual. They need to start the focus towards Supercard Of Honor though, and Athena vs. Rosa would do nicely as a main event. Good enough show here, but they need to get to the important stuff sooner than later.

### Results

Thunder Rosa/Persephone b. Dulce Tormenta/Leila Grey – Seated cobra clutch to Tormenta

Frat House b. ???/??? – Running boot/flapjack combination

Wheeler Yuta b. Aaron Solo – Running knee

Athena b. Rachel Armstrong – Sitout straitjacket powerbomb

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# Ring Of Honor – May 29, 2025: All The Guest Stars

## Ring Of Honor

Date: May 29, 2025

Location: Masonic Temple Theater, Detroit, Michigan

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

We're finally getting closer to Supercard To Honor and that means we might actually get a big story around here for once. Then again you never know what you're going to see around here as ROH tends to take its sweet time setting up the big events. In this case we're also getting closer to the Women's Pure Wrestling Title being a thing. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

We run down the card.

Trish Adora vs. La Catalina

The Infantry is here with Adora. They take turns shoving each other down until Catalina grabs a headlock. That's broken up so Catalina snaps off some armdrags, followed by a running dropkick. Adora is right back up with a knockdown and starts cranking on the arm. The Air Raid Crash stretch is broken up and Catalina is back with a running boot. A Pedigree gives Catalina two and a bridging German suplex gives Adora the same. They go up top and Catalina slips down into an electric chair, followed by a top rope splash for the pin at 7:12.

**Rating:** C+. Catalina continues to be someone who works well when given the chance, but she hasn't had all that much success against bigger names. Until that comes, this is about all she's likely to do, though hopefully we get to see her doing more. The division needs some fresh blood and Catalina could be part of that.

Post match respect is shown.

Taya Valkyrie brags about her star power and calls the tournament a casting call for the main character. Which is her you see.

#### Lance Archer vs. Diego Hill

Hill's springboard high crossbody is knocked out of the air and a swinging Rock Bottom puts him down again. Archer's nose is busted open somewhere in there and he grabs something like a standing Sharpshooter for the tap at 2:10. The blood dripping off Archer's face is eerie.

Post match Archer gives him the Blackout for a bonus.

Athena is back next week. In person I'm assuming.

We go to this weekend's Dean Rasmussen tribute show, co-promoted with Action Wrestling.

#### Ring Of Honor Pure Title: Lee Moriarty vs. Matt Mako

Moriarty is defending. Mako, who is known for his cross armbreaker, grabs a cross armbreaker and Moriarty uses his first rope break about 40 seconds in. Back up and Moriarty runs the ropes to grab the Border City Stretch, making it a rope break each. A springboard clothesline sets up something like a seated Octopus to keep Mako in trouble.

Mako belly to back suplexes his way to freedom and a spinwheel kick cuts Moriarty off. They fight over a suplex until Moriarty gets in another Border City Stretch to make Mako use another rope break. Mako superplexes him into a Falcon Arrow and the cross armbreaker sends Moriarty over for another rope break of his own. They trade rollups for two each until Moriarty pulls him into another Border City Stretch, this time with a foot on Mako's face for the tap to retain at 10:04.

**Rating:** C+. I haven't seen much of Mako, but I've liked what I've seen in him so far. That being said, there is only so much that you're going to get out of being in a Pure Rules match. The whole thing continues to feel like something that is tacked on I'm really not sure why it needs to be its own championship.

Post match, respect is shown.

Also from the Rasmussen show:

Blue Panther/Hologram/Neon/Valiente/Virus vs. Averno/Dr. Cerebro/Euforia/Volador Jr./Xelhua

So this is a Torneo Cibernetico, which is a ten man survival match. Panther wrestles Xelhua down to the floor to start but Xelhua is right back with a leglock and we stop for a standoff. Cerebro and Virus come in to continue the grappling until Virus takes him down by the leg. Virus' armbar is broken up and they go to another standoff. They shake hands and it's off to Valiente vs. the much bigger Euforia. A running hurricanrana sends Euforia outside and we get Neon vs. Volador.

That means a single running hurricanrana and Volador is outside, so it's Hologram vs. Averno to complete the first run through. Hologram spins around and grabs an ankle scissors out to the floor for the big dive. Back in and we get some rapid fire tags until Virus suplexes Xelhua a few times for two each. Virus ties up the arms and neck and Xelhua taps for the first elimination at 9:10.

It's off to Cerebro but Volador pulls Virus outside. The brawl doesn't last long until it's Euforia super press slams Virus. A powerbomb gives Euforia the pin on Virus to tie it up at 11:04. Panther comes in and gets double stomped down but fights up to clean house anyway. It's off to Valiente, who tries to take Volador down but gets caught with a Backstabber for the pin at 13:21.

Neon gets triple teamed and pulled out to the floor, with Hologram getting the same treatment. A running dropkick takes Hologram down but Panther is back in with a tilt-a-whirl backbreaker. Neon and Hologram hit back to back high crossbodies to take Euforia down, only for Hologram to superkick Neon by mistake. Euforia wrecks the two of them until a super hurricanrana takes him down. A moonsault into a top rope double stomp gives Hologram the pin on Euforia and we're tied up at 16:33.

Panther comes in and gets rolled up by Cerebro but Panther stacks him up for the pin at 17:25. It's off to Neon vs. Averno with the latter getting his boots up to block a moonsault. Neon runs the corner for a rather spinning armdrag but Averno is back with a super Pedigree (ouch) for the pin at 19:02.

