

NXT – December 14, 2011 – The Love Triangle Continues

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We're almost to the end of the year and we're in the ninth month of this show. This show could have been a whole pregnancy by this point. After last week, it appears we have a second good guy rookie in the form of Derrick Bateman. Given that he's been one of the most worthless characters in recent memory, that can't really be a bad thing. Let's get to it.

If this show is the search for the next breakout star, how dim is this star that it's taken them this long to find it?

Tyler Reks/Curt Hawkins vs. Trent Barretta/Yoshi Tatsu

Reks says the two of them aren't rookies and they'll never beg for support from dirty North Carolinians. Trent calls them grumpy and Yoshi tells Reks to wash his hair. That's the latest chant and according to Striker, it'll be trending. Just...no. Tyler gets double teamed to start but Yoshi takes too much time on the top and is slammed down. Yoshi gets beaten down by both guys as Striker tries to get Hawkins nickname over as "And 1".

Not very hot tag brings in Trent who beats on Hawkins and hits a top rope cross body for two. Barretta doesn't get to be on TV much and has a pretty basic cruiserweight style, but he's very smooth out there. Speaking of smooth, Trent spins out of what looked like a slam attempt into a rollup on Hawkins for the pin at 4:00.

Rating: C-. Not bad but I'm over Reks and Hawkins. They're not

interesting at all and they keep showing up and talking about how great they used to be. They're about as low on the heel totem pole as you can get and that's not a place that I'm interested in watching. I would however like to see more of Barretta. He's just fun to watch for some reason.

Percy Watson has a talk show now. Let's get this over with. The subject is the saga of Bateman/Curtis/Maxine. We get a LONG video on the whole thing, concluding with Maxine ending the engagement last week. Here's Bateman and Percy asks him if there's anything going on between Bateman and Maxine's mama. Bateman says that's insane, just like all women.

Cue Curtis who shows a still of Derrick kissing the finger of Maxine's mom as it's against his lips. Curtis talks about how JTG said that he and Maxine left together and that wasn't true. Cue JTG and Watson asked why he said that. JTG says Curtis paid him to do it. Curtis denies this and JTG leaves. Cue Maxine now who says she's tired of all this stuff. Bateman: "That girl is so crazy, how can you not want to spend the rest of your life with her?" Curtis: "She doesn't like you man." Bateman drops Curtis and leaves. Watson laughs and Curtis goes after him. Striker makes the match for later.

Jey Uso vs. JTG

No Siva Tao which makes me sad. Basic back and forth start as Striker seems to agree with Bateman's statement that all women are crazy. Josh: "You're still single right?" Absolutely nothing to talk about in the first few minutes of this. JTG controls with his usual really basic stuff. He's just not effective as a heel, mainly because he's nothing special at all as far as a character or from a looks perspective. Jey comes back and hits a superkick for the pin at 3:34.

Rating: D. I love the Usos but man this storyline is dull. JTG is perhaps the least interesting character this side of Derrick Bateman on NXT. That's the problem with this show. Ok

one of many problems with this show: outside of the Usos and at times Titus, no one is anybody I have any interest in watching and rarely are their matches good. The guys that do regularly have good matches (Kidd, Tatsu, Barretta) are rarely on here. This match was boring though and JTG controlled all but like 15 seconds.

Earlier today in Striker's office (he has an office???) Titus came in to apologize but the challenge to Young is still on. I don't know why this segment existed.

Slammys recap eats up some time.

Bateman goes up to talk to Maxine and says that before the show is over, he'll marry her. Curtis comes up after Bateman leaves and kisses her. She tries to slap him but says they'll get physical after the match.

Percy Watson vs. Johnny Curtis

STRIKER STOLE MY BABY JOKE!!! He said we could have a baby by the end of the season. So Matt Striker thinks like me? I'm not sure I like that. Watson takes over to start and drops a leg for two. Curtis fights back with a single arm suplex for two. Curtis works on the arm a bit and then Percy hits a dropkick to break that up. There's another and make it three. Jumping clothesline hits but he hurts his arm on it. Never mind though as he hits an overhead belly to belly release. Flipping splash gets two. Curtis gets up and hits a Falcon's Arrow for the pin at 4:10.

Rating: D. This was another boring match, mainly due to Johnny Curtis being completely uninteresting. He's done his same uninteresting thing for like a year now and once they got something different about him, the word play thing, they got rid of it as fast as they could so that they could make him as bland as possible again. That's why I'm so bored by WWE heels anymore: as soon as they get something going, it must be killed before they get over at all.

Titus comes out for his showdown with Young. You know, their at least 8th fight this season. He's in a suit for this one so maybe this isn't a match? He apologizes to his sons for not being perfect and losing his cool last week. Young cuts him off, also in street clothes. Titus says he doesn't have Young's resume but he's out here working every week.

Young says he's just an ex-football player. Titus says this has nothing to do with that and runs down a list of a bunch of ex-football players, like DiBiase Senior, Ron Simmons or Rock. Titus says he's going to leave and this is done. Young calls him a failure and shoves him. A brawl ends the show. Titus leaves him laying and isn't happy about it.

Overall Rating: D+. Not one of their better episodes here as the whole thing was about Maxine and Bateman and Curtis and then the showdown was just a talking segment where Titus beats Young down. Hopefully this ends in a loser leaves NXT match and we actually get closer to ending this never ending show. This wasn't their worst show ever, but it was really quite dull indeed.

Results

Trent Barretta/Yoshi Tatsu b. Curt Hawkins/Tyler Reks – Rollup to Hawkins

Jey Uso b. JTG – Superkick

Johnny Curtis b. Percy Watson – Falcon's Arrow

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