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My top three vids of the 2012 Haru Basho



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The 2012 Haru basho was all about the race: Kakuryu's race to become ozeki, Baruto's historic yokozuna sprint, and Hakuho's run to tie yokozuna Takanohana's 22 titles. The race proved to be a triumph for Mongolia, a tragedy for Estonia, and grand for the rest of the sumo world; the exciting climax of the race showcased why this sport is growing rapidly on an international level.

On day 4, sekiwake Kakuryu and ozeki Baruto fought to retain supremacy in the upper ranks of sanyaku. A win for either man would align him on the path to promotion. In this footage, Kakuryu displays his agility, technical brilliance, and tenacity

against a game Baruto. [Video](#)

With a win over Baruto, Kakuryu's next challenge was to topple the King of Ring: yokozuna Hakuho. With an ozeki-like display of balance and technique, Kakuryu outmanoeuvred and outwitted the yokozuna, forcing him out of the dohyo for the second basho in a row. [Video](#)

Baruto is a great wrestler. It can be said that he is currently the most consistent of the ozeki group. However, the last five days of the basho saw his yokozuna promotion grind to a halt as he fell against Kotooshu, Kotoshogiku, Kisenosato and Hakuho. So, it's back to the drawing board for the

man from Estonia. The high level of competition between the ozeki and dai-yokozuna will get even tougher, and we will see if he has the resolve to climb to the peak of the sport.

Lastly, we focus our attention on Hakuho. With the help of Osaka's son, Goeido, Hakuho met Kakuryu in a play-off and both men certainly went to a photo finish. Ultimately, though, Hakuho once again proved why he is the top man in sumo. [Video](#)

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