So it's Hologram/Panther vs. Averno/Volador with Panther clotheslining Averno but getting sat on the top. A double superplex drops Panther, with Hologram having to make a save. Panther cuts off a double monkey flip, allowing Hologram to get a double cover for two in a clever move. Back up and a

superbomb/Backstabber get stereo near falls on Hologram and Panther but they're back with a cradle/torture rack bomb for the double pin at 23:56.

**Rating:** B-. This is the definition of not something I'm overly familiar with, as I've only heard a few of the names before. I did like what I was seeing though as the concept wasn't hard to understand and the action was good. It's not something I'd like to watch week after week, but it was more than fun enough to work for a week.

We look at the Hurt Syndicate beating the Sons Of Texas at Double Or Nothing.

### Satnam Singh vs. Facade

Facade tries some kicks to the legs to start and is loudly chopped for his efforts. Some big beals send Facade flying and the comeback is cut off by a chokeslam to give Singh the pin at 3:28.

**Rating:** C-. This was a slightly extended version of the usual Singh match and that means it was...well it was a giant squashing a non-giant. They've figured out that Singh is basically the ROH version of an attraction and that's as good of a use as he has at the moment. Let him go out there and have the fans go ooooo at him. It's something that has worked for giants over the years and it's working again now.

We look at Hologram and Bandido's team winning an eight man tag at Double Or Nothing.

### Frat House vs. Rhino/Hologram

Hologram and Garrison start things off with an exchange of dives over the other. Hologram sends him into the corner and it's off to Karter, with Rhino coming in as well. For some reason Karter slaps him in the face, earning a running shoulder in the corner. Everything breaks down and Jakked

Jameson offers a distraction so Preston Vance can send Hologram into the barricade. A double flapjack plants Hologram but he strikes his way to freedom. Hologram gets over for the tag to Rhino, who snaps off the belly to belly for two on Garrison. Hologram hits a dive and Rhino hits the Gore for the pin on Garrison at 7:29.

**Rating:** C. This was a perfect example of “send them home happy” and it went fine. Rhino is a hometown star and he came in to help a popular wrestler against some goofs. It’s a story that works well for a one off, with the assist coming from Rhino still being able to carry his own in the ring.

**Overall Rating:** C+. It wasn’t a show you needed to see or a show with much going on, but it was also a very different kind of show than you usually see from Ring Of Honor. I’ll definitely take that over what we tend to get, as it at least had me wondering what I was going to see. Now just start talking about Supercard Of Honor, because it’s getting close.

### Results

La Catalina b. Trish Adora – Top rope splash

Lance Archer b. Diego Hill – Standing leglock

Lee Moriarty b. Matt Mako – Border City Stretch

Blue Panther/Hologram/Neon/Virus/Xelhua b. Valiente/Averno/Dr.

Cerebro/Euforia/Volador Jr. – Double pin

Satnam Singh b. Facade – Chokeslam

Rhino/Hologram b. Frat House – Gore to Garrison

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# Ring Of Honor – May 23, 2025 (Friday Show): Thank Goodness For Blake Christian

## Ring Of Honor

Date: May 23, 2025

Location: Masonic Temple Theater, Detroit, Michigan

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

It's another Friday show due to Collision airing on Thursday due to Double Or Nothing weekend. On paper that means we should be in for something a bit more special than usual but Ring Of Honor does not tend to follow logic. Hopefully it works out here with an entertaining outing but you never can tell. Let's get to it.

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Athena (haven't seen her in a bit) isn't happy enough to make jokes at the moment so she's getting to the point: Billie Starkz is entering the Women's Pure Title tournament. No one can interfere to help her so for once, do your job and come home with some gold.

Opening sequence.

We run down the card.

## Marina Shafir vs. Laynie Luck

Shafir goes for the arm off the handshake to start and goes for an early cross armbreaker. Luck manages to get to the apron and goes for the legs but Shafir pulls her into a triangle choke. Some hard shots to the head set up a running

knee in the corner for some near falls as the destruction is on. Luck pulls a sunset flip into an STF out of nowhere (the fans are VERY happy) but Shafir is back out. An enziguri rocks Shafir but she pulls Luck into Mother's Milk for the fast win at 4:10.

**Rating:** C. This was more or less a squash until Luck got in a bit of offense, only to get smashed again. That's what you expect from a Shafir match and thankfully the fans are enough behind Luck that they cared what they were seeing. Shafir can be fun to watch when she gets to smash through some people and that's what we saw here.

### Gringo Loco vs. Blake Christian

Lee Johnson is here with Christian, who jumps Loco to start and stomps away in the corner. The fans are behind Loco, who gets taken down with an anklescissors, but comes back with a knockdown of his own. A top rope spinning split legged moonsault gets two on Christian and they both go up.

Something like a DDT onto the top turnbuckle sends Loco outside and a diving DDT over the bottom rope takes him down again. Back in and Christian hits a flipping splash and drops a leg to keep Loco in trouble. The taunting takes too long though and Loco pulls him into a pumphandle swinging Downward Spiral.

Loco goes up and gets caught in a super hurricanrana, setting up a 450 double stomp to give Christian two. They both go up again, with Loco hitting a super Spanish Fly for his own near fall as the fans are WAY into this. A pumphandle piledriver is broken up and Christian hits a 619 to the ribs. Christian hits a poisonrana and the Vanilla Choke Zero finishes Loco at 8:39.

