

NXT – October 24, 2012: I'm Digging This Bronson Guy

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Back to NXT again and it's still the same feuds we've had for the last few weeks if not months. They need to add in some new ones soon because this is starting to wear a bit thin. The feuds aren't to the point yet where they're stale or anything, but they're inching towards that being the case. Hopefully things can be adjusted tonight. Let's get to it.

Earlier today Heath Slater came in to see Dusty Rhodes. Slater wants a title shot against Rollins but Big Dust says you have to earn the shot. Vickie comes in to interrupt. Oh sweet goodness she's on THIS SHOW TOO??? She wants to recruit Slater but Dusty says that Slater can have a title shot if he wins tonight. I have no idea why Vickie was here at all.

Theme song.

Brodus Clay vs. Camacho

Brodus gets the full entrance here and has his old hat because his burial hasn't happened in NXT time yet. There's a new commentator with Regal now and he's got a good voice. The ring announcer sounds like Matt Striker. Brodus shoves him down and dances a bit before suplexing Camacho down.

Brodus punches away a few times in the corner but gets his knee taken out. A dropkick puts Clay down and it's off to a nerve hold. Clay fights up but gets caught in a Samoan Drop. Camacho heads to the floor and glares at the Funkadactyls which gets him nowhere. Back in and Camacho

jumps into the headbutt followed by the suplex and splash for the pin at 3:53.

Rating: C-. Not much to see here but for the life of me I don't get the idea of depushing a guy like Brodus. He's a guaranteed pop to open a show but he gets to lose to a guy like Slater on Smackdown? Oh well, the guy only got over on a stupid gimmick and the company did nothing with him so it must be Brodus' fault right?

Kassius Ohno vs. Trent Barreta

Trent takes him down and cranks on the arm as things speed up. A fast rollup gets two on Ohno and things stay fast. Ohno throws him to the mat and hits an elbow in the corner, only to have Trent clothesline him out to the floor. A BIG dive takes Ohno out but as they get back up Kassius sends him into the apron to take over again. A knee to the back of the head gets two and it's off to the cravate.

After the hold is cranked on for a bit, Ohno kicks him in the head and puts the hold right back on. Riveting stuff. We actually hear the name Misawa on WWE TV as Regal talks about Ohno revering Misawa in Japan. Trent comes back with a slap to the face for two and sends Kassius to the corner.

Barreta charges at the ropes and jumps onto the middle one, launching himself sideways into an elbow in the corner. I'm not sure what was supposed to happen as the elbow looked like it hit but Ohno was fine and Trent went down. Maybe Trent hit his head? Anyway, Ohno pounds away some more but here's Richie Steamboat with a towel. He throws it into Ohno's face, allowing Trent to hit his running knee to the face for the pin at 6:50.

Rating: C. As usual, Trent is fun to watch and I fail to see what the appeal is of Ohno, especially in this character. I guess he likes to be violent and physical but that's not really much of a character,

especially given what Ohno is capable of. Also his name being Kassius Ohno doesn't help him much either. This was a nice job of furthering the Steamboat Ohno feud I guess, but it needs to wrap up or have them fight soon.

Layla/Alicia Fox vs. Audrey Marie/Paige

Alicia vs. Paige gets us going and Paige hits a quick dropkick. Alicia hits a tilt-a-whirl backbreaker for two and a double tag brings in Layla vs. Audrey, who is looking quite good in white here. After Layla dances a bit, she takes Audrey down with a rollup for two. Layla hits a quick kick to the face for two and a kick to the head gets two as well. Regal points out how rare it is to see two British women wrestling in WWE.

Back to Alicia who hits a northern lights suplex for two but Audrey grabs a quick rollup. The kickout sends her into the corner for the tag to Paige in a nice spot. Paige comes charging at the freshly tagged in Layla who clotheslines her down for no cover. Paige picks Layla up for that fisherman's DDT of hers but Audrey tags herself in. Paige and Audrey get in an argument and Layla rolls Audrey up for the pin at 5:03.

