

On This Day: November 30, 2011 – NXT 2011: They've Only Just Begun. Heaven Help Us All.

NXT

Date: November 30, 2011

Location: Time Warner Cable Arena, Charlotte, North Carolina

Commentators: Josh Matthews, Matt Striker

Time for another week of this. We're almost in December of a show that started in early March. We're also approaching the wedding of Maxine and Bateman, which I think is scheduled for late January. This show really is going to last an entire year isn't it? I was kidding when I suggested that at first. I guess we're supposed to ignore that all three guys have appeared on Smackdown in the past few weeks right? Let's get to it.

The song saying that they have just begun scares me.

No Regal this week???

The main event is a triple threat with the rookies and the winner gets a match on Smackdown.

Tyler Reks vs. Percy Watson

Watson has an annoying spoken part before his song now. I'm sorry but he really isn't on the level that he deserves that yet. Hawkins sits in on commentary. Fast paced start with Watson flying around the place but he walks into a Downward Spiral into the middle buckle for two. Striker says that the money here is way better in the NFL. If my math is right, the minimum salary in the NFL is about a quarter million dollars a

year. Methinks Matt is lying.

Watson starts his comeback and hammers away. The fans actually seem to care for him here as a cross body gets two. Hawkins gets up and plays ugly cheerleader, allowing Reks to get in a shot to break the momentum again. Reks goes up for what appears to be a double axe off the top but jumps into a dropkick for the pin at 3:20.

Rating: C-. Just a match here for the most part. It wasn't bad or anything but it's kind of hard to get interested in a match like this where there's no reason at all to see them fight. They're not fighting for anything but pride so it doesn't really add up to anything. Watson is fun to watch when he jumps though.

Curtis is hitting on Kaitlyn when Maxine comes up. He has good taste. Kaitlyn is invited back to his bus which Maxine says doesn't exist. Kaitlyn leaves and Maxine yells because that's insulting to her to go from Maxine to someone like Kaitlyn. Maxine talks to Curtis and they're about to kiss but he kisses his fingers and puts them to her lips. She isn't happy. He leaves and Bateman comes up so she kisses him hard....with his mother next to him. Bateman leaves and Mama Bateman threatens her with violence if she hurts Bateman.

Yoshi Tatsu/Trent Barretta vs. Tyson Kidd/Johnny Curtis

We get a High Fliers reference from Striker, who swears some people know who he's talking about. Tatsu vs. Curtis gets us going and there isn't much going on so they both tag out. Trent winds up in the corner as the announcers aren't all that interested in the match. Kidd gets two off a kick to the head and hooks in a chinlock. They go up to the corner and Trent mostly misses what we would kind of call a Whisper in the Wind. That sets up the hot tag to Tatsu who beats up ever heel in sight. He tries to fire up the crowd and it doesn't work at all. The top rope spinwheel kick misses and Curtis hits a

sitout brainbuster for the pin at 4:30.

Rating: D. Just dull again here as Curtis is as uninteresting of a guy as I've seen in years. A sitout brainbuster isn't an interesting move at all and that fits perfectly. At least with the diving legdrop it looked ok. Nothing to see here and for the life of me I don't get why he keeps a job, especially with some of the other people they could put on this show.

We get the entire Piper's Pit from Monday. It still doesn't quite work as the fans didn't boo Cena. It eats up about 10 minutes though which is ten minutes of NXT stuff I don't have to watch.

Maxine vs. Alicia Fox

Matthews asks Striker to compare the offensive styles here...and somehow he does it. For the life of me I don't get why the Divas are on TV all the time. Alicia uses a lot of moves involving her flexibility which get her nowhere. Bateman and Mama Bateman come out to watch. Maxine sees them and panics a bit, allowing Alicia to hit the Axe Kick for the win at 2:24.

Derrick Bateman vs. Titus O'Neil vs. Darren Young

Young waits on the floor as Titus beats Bateman up. He slides in and chops away (W00) so Titus pounds him down also. Young continues his Flair impersonation and is slammed off the top for two. After a break for a bad Cena movie, the heels are double teaming Titus. As is custom, they get in a fight of their own, allowing Titus to fight back. Young hits a clothesline for two on O'Neil.

The heels fight a bit more and I'm trying to care. I mean I really am trying, but it's just not going to happen at all. Bateman goes up and gets crotched and it's a TOWER OF DOOM!!! They actually call it that and it's a wicked one too. Titus can't get the pin on Young so he grabs the rope like Batista

and yells a lot. Young and O'Neil fight to the apron and Young takes him down with a neckbreaker. Bateman grabs O'Neil as he comes back in for the pin at 8:49.

Rating: C-. Pretty dull stuff here and my goodness why would it be Bateman? I mean, it couldn't be clearer that O'Neil is the class of this group but instead their answer is try to make it seem like a competition. I don't know who thinks this is interesting to watch, but it's really not working at all. Boring match to end a boring show.

Post match Bateman wants Maxine to come out but he gets JTG and Tamina instead. They say she left with Curtis. Oh joy.

Overall Rating: D. It was an hour long and it was the Derrick Bateman Show tonight. I have no idea why they're choosing to push him but that's all they seem to think is the right idea. Titus is a guy that could be an interesting character on one of the big shows but it just isn't happening here. Bad show.

Results

Percy Watson b. Tyler Reks – Dropkick

Tyson Kidd/Johnny Curtis b. Yoshi Tatsu/Trent Barretta – Sitout Brainbuster to Tatsu

Alicia Fox b. Maxine – Axe Kick

Derrick Bateman b. Titus O'Neil and Darren Young – Pinned O'Neil after a neckbreaker from Young

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