**Rating:** B. WHERE THE HECK DID THAT COME FROM? I was expecting nothing more than a generic, basic match here and they went out and came this close to tearing the house down. This was a heck of an entertaining match with one high spot after

another. Rather good stuff here and I'll absolutely take this as a huge surprise.

We look at Billie Starkz winning the Women's TV Title tournament.

### Queen Aminata vs. Allysin Kay

Pure Rules. Aminata pulls her down for a full nelson with the legs and Kay uses her first rope break less than a minute in. The Rings Of Saturn send Kay straight over to the ropes again and she comes up with a right hand for the first warning. Kay gives her a fall away slam to send Aminata outside, where Kay bites her finger. Back in and they trade strikes to the face, with Kay's big kick getting two. Aminata headbutts her down and ties up...well almost everything for the tap at 6:07.

**Rating:** C. If there is a point to this division, title or tournament, it is completely eluding me. The men's division barely exists and now we are getting a third women's title for no apparent reason. It's not like there was anything special to the match in the first place and it just came and went, with a tournament of them coming in the next few weeks. Why that is supposed to be interesting is beyond me but here we are.

Serena Deeb is tired of coming here and never winning anything in years. Now she has heard about the Pure Rules Title and knows that is tailor made for her. She's done waiting and being patient and is going to win because this is hers.

Double Or Nothing rundown.

### Barbaro Cavernario/Hechicero/Volador Jr. vs. Atlantis Jr./Neon/Fuego

Fuego and Volador start things off with Fuego taking over, meaning it's time for some dancing. Cavernario comes in and gets taken down, with Hechicero getting the same treatment.

Back in and some triple teaming takes Atlantis down but he fights out without much effort. Neon comes in for a springboard armdrag out of the corner but Hechicero grabs him from the apron. A double powerbomb plants Neon and it's back to Fuego, who gets taken down as well.

Fuego gets tossed into the air for a missile dropkick and it's back to Atlantis, who gets kicked in the chest. A reverse monkey flip into a double knee to the face gets two on Atlantis, who fights up to knock Cavernario...into the Worm? Everything breaks down and Fuego and Neon hit stereo dives but Cavernario drops Atlantis. A running springboard splash hits raised knees though and a Canadian Destroyer plants Cavernario. The frog splash gives Atlantis the pin at 8:06.

**Rating:** B-. It was the usual fun match but "the usual" is the problem. Ring Of Honor has been running these matches for a few months now and while they're quick fun, there's nothing here that really stands out. Atlantis continues to be one of the least interesting stars I've seen in a long time and that was on full display here. Fuego and Neon are fun, but these matches might as well be on a loop because nothing about them is unique in the slightest.

**Overall Rating:** C+. Thank goodness for Blake Christian here, as he and Loco stole this otherwise completely forgettable show. I have no idea what was supposed to be special about this episode, but that is pretty par for the course for Ring Of Honor. The wrestlers work hard, but there is nothing about this show that feels important, special, memorable or engaging in the slightest most weeks. In other words, this was as Ring Of Honor as you could get.

### Results

Marina Shafir b. Laynie Luck – Mother's Milk

Blake Christian b. Gringo Loco – Vanilla Choke Zero

Queen Aminata b. Allysin Kay – Seated Octopus

Atlantis Jr./Neon/Fuego b. Babaro Cavernario/Hechicero/Volador

Jr. – Frog splash to Cavernario

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# Ring Of Honor – May 15, 2025: The Always Duldrums

## Ring Of Honor

Date: May 15, 2025

Location: Adrian Phillips Theater At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

We're on the way to Supercard Of Honor with less than two months to go before the show. Therefore, Ring Of Honor will likely spend about a month and a half spinning its wheels before we actually find out most of the card. Other than that, we are likely going to get the start of the Women's Pure Title tournament, because that's a thing as well. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

We run down the card.

Wheeler Yuta vs. Matt Mako

Yuta takes him down by the arm to start but Mako manages to reverse into something like a cross armbreaker. That's broken up with a kick to the face and Yuta drops an elbow, allowing him to pose a bit. Yuta ties up the leg for a bit and then slowly kicks Mako in the head. A German suplex sends Mako into the corner for a running elbow to the face.

Something like an Angle Slam drops Mako and Yuta grabs a cravate on the mat. Mako fights up and grabs a butterfly suplex before grabbing a quickly broken cross armbreaker. The running knee sets up the elbows to the face and the Cattle Mutilation finishes for Yuta at 6:06.

**Rating:** C+. I've seen Mako before and he had a good look and the intensity that can make for a promising prospect. Hopefully he gets a chance to do something else because he took a loss to a bigger name here. That being said, Yuta is still what he has been for a long time now: perfectly fine in the ring and not interesting in the slightest.

Video on Josh Woods vs. Tom Lawlor, which will be taking place at a show AEW is co-promoting with Action Wrestling.

### Trish Adora vs. Rachael Ellering

The Infantry is here with Adora. They grapple around to start and Adora grabs a headlock. That's broken up so they do a crisscross until Ellering elbows her in the face. A basement kick to the face gives Ellering two but Adora is back up with an armbar. Adora's fisherman's suplex gets two and the Lariat Tubman finishes Adora at 3:54.

**Rating:** C. The match didn't have much time and it only got so far. At the end of the day though, it's hard to get interested here as neither of these two have been treated as anything important in a long time. It doesn't help that neither are seemingly in contention for any of the titles around here, which is impressive given how many titles there are.

Red Velvet is tired of hearing about the Women's Pure Wrestling Title and wants some more respect.

Video on the Frat House vs. the Dark Order, because that deserves extra attention.

