

NXT – October 26, 2011 – I Still Like This Show

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Commentators: Jack Korpela, William Regal

We're past Vengeance now and there are actually signs that some things are starting to wrap up on this show. I can't say I'd be complaining, as this show is almost the length of a full term pregnancy at this point. Anyway, according to the card that I've seen we might have four matches on here which almost has to be a record for this show. Let's get to it.

At least they're trying to make it look like this show is still coherent by not changing the opening credits.

We open with Bateman, JTG, Maxine, O'Neil and Watson in the ring. O'Neil makes fun of Maxine and calls her a dolphin or something. It's time for the Talk the Talk Challenge. Bateman goes first and talks about football and the Cowboys, who are mostly booed. He makes fun of Titus' trunks. This is pretty weak. Titus says the trunks are for breast cancer awareness because he lost two grandmothers to it. He says he's awesome and that Bateman won't stop him from winning this competition. O'Neil wins with ease.

Titus issues a challenge of his own. He and Watson make fun of Maxine and JTG and a brawl breaks out. Two singles matches are made.

Percy Watson vs. JTG

The fans start booing loudly for some reason at the start of the match but nothing has happened yet. Regal buries the talking skills of both guys as Watson takes it to the mat.

Watson knocks him to the floor and we take a break with JTG clubbering him. Back with Watson in control again and getting two off some punches. Out to the floor again with JTG hitting a running clothesline that gets two back in the ring.

Off to some choking and we hear that JTG has been in the WWE for about six years. That doesn't seem possible to me for some reason. It still makes me smile when I think of people saying he was going to be something once Cryme Tyme broke up. Off to a chinlock as Regal keeps burying the challenge. JTG goes up but jumps into a facebuster to put both guys down. Watson takes over and hits a clothesline and the spinning splash for two. The fireman's carry into the pancake (called the Persecution) ends this at 6:47.

Rating: D+. Technically it was fine but there was nothing to this at all. Percy's name isn't doing him any favors as it makes me think of one of the trains from Thomas the Tank Engine from when I was a kid. JTG continues to be boring and the match was nothing to see at all other than just a long squash.

Hawkins is ranting about his injury and Striker comes up with a suspension due to something related to the walkout. No idea what that's about. Nor do I particularly care.

The Muppets are coming to Raw. I'm going to get bashed for this, but I haven't been more excited for a show in YEARS. No sarcasm or joke there at all.

Jey Uso vs. Tyson Kidd

Hawkins is with Kidd here for some reason. Regal talks about Kidd spending the past week in Calgary training with Bret on a rolling Indian Deathlock. Cool sounding move. Uso takes over quickly and puts Kidd in the Tree of Woe for two. Kidd comes back as we compare Harts vs. Samoans. Korpela brings up a good question: if Hawkins is suspended, why is he at ringside?

Tyson hammers away and hooks a chinlock. Regal says he's the darling of Twitter. My goodness it's nice to not hear about trending topics for once. Alley-Us doesn't work so Jey kicks him in the face instead. The Superfly Splash hits knees though and a spinning fisherman's neckbreaker ends this at 4:33.

Rating: C. Pretty decent match from guys that are actually good in the ring when they get to be in it. Kidd is a good guy to push as the NXT Champion when it finally is introduced. Nothing too bad here and it's fun to see two young guys out there getting a chance to have some fun. More time would have helped though, but it is just NXT.

Tatsu makes the save from a post match beatdown. We're waiting on the six man I guess.

Ad for Cena vs. Rock which really is going to be huge. I know that's a really obvious statement but it's starting to sink in just how big this match is.

Raw ReBound eats up a few minutes. The announcement would have been a bit better if it hadn't been told to us at the end of Vengeance.

Rock will make his decision on Raw.

AJ and Kaitlyn talk in the back. Kaitlyn talks about how she's going to destroy Tamina. Tamina pops up behind her and Kaitlyn knows she's there. This is stupid but that goes without saying.

Kaitlyn vs. Tamina

Kaitlyn is the hometown girl. Not that we're told that but I guess it's implied. Tamina hits a superkick to kill Kaitlyn for two. Tamina beats her down as this is a very dull Divas match so far. That covers a lot of ground too. Tamina goes for a fireman's carry and Kaitlyn gets her only move of the match with a sunset flip for the pin at 2:58. This was as boring as

it sounds.

Derrick Bateman vs. Titus O'Neil

AJ is on commentary because...eh who cares she's cute. AJ lists off reasons why Maxine isn't nice, including she's wicked. I want AJ to call me wicked. Maxine sits in on commentary as well. The girls get into an argument of course and Regal says go ahead and fight. AJ: "Fun fact about Maxine: she feeds off the souls of babies." Maxine suggests AJ was caught between a midget leprechaun and a large black man in pink underwear that barks like a dog in some very non-PG positions.

Bateman slides to the floor to talk to Maxine and then hits a big dive on Titus when he comes out to see him. Bateman hammers away back in the ring and it's off to a chinlock. This is all about the commentary and to be fair it's far more interesting. Regal talks about the match and he's just outnumbered. The couple's name is BetaMax. I give up. O'Neil misses something from the ropes and Bateman rolls him up for the pin at 4:40.

Rating: D. The match sucked but the commentary was hilarious. I love shows like these where the announcers know no one important is listening and can have some fun on the commentary. That's what NXT is good at and it's far better than listening to Cole talking about Twitter 100 times an hour.

Post match, Bateman proposes to Maxine (Regal: "I think I might start self-harming.") and gets slapped. Then he gets kissed. O'Neil covering AJ's eyes on the floor is pretty funny. Maxine says yes. There's your main angle for three weeks. They hug and Maxine looks like she's in big trouble.

Overall Rating: C-. If there was a rating between this and D+ it would get that. It's not really bad but there's nothing to see here. Again it's playing out like a low level old school indy company. That's a fun thing to see because they know

they've got nothing to lose so why not just have fun out there? That's a great attitude to have and when you stop taking things so seriously in wrestling, you can have a much more entertaining show at times. This wasn't their best, but I like watching this show for that laid back feeling to it.

Results

Titus O'Neil won the Talk the Talk Challenge

Percy Watson b. JTG – Persecution

Tyson Kidd b. Jey Uso – Spinning Fisherman's Neckbreaker

Kaitlyn b. Tamina – Sunset Flip

Derrick Bateman b. Titus O'Neil – Rolling Cradle

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