

NXT – November 21, 2012: Bronson, Wyatt and Harper. NXT Wins.

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After last week not a lot has changed, as we're still moving towards Mahal vs. Rollins II for the title. On top of that we've got Vickie continuing to have her bounty on Langston who is rapidly becoming one of my favorite people on this show. NXT has been the best wrestling show on TV for months now and hopefully that remains the case here tonight. Let's get to it.

Earlier today, Kassius Ohno didn't want to talk about Trent Barreta. He has a premonition about ending Trent's career tonight like he did to Richie Steamboat.

Paige vs. Alicia Fox

Feeling out process to start of course before Paige takes over with a Japanese armdrag. Fox lands on her feet out of a monkey flip as the fans are WAY behind Paige. Alicia mostly botches what I think was supposed to be a suplex but it looked more like a slam. A northern lights suplex gets two on Paige and it's off to a bow and arrow hold. Paige finally makes a rope and gets two off a cross body. A sunset flip out of the corner gets the same for Fox but she walks into the Paige Turner (kind of a snap Angle Slam but Paige never lifted her off the mat) for the pin at 4:52.

Rating: D+. Fox just isn't that good. She's very sloppy when she's on offense and has been for years now. Paige is one of those girls that

could be very good when she gets some more experience and the fans love her. On top of that, she's 20 years old. That's very impressive when you consider how good she is already.

Camacho vs. Big E. Langston

This is a match for the \$5000 bounty that Vickie has put on Langston's head. Camacho tries to pound on him but Langston keeps shoving him away. A shot out of the corner puts Big E. down but Camacho slaps him like an idiot. The Big Ending (falling slam) ends Camacho at 2:06.

Langston demands the five count and you don't tell a man like that no. Camacho gets two more Big Endings for good measure.

We go to the back and Trent Barreta is down and in pain. Leo Kruger can be seen out of range smiling evilly.

Post break we're told Trent isn't cleared for the main event yet.

Bronson vs. Nick Rogers

SWEET! Bronson is back! He shoves Rogers into the corner and completely no sells all of the shots from Nick. Bronson goes after the leg before hitting a crossface to the head. A lot of stomps and knees keep Rogers down as Bronson works on the leg. An STO sets up that kind of inverted Figure Four from Bronson for the tap out at 1:49. I love this guy.

Here's Bray Wyatt who says all of the little lambs should fear him. Tonight he's giving our lives purpose for the first time ever. He sits down in a rocking chair as Luke Harper comes out for his match.

Luke Harper vs. Mike Dalton

Harper looks like he looked as Brodie Lee in the indies. The fans chant for Ziggler who Dalton does look a bit like. Harper pounds away as Wyatt sits in the rocking chair. Dalton gets thrown around a lot as Harper keeps looking at Wyatt. A BIG spinning Boss Man Slam completes the squash at 2:41. Harper won in case you're a rather dense person that needs everything explained to them.

Harper gets on his knees in front of Wyatt. Bray says he's been around for 2000 years and says that once he decides it's time to start hurting people, there will be no one left.

Earlier today, Mahal attacked Rollins in the back but Seth beat him down.

The Raw ReBound recaps (shocking) the end of the show.

Kassius Ohno vs. Trent Barreta

There's a lot of time left in the show for this. Ohno says that there's no opponent for him tonight because Trent is injured. Ohno demands that the referee count to ten and declare him the winner, but here's Dusty Rhodes with something to say. He says that he knows Ohno had something to do with Trent's attack and he's got a replacement. Total time between Dusty appearing and the replacement's music hitting: sixty seconds.

Kassius Ohno vs. Richie Steamboat

Richie starts fast and beats Ohno into the corner and hits a quick cross body for a two count. Steamboat pounds away in the corner and sends Kassius to the apron. Ohno skins the cat but Richie clotheslines him to the floor. It's almost like Richie has insight into that move. A big dive to the floor takes Ohno out and we take a break.

Back with Richie holding a chinlock on Ohno until Kassius makes it to the rope. A low dropkick to the head puts Steamboat down and it's cravate

time. Ohno pounds him in the head some more for a pair of two counts and it's back to the cravate. Steamboat fights up and gets a pair of quick rollups for two. Ohno comes back with a kind of lifting Downward Spiral for two of his own as this keeps going back and forth.

Steamboat fires off a bunch of chops to the chest and head to slow Kassius down before they head to the corner. Richie comes off the top but dives into a headbutt from Ohno to put both guys down again. In a bit of a strange ending, Ohno hits a running clothesline in the corner but as he goes to throw Steamboat to the floor, Steamboat rolls him up for two and hits the Slingblade (swing around neckbreaker) for the pin at 10:28 shown of 13:58.

Rating: C-. Sudden ending aside, this wasn't an incredibly good match. I know Ohno is considered a great talent, but I really don't see the appeal of him from what I've seen in FCW. He's not bad but if I didn't know he had been such a big deal in the indies, I wouldn't have much interest in him at all. Steamboat is pretty generic as well with nothing interesting going on about him. Not a bad match but it was bland, like most of their matches so far.

Overall Rating: C+. This was another solid episode of NXT. There's an energy to this show that you don't get on any other wrestling series at the moment which makes it the most fun show going. It's a combination of them using their time efficiently as well as having interesting characters who are all treated as big deals rather than there being a clear hierarchy like Raw or Impact have. Also the title match isn't the focus at all but the other guys are built up well enough that it can be overlooked, which says a lot about the rest of the show.

Results

Paige b. Alicia Fox – Paige Turner

Big E. Langston b. Camacho – Big Ending

Bronson b. Nick Rogers – Inverted Figure Four

Luke Harper b. Mike Dalton – Spinning Boss Man Slam

Richie Steamboat b. Kassius Ohno – Slingblade

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