

# NXT – April 4, 2012: The Land Of Broken Dreams

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Location: Orlando Amway Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Josh Matthews, William Regal

We're done with Wrestlemania now and NXT is still going. Tonight we're supposed to find out what happened to Striker as I think we'll get the list of demands from the kidnapper. I would complain about Striker being on the Wrestlemania pre-show doing commentary, but I don't think enough people know about the angle going on here anyway. Let's get to it.

## Tyler Reks vs. Percy Watson

Reks and Regal have been having a Twitter war and Regal apologizes because it's been bullying on his part for how dominant he's been in it. Reks takes him to the mat but Watson wrestles out of it. A one footed dropkick sets up an armdrag to send Reks to the outside. We actually get a Percy Watson chant. Back inside Tyler pounds him down and stomps Watson in the corner.

Reks keeps him down with knees and chinlocks. This match is going by quickly but I can barely remember anything about it. I don't know what it is about Reks but he's very forgettable. Watson gets his feet up in the corner to stop Tyler's offense, allowing Josh to say that Percy is building momentum. Watson uses those good jumping abilities for some clotheslines but won't cover. It doesn't really matter though as he rolls up Reks out of a backdrop for the pin at 6:09.

**Rating:** D+. I have no idea what they're going for with Watson as he's been having the same match for months now. I think they're trying to push him as a Shelton Benjamin type

incredible athlete but it's only kind of working. Watson needs a story to keep people interested in him, and that's not going to happen here because his name isn't Derrick Bateman.

Reks and Hawkins get ready to beat up Watson but Regal says cool it. If they attack Percy, they'll be suspended for six weeks.

McGillicutty comes up to Natalya in the back and says if he beats Bateman tonight, he gets a rematch with Kidd. He hits on her and Natalya cuts him off. This goes nowhere but at least there's no Natalya "comedy".

### Natalya vs. Kaitlyn

New music for Kaitlyn and Kidd is on commentary. Nattie takes her down and Kidd says there's nothing going on with them. Bridging rollup gets two for Natalya. I think Natalya is a face here but I really have no idea. Kidd admits that he isn't a Hart, which ticked him off when McGillicutty rubbed it in his face weeks ago. Natalya works on the arm and uses more holds on whatever part of the body she picks. Kaitlyn's first offense is a cross body but Natalya laughs it off and the Sharpshooter gets the submission at 3:30.

**Rating:** C-. This was a squash for Natalya as she picked apart Kaitlyn with ease. I'm so glad they've dropped that idiotic gimmick she's been using for the last few months as she's very talented and can make even someone like Kaitlyn look good. I'm still not sure if she's a face or a heel though, but I doubt WWE has put any thought into it either.

Young says he doesn't need Titus' help with Tamina. He's gotten her a coconut tree. Tamina and Alicia come up and Young hits on her with some really corny lines and she walks off. Young: "Tamina where you going? I've got reservations at McDonalds!" That's the first funny thing Young has said in almost three years.

## Titus O'Neil/Darren Young vs. Usos

Young and Jimmy start things off with Young grabbing a headlock. Jimmy speeds things up and Young tags out. Titus kicks Jimmy's head off in a great looking shot. Back to Young for about two seconds before O'Neil comes back. They tag again and then a fourth time in the span of about fifteen seconds.

A fifth tag results in a belly to back suplex by Young for two, followed by a chinlock. Jimmy gets up and comes back with a powerslam and there's the tag to Jey. Titus comes in as well and everything breaks down. O'Neil yells at Young and walks into the Samoan Drop and Jey hits the Superfly Splash (cross body according to Josh) for the pin at 4:20.

**Rating:** C. Pretty good fast paced match here and hopefully this wraps up the Tamina/Young story because stories like that one are so repetitive on this show that they lose any interest at all. Hopefully the Usos get another tag title match soon and maybe even get the belts as they've got nothing left to do here.

Raw ReBound is all about Lesnar's return.

Bateman and Percy tell Kaitlyn they still think she's awesome. Maxine pops up on her phone shouting about needing something. She's eating a doughnut when Curtis comes up. Everyone else leaves and Curtis says he's got a message from the kidnappers, saying meet us in the basement. Bateman is still there apparently and says this is getting weird. Curtis: "That's my line." Bateman: "That was my fiance." Maxine and Curtis leave when Kidd comes up to talk to Bateman. He wants Bateman to be ready for his match tonight. Not much to say by Kidd but I'm liking these rapid fire backstage scenes.

Curtis and Maxine are in the basement/boiler room when Reks and Hawkins pop up and Reks chokes out Curtis. Hawkins: "Reks and I are the kidnappers." They did this to get Regal off their backs and they'll frame Maxine/Curtis if they don't get

Regal off Hawkins/Reks' backs. They leave and Curtis says it gets real weird next week. Dang it they had a good story going and they use it on the same people AGAIN.

### Derrick Bateman vs. Michael McGillicutty

They exchange chops to start and then they exchange harder chops. Regal talks about Maxine's mother coming up to accuse him of having an affair with Maxine at Wrestlemania. There's no followup there. It just happened apparently. Bateman sends him to the floor and hits a flip dive from the apron to the floor as we take a break. Back with Bateman still in control.

McGillicutty gets in a knee to the ribs and takes over. Off to a chinlock which Derrick breaks, only to be sent into the ropes again. Dropkick gets two. We get the sequel to the chinlock but Bateman breaks it up again. A Russian legsweep sends the back of Michael's head into the middle buckle and both guys are dazed. Now Bateman goes after the knee and hits a move that I don't think would really hurt.

He gets McGillicutty in a DDT position but shoved McGillicutty forward. I think it was supposed to slam Michael's head into the mat but it didn't come close. There wasn't a cover so it doesn't matter but it was really different. Bateman hits the flipping neckbreaker that Morrison used to use for two. He really likes those falling forward moves. Derrick goes up but misses a top rope crossbody. McGillicutty tries a Sharpshooter but Bateman breaks it up. It doesn't really matter though as the McGillicutter gets the pin at 8:30, earning McGillicutty a rematch with Kidd.

**Rating:** C. This was ok but I think it was more lengthy than good. I really don't like Bateman's in ring style as he uses some very weak looking moves such as the falling bulldog and that ridiculous looking reverse DDT. The match was ok and it sets up another step in the McGillicutty vs. Kidd feud which is good, but at the end of the day it's another respect feud.

Overall Rating: C. This show had some ok stuff on it as far as the in ring parts, but I'm really disappointed in the culmination of the Striker kidnapping thing. Hawkins and Reks are so uninteresting as heels because their story has basically been this: they whine, Regal does something, they whine some more, Regal does something else. Nothing ever changes from that and it gets really boring really fast. And that's what we get after a few promising weeks. I can't say I'm surprised though, because this is the land of broken hopes.

### Results

Percy Watson b. Tyler Reks – Rollup

Natalya b. Kaitlyn – Sharpshooter

Usos b. Darren Young/Titus O'Neil – Superfly Splash to O'Neil

Michael McGillicutty b. Derrick Bateman – McGillicutter

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