### Frat House vs. Dark Order

The rest of the Frat House is here with Griff Garrison/Cole Karter. Reynolds and Karter start things off with Karter working on the arm. Back up and Reynolds hits a heck of a clothesline but Uno has to save him from a double suplex. A double neckbreaker drops the villains and Uno comes in to hammer on Garrison in the corner. Preston Vance grabs Uno's leg though and Uno gets pulled outside for a clothesline from Karter.

Garrison's elbow to the face gets two on Uno and some more shots to the face draw Reynolds in. That doesn't go well either but Uno fights out of trouble and dives over for the tag to Reynolds. A big suicide dive hits Karter as Uno has to take out the Frat House pledges. The Gory Bomb/Codebreaker combination hits Garrison but Jameson gets on the apron. Uno intercepts the paddle but the distraction lets Vance hit a discus lariat to give Garrison the pin at 8:43.

**Rating:** C+. This is another of those stories that keeps going around here and it doesn't feel like it's anything more than a way to fill in time. The Frat House accurately pointed out that the Order hasn't meant anything in forever and the Frat House has never meant anything. That doesn't make for a thrilling TV match but these guys are on the show over and over again no matter what.

### MxM Collection/Premiere Athletes vs. Sons Of Texas/Von Erichs

Marshall and Daivari start things off with Marshall quickly getting taken down to the mat for some rapid fire stomping. Mansoor comes in to chop away in the corner but a single shot

allows the tag off to Ross. House is quickly cleaned and it's off to Guevara to take Mansoor down and strike a pose. Ross comes back in but Mark Sterling offers a distraction, allowing Mansoor to get in backplash and take over.

Back in and Daivari grabs a chinlock but a...well it would usually be a splash but Daivari turned like a high crossbody. Either way the crash allows the tag off to Rhodes, with Cross Rhodes getting two on Nese. Everything breaks down and a powerbomb/neckbreaker combination takes Guevara down. A double clothesline leaves everyone but Rhodes down so he gives Sterling Shattered Dreams. A Canadian Destroyer drops Mansoor and Ross Claws Nese for the win at 7:17.

**Rating:** C+. What else is there to say about the Rhodes stuff? Rhodes is the undisputed top star around here and has been treated as the most important person in Ring Of Honor for several months. I'm not sure what kind of all time legendary status he's supposed to have but that's what we've been getting. I keep hoping that it ends at All In, but odds are that's his whole big heroic moment and I have no idea where it goes next. The match itself was nothing as usual, which shouldn't be a surprise.

Post match Cru comes out to stare at the Sons Of Texas to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C. It isn't a good sign when the best thing you can say about a show is that it was fairly short but that's all we have here. Ring Of Honor continues to be little more than filler content that is there because it has to be. It should get a bit better when we're ready for Supercard Of Honor but until then, we're stuck with dull shows like this one.

### Results

Wheeler Yuta b. Matt Mako – Cattle Mutilation

Trish Adora b. Rachael Ellering – Lariat Tubman

Frat House b. Dark Order – Discus lariat to Uno  
Sons Of Texas/Von Erichs b. MxM Collection/Premiere Athletes –  
Claw to Nese

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## **Ring Of Honor – May 9, 2025 (Friday Show): At Its Worst**

### **Ring Of Honor**

Date: May 9, 2025

Location: Adrian Phillips Theater At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

We are closing in on Supercard Of Honor, which means that Ring Of Honor will likely not bring the show up for about another month. That doesn't make for the most thrilling show, but at least this one is on Friday so maybe they'll try something different. You never know around here though so let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

We run down the card.

### Jay Lethal vs. Atlantis Jr.

They trade armdrags to start and Lethal is sent to the floor, where he gets taken down by a fast dive. Lethal is right back up for a dive of his own, only for Atlantis to move before the second. Atlantis' dive connects for two but Lethal knocks him down again. It's too early for Hail To The King though as Atlantis rolls outside. Back in and Atlantis catches him on top for a superplex but Lethal starts going after the leg. A dragon screw legwhip sets up the Figure Four, which is broken up rather quickly. The cutter drops Atlantis, who is right back with a powerslam. The frog splash gives Atlantis the pin at 7:46.

**Rating:** C+. I've said it before and it's still true: Atlantic Jr. is not very interesting. Technically he's perfectly competent and his matches aren't bad, but he's a more generic luchador than El Generico could ever dream of being. That was on display here, as it was a completely fine match which did very little to pique my interest in either of them.

### Leila Grey vs. Marina Shafir

Shafir starts fast by kicking her down and then choking in the corner. A throw takes Grey down again for some near falls before Shafir ties up various limbs on the mat. Grey fights up with a dropkick but gets kicked down again. Shafir grabs Mother's Milk for the win at 4:59.

**Rating:** C. So Shafir is the big mighty guardian of the World Title belt (which she didn't have here) and gets to smash through someone like Grey to prove that. It seemed like Grey was starting to become something around here, but instead here she is, mostly getting squashed by Shafir. As usual, the Death Riders take over just about everything else and dominate

whatever they touch, because we're just lucky that way.

### Lee Johnson/Blake Christian vs. Spanish Announce Project

Angelico works on Christian's arm to start but Christian slips out and dances a bit. Serpenticico comes in and gets hiptossed onto Christian, followed by some running shots in the corner. The villains send Serpenticico into the corner for some running shots to the head before Christian twists away at the neck.