Rating: C. It's amazing what happens when they treat the Divas like something serious instead of a joke. The match wasn't great or anything like that but it was more entertaining than most of what you get on Raw anymore. Layla is still pretty annoying, but Paige and Audrey are a breath of fresh air in the division. This isn't as good as the match from I think last week with the girls, but it was still solid.

Video on the tour of Egypt.

Bronson vs. Lincoln Brodrick

Bronson is a guy in a hoodie who resembles Boris Zhukov and/or Ivan Koloff. Brodrick (that's how it's spelled in the graphic) is a musclehead

who looks familiar but I can't place him. Ah apparently he wrestled under the name Marcus Anthony (his real name and a great wrestling name) in OVW for awhile.

Bronson immediately puts on a front facelock and takes Lincoln to the mat. A hard clothesline takes Lincoln down and a leg trip does the same before it's off to a freaky looking leg lock to make Lincoln tap at 1:08. The best way I can describe the hold is like a Figure Four but with Bronson's legs sticking up instead of going down under Lincoln. Bronson looked awesome here.

Ohno throws a fit in the back.

Here's Antonio Cesaro with something to say. He says that he's the champion of everyone here because he's the champion of all America. Cesaro asks us to stand for the national anthem but most people don't seem interested. Instead here's Tyson Kidd to interrupt him. Tyson makes fun of Cesaro's man purse (Cesaro: "IT'S NOT A PURSE!!!") and says he wants a title shot right here. Cesaro goes off in some other language, but Kidd says he's got something universal. He slaps Cesaro and the champion bails to the floor.

Heath Slater vs. Seth Rollins

Non-title here and Vickie is managing Slater, presumably as a tryout. I'm assume this is from before the 3MB. JR has replaced that Tony guy on commentary. Slater shoulderblocks him down to start and a headlock takeover does the same. Rollins comes back with a chop and Slater bails to the ropes. Rollins works over the arm and while holding a wristlock, plays air guitar with it in a funny bit.

Slater heads to the floor and slows things down a bit. A baseball slide puts Slater on his back in the aisle and Vickie yells at Heath to win. We take a break and come back with both guys hitting cross bodies at the same time back in the ring. They slug it out for some boo/yay time from

the audience before Rollins takes over with a dropkick.

An enziguri from the apron staggers Slater and Heath is backdropped to the floor. There's a suicide dive to take Slater out and Heath is reeling. Back in a springboard I think knee to Slater's head gets two but Rollins walks into that falling Cutter for two for Heath. Rollins kicks Heath in the head and hits a standing Sliced Bread #2 for the pin at 6:46 shown of 7:16.

Rating: C-. This wasn't bad but it never got to the level that you would expect from Rollins. The problem here is that Rollins is a bigger deal than Slater, who is arguably the king of jobbers in the WWE. For Rollins, this wasn't much of a challenge and the match wasn't really much to get excited about.

Overall Rating: B-. I liked this show a lot with the main event being the weakest part. Bronson is a guy that I'm interested in as he looks tough and dominated in his first match. On top of that the more Trent Barreta I see the happier I am. This episode was a nice surprise as things were starting to get a bit stale with the long running stories.

Bringing in a new character helps, as does bringing in the main roster people to put the NXT guys over. Oh and the new announcer isn't bad. He sounds like someone with a lot of announcing experience but not necessarily in wrestling. Regal had to tell him of a lot of names of moves and the new guy didn't sound entirely sure who the wrestlers were. For a debut though, he sounded fine and didn't make any mistakes that I heard.

Results

Brodus Clay b. Camacho – Splash

Trent Barreta b. Kassius Ohno – Running Knee to the Face

Layla/Alicia Fox b. Paige/Audrey Marie – Rollup to Marie

Bronson b. Lincoln Brodrick – Inverted Figure Four

Seth Rollins b. Heath Slater – Standing Sliced Bread #2

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