

NXT – October 10, 2012: Punk Comes To NXT

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Commentators: Byron Saxton, William Regal

After last week there isn't much to go on for this show. The main feud continues to be Ohno vs. Steamboat which can only go on so much longer before it starts getting dull. Far more importantly than that though, the WWE Champion CM Punk is here tonight to do whatever he wants. That's a cool bonus for the fans. Let's get to it.

Punk talks about how he's here to see Rollins get respect. He says it's Rollins' first main event title defense. Didn't he have that against Rick Victor already or was that non-title?

Johnny Curtis vs. Bo Dallas

Dallas takes him into the corner to start and hits some standing clotheslines for two. Curtis elbows him down a few times for two and hits a suplex for the same. We hit the chinlock which doesn't last long so Curtis goes up. A top rope knee drop misses and Dallas starts his comeback. Some forearms set up a belly to belly suplex for no cover but a spear gets the pin on Curtis at 4:05.

Rating: D+. This was really dull stuff and the crowd barely reacted to it at all. Neither of these guys show me anything at all that makes me interested in what they're doing. They have no character traits beyond Dallas likes to compete and Curtis is weird, which he hasn't actually been in months. Nothing to see here.

Paige/Audrey Marie vs. Alicia Fox/Kaitlyn

No entrances for anyone. Paige and Kaitlyn start things off Feeling out process to start with Paige taking over on the arm. Off to the rather

good looking Marie who keeps up the work on the arm. Kaitlyn works on the arm as well but Alicia makes a blind tag to surprise Marie. The fans want Paige but have to stick with Audrey for a bit longer.

The girls do some very nice looking gymnastics before Audrey pulls off what can best be described as an armdrag while Alicia was laying on the mat. Regal says it's called a Winnick (not sure if that's spelled right) Throw and freaks out because he hasn't seen it in years. I've never seen it either but it was cool looking. Off to Kaitlyn who picks up Audrey and drops her on her face for two.

Back to Alicia who pounds away on Marie and hooks a chinlock. Back to Kaitlyn for a body scissors as Regal talks about how good the girls look. Kaitlyn shifts over to a full nelson with her legs but has to break it when Marie turns it into a cover. There's the hot tag to Paige who goes nuts and cleans house but her cradle DDT is broken up by Fox. A dropkick gets one on Alicia and everything breaks down. Paige hooks an O'Connor Roll on Alicia for the pin at 6:20.

Rating: B-. That's likely high but I was blown away by this. This is one of the best Divas matches I've seen in years and a lot of that is due to Audrey. She looked awesome out there with stuff I hadn't seen before and the execution was really good. The WWE girls looked good too as they didn't seem like they were having to think through every single thing they did out there. I was very impressed.

Some guy I don't recognize hits on some chick. It doesn't go well for him and Trent Barretta comes up to laugh at him. This sets up a match next week. Apparently that's Jake Carter.

Rollins talks about being champion when Punk pops up. He says just holding the title won't get Rollins respect and tonight, Seth needs to beat the respect out of McGillicutty.

Leo Kruger vs. Dante Dash

Kruger is still insane. He's growing on me every time I see him. After crouching in the corner to start, Leo charges out of the corner to forearm Dash in the head. Off to a chinlock which turns into a beard

pull. Leo suplexes him down and keeps pulling on his own hair. That falling neckbreaker/cutter thing from Kruger gets the pin at 2:23.

Post match Kruger gets a blue spotlight and says something in a different language before saying he'll finish his prey quickly. His voice is awesome.

McGillicutty doesn't get the obsession with respect. He's coming after Punk for the WWE World Heavyweight Championship (that'll likely be a fine) after he beats Rollins.

NXT Title: Seth Rollins vs. Michael McGillicutty

Rollins is defending and they have a ton of time to work with here. Punk comes out to do commentary and gets a big reaction. Before the match starts though, Punk has something to say. He's here to take a closer look and he says good luck. That's all he has to say which is a surprise. After big match intros we're ready to go.

Feeling out process to start as Punk asks the other announcers for their picks. Regal isn't a betting man (he called Gamblers Anonymous yesterday and they gave him 5-1 odds he wouldn't come to a meeting) and can't pick (Punk: "That's very Switzerland of you") and Ross picks Rollins to keep the title until someone beats him for it. You can't buy this kind of expertise people.

McGillicutty avoids the Blackout and we take a break. Back with Michael stomping away in the corner but Rollins takes him down with a headlock takeover. Michael grabs one of his own but gets dropkicked down twice in a row. McGillicutty throws him over the top and to the floor as this is a very back and forth match. Back in and Seth tries to go up top, only to get crotched and put in the Tree of Woe.

A hard whip into the corner gets one for McGillicutty and we take another break. Back with Rollins jumping off the top and over McGillicutty before dropkicking Michael down. A clothesline puts McGillicutty on the floor and a suicide dive from Rollins takes him down. Back in and Rollins tries a springboard clothesline but Michael dropkicks him out of the air for two.

Rollins hits an enziguri but misses the Blackout and a high kick before McGillicutty hits a Saito Suplex for two. McGillicutty loads up a Perfectplex but gets small packaged for two. A clothesline takes Rollins down for another two and Michael is getting frustrated. Rollins gets back up and avoids the McGillicutter before hitting Sliced Bread #2 for the pin at 11:20 shown of 15:50.

Rating: B-. This started slow but after the break it turned into the usual good stuff I've grown to expect from McGillicutty. Rollins winning with something other than the Blackout is a good thing as that move is similar to the 619 in that there are only so many plausible ways you can set it up. Good main event here that shows that Rollins can win more than one way.

Punk applauds Rollins to end the show. Punk was pretty much neutral tonight.

Overall Rating: B+. There was almost nothing missing from this show. We had a shockingly good tag match, a good main event, a squash and a great promo to follow it and an appearance from one of the biggest stars in the WWE. Good show here and I really enjoyed it the entire way through.

Results

Bo Dallas b. Johnny Curtis – Spear

Audrey Marie/Paige b. Alicia Fox/Kaitlyn – O'Connor Roll to Fox

Leo Kruger b. Dante Dash – Face First Mat Slam

Seth Rollins b. Michael McGillicutty – Sliced Bread #2

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