That's broken up and a hurricanrana out of the corner gets Serpenticico over to Angelico. House is quickly cleaned and la majistral gets two on Johnson. A Downward Spiral into a Swanton gives Serpenticico two with Christian making the save. Johnson cuts Serpenticico off and holds him up for a super Canadian Destroyer. The brainbuster onto the knee finishes Serpenticico at 8:55.

**Rating:** C+. As usual, the tag division around here is nothing short of soul crushing. The matches are fine enough, but it's really hard to believe that any of these matches matter. Johnson and Christian are the latest team being added to the mix of teams who aren't going anywhere and are having the same matches week after week. Meanwhile, Rhodes and Guevara now have the longest title reign in about ten years. Again, lucky us.

### Deonna Purrazzo vs. Ashley Vox

Pure Rules, a first for women in ROH. Purrazzo spins out of a wristlock to start but can't get a triangle choke. Vox gets pulled into an armbar and has to use her first rope break. Back up and a springboard Downward Spiral gives Vox two but she walks into a backbreaker. Purrazzo grabs a half crab, sending Vox over to the ropes for her second break. Purrazzo's hanging DDT on the arm gets two and a clothesline gets the same. A powerbomb into the Venus de Milo finishes Vox at 5:56.

**Rating:** C. Yeah as has been the case since the whole

tournament was announced, I absolutely cannot fathom why this title needs to exist. We're literally going from women's Pure Rules matches not existing to a champion being crowned in a few months. The Women's Title hasn't been defended since February, but we're getting a third title. That doesn't seem like the best idea, but tournaments a go-go baby!

Queen Aminata is preparing for the Women's Pure Title tournament.

### Red Velvet vs. Laynie Luck

Non-title Proving Ground match, meaning if Luck wins or survives the ten minute time limit, she gets a future title shot. Lucy starts fast with a suplex but a wheelbarrow suplex is countered into a Downward Spiral. Velvet ties her up in the ring skirt and chops away, followed by some rapid fire stomps in the corner. Luck pops up with a quick Death Valley Driver for two but Velvet's spinning kick tot he head gets the same. The flipping faceplant finishes Luck at 5:11.

**Rating:** C. Maybe I'm just missing it, but Velvet is only doing so much for me at the moment. She's fine enough as a heel and getting better in the ring, but it's only so much. Again, it doesn't help that it feels like she's a champion because Athena isn't defending her title very often, but there's only so much you can get out of doing just that.

Nick Wayne is ready to win the Best Of The Super Juniors in New Japan.

### Satnam Singh vs. Lord Crewe

Singh unveils a Detroit Pistons jersey because this show is taped in multiple locations. Crewe can't slam him to start and gets hiptossed down in a hurry. The loud chops in the corner connect and Singh tosses him around some more. The nerve hold goes on for a bit, followed by the chokeslam to finish for Singh at 3:39.

**Rating:** C-. The key to a giant like Singh is to get him in and out of there quickly and pushing four minutes is going longer than it needs to. You're only going to get so much out of having him there doing his thing for a slightly extended match. I do like Singh being more of a crowd friendly guy, but keep him out there as an attraction rather than a wrestler and it'll be a lot better.

### Gringo Loco vs. Bandido

Non-title Proving Ground match, meaning if Loco wins or lasts the ten minute time limit, he gets a future title shot. They run the ropes to start but then stop for a dance off. A running hurricanrana sends Loco to the floor and Bandido takes him down out there as well. Back in and a springboard spinning crossbody is dropkicked out of the air, setting up a springboard split legged moonsault for two.

A spinning sitout powerbomb gives Loco two but Bandido is back up with a spinning DDT. Bandido's frog splash gets two but the 21 Plex is blocked. They both go up top and Loco hits a super moonsault Angle Slam (or whatever you would call...that) for two. Bandido is right back up with a super hurricanrana into a Shining Wizard for the win at 6:16 (with Justin Roberts saying he's the TV Champion).

**Rating:** B-. This was good stuff, as you probably expected based on who was in there. It's nice to have Bandido being a fairly regular presence on the show, but it would be nicer to have him do something that feels like a feud. Loco was his usual entertaining self, even if there was no reason to believe he was going to win here.

**Overall Rating:** C-. This was the bad kind of Ring Of Honor, as it felt like a show that was just there because it had to be. Nothing on here felt like it was building to anything in the future, there are still FAR too many titles running around and it doesn't feel like anything is going to change based on what

we saw here. It's just a dull show and that seems to be the case by design, which astounds me to no end.

### Results

Atlantis Jr. b. Jay Lethal – Frog splash

Marina Shafir b. Leila Grey – Mother's Milk

Lee Johnson/Blake Christian b. Spanish Announce Project – Brainbuster onto the knee to Serpentic

Deonna Purrazzo b. Ashley Vox – Venus de Milo

Red Velvet b. Laynie Luck – Flipping faceplant

Satnam Singh b. Lord Crewe – Chokeslam

Bandido b. Gringo Loco – Shining Wizard

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# **Ring Of Honor – May 1, 2025: Why Should I Pick This?**

### Ring Of Honor

Date: May 1, 2025

Location: MGM Music Hall At Fenway, Boston, Massachusetts

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

We're slowly coming up on Supercard Of Honor but that's far

too early to start getting ready around here. In this case we need a lot of title matches to be set up, but this week will see Red Velvet defending the Women's North American Title against La Catalina. Other than that, it's like your usual guessing game of what is coming so let's get to it.

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

We look at Bandido retaining the ROH World Title over Dralístico.

Opening sequence.

We run down the card.

