

NXT – November 2, 2011 – Walking Around In Circles

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We're approaching a full term pregnancy here as we're in I think week 35 or so. Darren Young can come back from suspension next week but I don't think he'll be returning. The show seems like it's trying to come back to the way things used to be but it's really not working. It was a lot better when there were random matches going on instead of ones like there used to be. Let's get to it.

The opening video is about the proposal and acceptance from last week with Bateman and Maxine. It's as stupid as it sounds, complete with a bad love song playing in the background.

Here's JTG to open the show. He brings out Bateman and Maxine, who wears a lot of REALLY not-PG outfits. Maxine insists the name is BetaMax. I give up. Bateman says he wants to do this right, so he drops to his knee and gives her a ring which is "what 38 weeks of being an NXT Rookie can buy." He hasn't been here 38 weeks but whatever.

This brings out Watson, O'Neil and AJ. They really do look good in the suits. Maxine is fishless, whatever that means. Now we're talking about Fraggie Rock. No one gets the joke, myself included. Bateman sends them away because this is an engagement party and they're not invited. The girls get into a "you're uglier than me" contest so O'Neil implies that Maxine's father is here to make this formal. Titus pulls out a fish. Regal: "He's doing that just for the halibut." There are

a ton of fish jokes and that's the best of them all. Titus starts singing Under the Sea when Striker comes out and makes the six man tag main event.

Usos vs. Tyson Kidd/Johnny Curtis

Hawkins is suspended so Curtis is back on NXT as the sub. The winners of those shows can't catch a break. Kidd vs. let's say Jey starts us off. The twins take over on Kidd and Jimmy gets two off an elbow. Jey gets the same off a chop. No Curtis in yet, meaning the collective snoring hasn't started. Oh there he is. For the life of me I don't get what they saw in him. He's so bland and cookie-cutter looking I don't know how he could get more uninteresting.

Back to Kidd as apparently Curtis isn't even going to grace us with his presence. Thank goodness for that. If I sound a bit incoherent here, you can blame the slight cold I have or Curtis' ability to suck all the charisma out of a match. The Usos go up but heel double teaming takes them right back down. We take a break and come back with Curtis working on Jey's knee which may have been hurt coming off the top.

Kidd comes in again as I guess even Curtis is bored by his own work. Back to Boring Man who hits a slingshot legdrop to Jey's knee. Here's a leg lock as this match has somehow only been going about 7 minutes including the break. Jey finally sends Kidd to the floor as as we talk about Killer Kowalski. There's the tag and everything breaks down. The Usos head to the floor where they launch Kidd into the barricade in a cool looking move. Back inside a Samoan Drop followed by a Superfly Splash ends Curtis at 8:47.

Rating: C-. The tag matches here used to be good but I guess they're just getting boring to me now. The Curtis factor didn't help things out here either. The problem at the end of the day is the that the Usos are flat out better than any other team and we can only see these guys fight for the sake

of fighting so many times before it loses all meaning. I think we hit that six weeks ago.

Raw ReBound. The Sheamus/Beaker thing still makes me smile. There are some deleted scenes in this.

Kaitlyn and AJ chat about the wedding. Can we just look at Kaitlyn for 50 minutes instead?

Kaitlyn vs. Tamina

Rematch from last week, which isn't nearly as competitive as Korpela wants you to think it was. Regal makes jokes about having an affair with a dwarf. I don't have any idea what it has to do with this match but it's funny. Kaitlyn gets more offense in the first 30 seconds than she had all last week. Korpela calls Tamina's dad (Jimmy Snuka) a Hall of Flamer. The crowd is dead for this. Tamina hammers away and it's off to a chinlock.

At least we can look at Kaitlyn in those shorts of hers. Jack tries to say that the Divas Division is awesome right now and I begin to chuckle at him. Kaitlyn hits that old classic attack known as WHAT A MANEUVER (modified Side Effect) for the pin at 5:10. Again, can we just look at her for the rest of the show?

Rating: D+. These matches suck. That's really all there is to say about it. I know Kaitlyn looks good, but is there really any need to have her wrestle? That's one of the things that suck the time out of a Raw or Smackdown: the Divas matches. They're not entertaining and most of the time they suck, yet they get a few minutes a week.

AJ/Percy Watson/Titus O'Neil vs. Derrick Bateman/JTG/Maxine

The Fascinating Fact this week: the black sheep of Maxine's family is an unsavory bishop from the island of Butte, who owns a combined toilet factory who in his spare time sends

full tapes of Shetland ponies to people. I think that was a play on words joke but I'm not sure. The girls start us off and Maxine is ticked off. AJ hits a jumping armdrag and things speed up. Maxine rolls to the floor after a spinwheel kick.

Off to JTG vs. Watson now and the good guys take over. Titus gets two off a clothesline and it's back to Watson. Regal asks a good question: why do you need to dance about when you can hit someone in the mouth? Bateman hits a dropkick thanks to a Maxine distraction as we're running out of time in a hurry. Jimmy the Gimmick hooks on a chinlock and then hooks a Regal Cutter of all things. Even Regal points that one out.

The announcers talk about how long this season has been. Even they don't know when it's ending. Somehow Regal turns this into a metaphor involving a hamster on a skateboard. You can't say he's typical. Off to O'Neil and everything breaks down. Clash of the Titus ends Bateman at 6:35.

Rating: C-. Not a bad match or anything, but this match sums up the problem with this season of NXT: Titus can beat Bateman. I looked it up and in this season, that is the 6th time O'Neil or O'Neil's team has beaten Bateman or Bateman's team. What in the world is there left for these two to prove? Nothing, but they keep the season going anyway.

Overall Rating: D+. I just don't care anymore. When things were all going insane it was fun, but we're going in circles on this show. Titus and the Usos dominate whoever they face, Bateman does nothing of interest and AJ still doesn't like Maxine. That's all we've seen for the last two months, but it never goes anywhere at all. I don't get it, but I'm not WWE I guess. It's not horrible, but it's more boring than bad.

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