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Back on Saturday at Korakuen Hall, New Japan Kickboxing Federation held the 10th installment in its New Japan Blood series which usually focuses on fights sanctioned by WBC Muay Thai Japan. The event featured one WBC International title fight and one WBC Japan title fight.

In the night's main event, WBC Japan Super Featherweight champion Yoshinori Nakasuka fell to WKA Australia Super Featherweight champion Joseph Concha via split decision on scores of 48-50, 48-49 and 49-47, netting Concha the WBC International Super Featherweight title. The result is a bit of a surprise as Nakasuka was coming off of the biggest win of his career over Naoki Ishikawa while Concha had not really been known outside of his home country's kickboxing scene. Nakasuka was originally set to take on Oley Sakonpetch, but his opponent was changed to Concha. The win is pretty big for Concha who now gets his name out there.

In the co-main event, WBC Japan Super Welterweight champion and Krush 70kg tournament finalist Yutaro Yamauchi failed to defend his WBC Japan title against former WBC Japan Welterweight champion Soichiro Miyakoshi, losing on scores of 47-50(x2) and 48-49. Big win for Miyakoshi who I had pegged as more of a gatekeeper in Japan at 70kg, but, as he showed here, he has the ability to win against good fighters. He was coming off of back to back losses to Takafumi Morita and Yuya Yamato, losing his WBC Japan Welterweight title to Yamato. Yamauchi hadn't fought since his loss in the Krush 70kg tournament finals to Kenta. He is now on a 2-fight losing streak. Kazuya Takeda could be the next to challenge for this title as he is the only person ranked at Super Welterweight other than Yamauchi and Miyakoshi and Miyakoshi holds a win over Takeda from 2 and a half years ago.

Finally, in non-title action, WBC Japan Welterweight champion Yuya Yamato won a decision over J-Network #5 ranked Super Lightweight Keio on scores of 29-27(x2) and 30-27. Yamato was coming off of a loss in Thai Fight to Fabio Pinca in a rematch. An interesting next fight for Yamato would be against Soichiro Miyakoshi's brother Keijiro Miyakoshi, although Keijiro would have to move up about 5kg to challenge for the title and he already has the right to face WBC Japan Lightweight champion Rashata. {jcomments on}