Leila Grey vs. Mina Shirakawa

Shirakawa drop toeholds her down to start and dances a bit but Grey gets in a takedown of her own. Grey is back with a running Blockbuster into a dance of her own but an attempt at going after the leg doesn't work. A Sling Blade gives Shirakawa two and a Figure Four makes Grey tap at 4:57.

**Rating:** C+. These two both have great charisma and it helped make the match a bit better. Shirakawa brings energy to a match like few others anywhere in wrestling today and it was fun seeing her do so again here. Grey continues to feel like a prospect and thankfully isn't going to hurt her very much to lose to someone of Shirakawa's status.

We look at Johnny TV and the MxM Collection beating down Dustin Rhodes and company.

Johnny TV/MxM Collection vs. Rosario Grillo/Kameron Russell/Allen Russell

Mansoor and Grillo start things off, but Mansoor asks why he's doing this and brings Madden in instead. Grillo's leg dive doesn't work and it's off to Allen, who gets his chest caved in with a double chop. The villains take Allen down and hit a

triple pose, allowing the tag off to Kameron. A dive is cut off with a choke and Mansoor adds a backplash. The chokeslam sets up the Centerfold to give Madden the pin at 5:24.

**Rating:** C. TV and the Collection are a fine enough heel team but then I can't get around the fact that they're being set up for another match against Dustin Rhodes and the Von Erichs. Why Rhodes is at worst the second biggest star in Ring Of Honor is beyond me but that is where we have been for months now. It pulls the life out of these matches, especially when Rhodes and company have already beaten the Collection and TV.

#### Women's TV Title: La Catalina vs. Red Velvet

Velvet is defending and dances rather than shake hands. Catalina armdrags her down to start and dances a bit before Velvet grinds away on a headlock. A cheap shot has Catalina angry so she hits a basement dropkick to cut her down. Velvet is knocked outside for an apron Blockbuster but she trips Catalina down and mocks the fans (Velvet: "You're not cheering now."). Catalina's leg is wrapped around the post and then around the ropes but she's fine enough to hit a running knee.

A running shot in the corner sets up a fisherman's suplex for two on Velvet, followed by a Pedigree for the same. Back up and Velvet sends her throat first into the middle rope for some running knees to the neck. Velvet kicks her down for two but Catalina hits a middle rope shotgun dropkick. An electric chair drop looks to set up a frog splash but Velvet is there to cut her off. Velvet grabs a half crab (and the rope) and Catalina taps at 9:11.

**Rating:** B-. Nice enough match here, though it's still hard to care that much about Velvet. She's fine in the ring but she's been champion for over nine months and it's often difficult to even remember she has the title. ROH absolutely does not need two women's titles (certainly not three) and while Velvet has done fine with the title, it would make a grand total of no

important difference if it was gone.

### Frat House vs. Spanish Announce Project

Yes, somehow it's Angelico/Serpentico vs. Griff Garrison/Cole Karter again. It's a brawl to start fast with the Project taking over in the corners. Garrison gets clotheslined down as commentary goes nuts hyping up the big Texas trip. Serpentico takes Garrison down with a dive but Karter grabs an ankle to take over. A double suplex plants Serpentico again and the chinlock keeps him in trouble.

Back up and Serpentico gets in a hurricanrana for a breather, allowing the diving tag off to Angelico. Karter and Angelico slug it out until the latter kicks him in the head for two. It's already back to Serpentico as everything breaks down. Karter and Angelico hit stereo crossbodies but the rest of the Frat House gets involved to take out Serpentico. Karter's spinning DDT finishes Serpentico at 7:34.

**Rating:** C. The Frat House being another way to spice up Karter and Garrison is kind of fascinating, as I can't fathom what anyone sees in them as a team. They're perfectly middle of the road, which makes me wonder why in the world they've been given this many shots. Throw in that they fought the Project for more than six months and my goodness this was a chore to watch.

Post match the beatdown is on but Bandido makes the save to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C. This show was a perfect illustration of Ring Of Honor's major issues: these wrestlers are only so interesting and they aren't on AEW TV as a result. You've got some people here who would be fine on the bigger shows, but asking fans to get interested in seeing them go it alone for about 45 minutes a week is a lot. The wrestling was perfectly adequate, but with so many options out there to pick from for good wrestling these days, why in the world would anyone go

out of their way to watch this stuff?

### Results

Mina Shirakawa b. Leila Grey – Figure Four

Johnny TV/MxM Collection b. Rosario Grillo/Allen  
Russell/Kameron Russell – Centerfold to Kameron

Red Velvet b. La Catalina – Half crab

Frat House b. Spanish Announce Project – Spinning DDT to  
Serpentico

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# **Ring Of Honor – April 24, 2025: Wake Me When It's Over**

## Ring Of Honor

Date: April 24, 2025

Location: MGM Music Hall At Fenway, Boston, Massachusetts

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

We're in another weird period as Supercard Of Honor has been  
moved to the summer, meaning we have a few weeks where very  
little is going to matter. Maybe it has something to do with  
nothing being announced for a show which would have been held

next week. Either way, we could use some fresh challengers for various titles so let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

We run down the card.

Premiere Athletes/The Righteous vs. Spanish Announce Project/Kingdom

The Athletes take Angelico into the corner for the early beating but it's quickly off to Serpentico for a knockdown. Serpentico is hiptossed onto Nese for two and it's Taven coming in for a dropkick. Bennett's clothesline gets two and Nese bails out to the floor, with the chase resulting in Bennett taking a beating.

