

Ring of Honor TV – November 23, 2016: Two Unknowns Are Better Than Three

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Location: William J. Myers Pavilion, Baltimore, Maryland

Attendance: 600

Commentators: Kevin Kelly, Steve Corino

We've only got two shows left until Final Battle and that means we won't be hearing most of the matches for a few more weeks because ROH can't figure out a schedule to save their lives. Next up is going to be the remainder of the Six Man Tag Team Title tournament as we need opponents for ACH and company. Let's get to it.

Opening sequence.

Silas Young vs. Kyle O'Reilly

Feeling out process to start with Kyle grabbing a full nelson to no avail. A kneebar works a bit better but Silas throws him outside, leaving a nice sweat puddle on the floor. That's much more in Silas' wheelhouse and he sends Kyle hard into the barricade as we take a break. Back with Adam Cole on commentary and Kyle using another kneebar to get out of trouble. A cross armbreaker makes Silas' night even worse and the brainbuster puts Young away at 12:37.

Rating: C-. If they want Silas to become a bigger deal, I'm really not sure how they're going about it. After the break, this was all Kyle beating the heck out of Young, who barely had any offense in the second half of the match. ROH needs some fresh talent at the top of the card and if they want to push Young then they need to push him instead of jobbing him out in such dominant fashion.

Post match Young criticizes a Jushin Thunder Liger fan for dressing up in

a costume. Silas is out here every week facing the music but Liger is a coward. There's a Final Battle match.

Jay Lethal is ready for his Final Battle match with Cody Rhodes. I'm assuming that was announced on ROH's website because it wasn't announced on TV. That's one of the things they really need to work on. I know a lot of their stuff is online but you can't throw up a fifteen second graphic and have Kelly mention it?

The Motor City Machine Guns talk about how brutal the Ladder War was before going into a rant about how Adam Page turned on them earlier this year. This turns into the Guns talking about how much they love the ROH roster and it sounds like they're going after the Bullet Club. I'm not entirely sure what they were going for here as it was a bit all over the place.

The Addiction wants their titles back but more importantly, to prove they're the best. They get the Briscoes next week. As has been the case recently, this was great fire.

Dalton Castle is still missing the Boys (Where did they go anyway?) so Colt Cabana offers him some replacements.

Colt Cabana/Dalton Castle vs. Preston Quinn/Ken Dixon

Castle and Dixon start things off and it's time for the chest thrust. The Bang A Rang finishes Ken in 55 seconds. You don't see squashes like that around here too often.

Post match Castle says he knew he could make Colt smile. Cabana says he saw a lot of himself in Castle but maybe it's better if they go their separate ways. Colt goes to leave but Castle says not so fast. He'd like a goodbye hug but Cabana knees him low. Well that was rather uncalled for, especially considering he was willing to leave in peace thirty seconds ago. Cabana as a heel could actually be interesting as I've never seen it before. Colt beats up the Boys and stabs Castle with a feather.

Six Man Tag Team Title Tournament Semifinals: The Kingdom vs. Team CMLL

Yay for people we don't know and the announcers won't explain! O'Ryan and

Hecheiro start things off but it's quickly off to Taven, who gets rolled up for some near falls. Vinny and Ultimo Guerrero, the latter of whom Corino praises because EVERYONE knows who Ultimo Guerrero is. A triple team beatdown has Vinny in trouble as we take a break. Back with Okimura not being able to sunset flip Taven thanks to some old fashioned cheating. Everything breaks down and Guerrero gets triple teamed, only to pop back up and clean house.

Corino: "I LOVE THIS GUY!" Good for you Steve, because we can barely remember his name as he's been in an ROH ring all of twenty minutes and has never even gotten an introduction. Hecheiro grabs a leg lock on Taven with T.K. making a save as we go to a second break. Back the Kingdom taking over via a dive to the floor, followed by a modified triple bomb for the pin on Hecheiro for the pin at 11:04.

Rating: C+. The match was entertaining though I'm still not sure if the faces or heels won. I mean, I know the Kingdom are heels but was I supposed to cheer for Team CMLL? Why? Just because they're from Mexico and are here as visitors? I was having a hard enough time keeping track of who was who, let alone wondering if I should be happy with the winners. At least Taven is someone ROH fans is familiar with and it's a much clearer face vs. heel picture in the finals.

The Briscoes are ready for their tuneup next week because the Addiction are just a step on the way towards Final Battle, where they'll get the titles back.

Overall Rating: C. I liked this show a lot more than the recent episodes as they advanced several stories and fleshed out a lot of the Final Battle card. That's been lacking in recent weeks and they nailed it this week. The wrestling was fine enough and hopefully they can give us the big go home show next week, though ROH tends to lack in that area a lot of the time.