Earlier today at Korakuen Hall in Tokyo, Krush held Krush.13, an event headlined by three Krush vs Europe fights.

In the night's main event, K-1 -63kg 2011 Japan Tournament champion Yuta Kubo defeated France's Tristan Benard by knockout, 52 seconds into the 3rd round. Kubo seems to have controlled the fight completely, on his way to a decision victory before putting the Frenchman away. The win is a 7th straight for Kubo and his 12th win in his past 13 fights, with his sole loss coming in the finals of the K-1 -63kg 2010 Tournament to Tetsuya Yamato. Kubo was guaranteed a spot in a possible -63kg World Tournament, but with K-1's sale and transition into the current FIKA, Kubo's future is unknown. It is likely that he will be seeded into the round of 32, though as one of the hottest fighters in the division at the moment, he may not have much trouble fighting his way through another qualifying tournament.

In the second Krush vs Europe fight and what may have been the closest, Krush 60kg champion Hirotaka Urabe was taken the distance by Mike's Gym product Maik Redan, but Urabe came out on top on scores of 30-28(x2) and 30-27. Urabe was able to win a clear decision, but not without resistance from the young fighter. At just 17, Redan looks to have a bright future training out of Mike's Gym, but the challenge of the Krush champion was too much for him this early in his career. For Urabe, it's a 6th straight win and it is likely that he will defend his title soon. Good options for defenses are RISE champion Kosuke Komiyama, whose challenge was dismissed by Urabe, or the winner of the Krush Supernova tournament semifinal match between Masaaki Noiri and HIROYA.

In the final Krush vs Europe fight, Krush 55kg champion Shota Takiya overwhelmed the UK's Damien Trainor en route to a 3rd round stoppage, 53 seconds into the round as a result of a flying knee. It's a 7th straight for Takiya who is a real force at 55kg. A third fight with Ryuya Kusakabe for the Krush title would be a great rubber match and would be a great addition to any Krush card.

Also on the card, Team Dragon prospect Hideaki Yamazaki picked up his 4th straight win with a first round knockout of Hayato Hatakeyama, while Krush regular NOMAN picked up a 2nd round KO and MMA fighter Daisuke Endo continued his kickboxing career with a draw. {jcomments on}