Back in and the Righteous takes turns beating on Bennett, with Dutch's clothesline getting two. The chinlock goes on and Nese comes in for one of his own. Bennett fights out and the big tag brings in Taven to clean house. A superkick into the Lionsault gets two on Daivari and Serpentico comes in off a blind tag. Everything breaks down and the Boss Man Slam into Orange Sunshine finishes Serpentico at 8:13.

**Rating:** C. This was the latest match involving all of the tag teams around here and there is only so much you can get out of these teams who are not going anywhere anytime soon. That is the problem with the tag division basically being Rhodes and Guevara and one other team at a time, because...oh you know the rest by now. It's the same problem it's been for months and it isn't changing.

Crowbar vs. Lance Archer

Yes the one from WCW and he's in good shape. Crowbar drops to his back a few times and gets forearmed in the face before the bell. Archer grabs a suplex and Crowbar is sent outside, where

he gets in a shot of his own. Back in and Archer knocks him down again, only to miss a charge in the corner. Crowbar drops some legs between the legs for two but Crowbar takes too long going for the crowbar, meaning it's a chokeslam. The Blackout finishes for Archer at 4:51.

**Rating:** C. There is something amazing about seeing someone like Crowbar, who hasn't been around on the big stage in decades, showing up here for a perfectly fine match. He's in good shape for someone at his age and he didn't get entirely destroyed here. Not a great match or anything, but a nice little surprise.

We look at Nick Wayne winning the TV Title last week. On Collision of course.

### Red Velvet vs. Ashley Vox

Non-title Proving Ground match meaning if Vox wins or lasts the ten minute time limit, she gets a future Women's TV Title shot. Vox's rather firm handshake is pulled into a clothesline and Velvet starts fast. Velvet knocks her down again and we hit the chinlock with a knee in Vox's back. Vox fights up but gets hammered in the corner. Another comeback works a bit better as Vox hits a running knee into a spinning clothesline for two. Back up and Velvet knocks her cold with the big left hand for the win at 4:28.

**Rating:** C-. They didn't have much time to do much here and Vox is a decent enough independent star but you can only get so much out of a women's midcard title when it doesn't need to be there in the first place. The division barely exists as Athena has destroyed everyone so it's a collection of losers. That doesn't make for an interesting title picture and it's only going to get worse with a third title being brought into the division.

Post match La Catalina comes out for a staredown.

Leila Grey, Taya Valkyrie and Deonna Purrazzo are in the Women's Pure Rules Title. For those not keeping track: the men's version has only been defended twice this year.

### Mark Briscoe/AR Fox/Top Flight vs. Shane Taylor Promotions

Briscoe and Taylor slug it out to start until Briscoe's crossbody is pulled out of the air. Fox and Moriarty come in with Fox taking over, including knocking Bravo down as well. Back in and Bravo tosses Fox into a suplex from Dean and the villains take over. Bravo's gutbuster gets two and the chinlock goes on.

Fox fights up with a spinning suplex for the break and it's off to Darius to pick up the pace. House is cleaned, at least until Taylor gets in a big forearm. The splash gets two and Taylor's chop seems to destroy part of Darius' soul. Darius manages a running C4 to Dean and it's off to Dante to clean house. A springboard Swanton gets two on a standing Moriarty as everything breaks down. Fox dives onto Taylor on the floor and the Jay Driller finishes Dean at 8:27.

**Rating:** C+. At least some of the people involved here feel somewhat important, as that has not exactly been the case for most of this show. Briscoe is always worth a look and the Promotions are more or less the designated punching bags. Not exactly a great main event, but it's the best thing on the show this week.

**Overall Rating:** C-. On one hand, this show gets big points for only being about forty five minutes long, but on the other hand, my goodness did it feel like the most nothing show imaginable. None of the four matches on here felt important in the slightest and the only thing we got was a staredown about the...we'll say second most important women's title of the three. It certainly wasn't a terrible show, but I don't think they could have made it feel less important.

### Results

Righteous/Premiere Athletes b. Spanish Announce  
Project/Kingdom – Orange Sunshine to Serpentic  
Lance Archer b. Crowbar – Blackout  
Red Velvet b. Ashley Vox – Left hand  
Mark Briscoe/AR Fox/Top Flight b. Shane Taylor Promotions –  
Jay Driller to Dean

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# Ring Of Honor – April 18, 2025: They Did A Sequel

## Ring Of Honor

Date: April 18, 2025

Location: MassMutual Center, Springfield, Massachusetts

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

It's time for the second Ring Of Honor show of the week as we are coming off a bonus episode yesterday afternoon. In theory, that should mean that we are in for some better than usual stuff here, with the weaker, less important stuff burned off yesterday. We are only a few weeks away from Supercard Of Honor as well so let's get to it.

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

### Bandido/Komander vs. Infantry

No entrances here, likely to hide that Komander had the TV Title when this was taped. It's a brawl to start with Bandido slugging away at Bravo but getting taken out for a whip into the barricade. Back in and they be clubberin at Bandido in the corner before a leglock keeps him down.

A Demolition Decapitator gets two on Bandido but he gets over for the tag without much trouble. Everything breaks down and Dean is sent outside, drawing Shane Taylor up to the apron. That's fine with Bandido, who sunset bombs Taylor onto the rest of the Promotions. Komander moonsaults onto them, leaving Bandido to hit the 21 Plex for the pin at 5:56.

**Rating:** C+. Bandido is the featured star of the promotion these days so of course he's opening the show against a midcard tag team. At least he got the win, but this feels like a match that was put together before they knew Bandido was going to be the champion. If that's the case, it makes me wonder why it still happened, but at least the right person won.

### Six Man Tag Team Titles: Dustin Rhodes/Von Erichs vs. MxM Collection/Johnny TV

Rhodes and the Von Erichs are defending for the first time since July but get jumped from behind during their entrance. We get inside where TV beats on the banged up Ross and the bell officially rings. Marshall fights up and slugs away at Mansoor, setting up a Cannonball for two. Ross comes in for a rather aggressive headlock but Madden tags himself in for a Harlem Heat Heat Seeker.

Taya Valkyrie gets in some stomps on the floor and a Sidewinder gives Mansoor two. Rhodes, still banged up from the attack before the bell, is knocked down again but Marshall low

bridges Madden to the floor. A clothesline gives Ross a breather but Madden pulls Marshall to the floor. The tag brings in Rhodes instead and everything breaks down, with a bulldog getting two on TV. Everything breaks down and the Collection gets a double Shattered Dreams. The Claw puts Mansoor in trouble and the Final Reckoning to TV retains the titles at 11:12.

**Rating:** C+. That's what we've waited about eight months to see and it's the same problem as always: Rhodes and the Von Erichs aren't that interesting. This match was built around Rhodes getting the hot tag so he could clean house. Rhodes isn't exactly a big enough star to make this interesting and having him hold two titles for so many months isn't making it that much better. I'll take this over the titles not being defended, but not by much.

#### Lee Johnson vs. Sammy Guevara

Blake Christian is here with Johnson. Guevara grabs a headlock to start but can't get anywhere and they both nip up for a standoff. Back up and Guevara hits a dropkick but Christian pulls him face first onto the apron. Johnson fires off some shoulders to the ribs but Guevara fights up to knock him down. A cutter gives Guevara two and he pulls Johnson into a rollup for the pin at 5:50.

**Rating:** C. Guevara feels like he's the partner you had to pick in Wrestlemania 2000's Road To Wrestlemania mode but he actually has to have matches. That doesn't make for the most thrilling stuff, as every bit of Guevara's star power has gone sailing away. That's a shame as he's that talented, but being Dustin Rhodes' (the main character in the game) sidekick isn't the way to go.

Post match Christian jumps Guevara but Dustin Rhodes makes the save. Johnny TV and the MxM Collection run in for the save, as do the Von Erichs. The villains beat them down and Guevara

covers Rhodes from the beating.

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### Jon Cruz/Rosario Grillo vs. Dark Order

It's a brawl to start with the Order cleaning house, setting up Reynolds' running elbow in the corner to Cruz. That's broken up and it's off to Uno, who hits the Gory Bomb/Codebreaker combination for the pin at 3:30.

**Rating:** C. This really is the best they have for their Wrestlemania Week show. The Dark Order haven't felt important in the better part of ever and putting them out there against Cruz and his partner of the week isn't going to make that any better. The match barely had time to do anything and that might be the best way to go.

Post match the Frat House comes out, complete with recruits, who the Frat House beat up. And now, a match.

### Frat House vs. Charles Mason/Love Doug/TJ Crawford

The Dark Order is watching from the aisle. The recruits are beaten down but Doug chops away for some reason, earning himself a discus lariat for the pin at 59 seconds.

Post match the beatdown continues until the Dark Order make the save. This passes for a personal feud around here.

Serena Deeb and Queen Aminata are in the first round of the Women's Pure Title tournament. Trash talk is exchanged. There is pretty much no reason for that title to exist but here it is anyway.

### Atlantis Jr./Esfinge/Fuego vs. Barbaro Cavernario/Euforia/Zandokan Jr.

We start fast with an exchange of kicks to the face and a

triple sunset flip for two each. Cavernario hits a running Vader Bomb for two on Fuego. Esfinge comes in and gets beaten out to the floor rather quickly. Fuego is back in for a double dropkick and it's Esfinge coming in to clean house.

An Alabama Slam out of the corner into a sitout powerbomb gives Zandokan two. Atlantis is there with a kick in the corner but he gets caught with a triple powerbomb. Euforia goes for Atlantis' mask to no avail and a double dropkick puts Atlantis down again. Fuego and Esfinge hit some dives before Atlantis' frog splash pins Euforia at 7:48.

**Rating:** B-. You know the same things I say about all of these CMLL six man tags? Update it to include this match. It's an entertaining match but there is pretty much nothing that makes it stand out in any way. You have a few new names included but I lost interest in these being anything more than fun filler a long time ago. Mainly because these things have been going on that long.

**Overall Rating:** C. Remember that this isn't just the best they have, but also the show after they got rid of a bunch of the filler yesterday. At the end of the day, this show feels so much like filler and there is no way around that. Instead of doing something interesting, it's the same people doing the same stuff with Dustin Rhodes being treated as the biggest star around. There is something that could be done with this show, but this absolutely wasn't it.

### Results

Bandido/Komander b. Infantry – 21 Plex to Bravo

Dustin Rhodes/Von Erichs b. MxM Collection/Johnny TV – Final Reckoning to TV

Sammy Guevara b. Lee Johnson – Rollup

Dark Order b. Jon Cruz/Rosario Grillo – Gory Bomb/Codebreaker combination to Cruz

Frat House b. Charles Mason/Love Doug/TJ Crawford – Discus lariat to Doug

Atlantis Jr./Esfinge/Fuego b. Barbaro  
Cavernario/Euforia/Zandokan Jr. – Frog splash to Euforia

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