

NXT – April 17, 2014: Power vs. Speed

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The main story at the moment is Brodus Clay wanting a piece of the NXT Title and going after Adrian Neville to get there. Other than that we're looking forward to seeing Sami Zayn get his hands on Corey Graves after Graves injured him a few weeks back. The Divas division is also getting more and more awesome so let's get to it.

Colin Cassady vs. Aiden English

English kicks him in the ribs to start as Regal is already sucking up to Aiden. Big Cass hammers away as we hear about Aiden declaring himself an upper echelon talent in NXT. The SAWFT Boot to the face gets two but Aiden just hammers him down to take over again. A hard elbow to the head keeps Cass in trouble as Regal talks about how to throw the hardest punches. The Director's Cut is countered but Cass' spinning Rock Bottom is countered into a rollup with a handful of trunks for the pin at 4:10.

Rating: D+. English winning is always a good thing as he's ready to move up the ladder in NXT. I'm not saying he's ready for the main roster but English would be a great opponent for Neville once he's done with Brodus. The singing gimmick is just about perfect though and that's the important part.

Tyler Breeze has Devin read his names off a phone. He has nothing to say and just wanted her to read so he could make a gorgeous cameo. Awesome indeed.

We look at Paige winning the Divas Title on Raw.

Paige, holding both belts, doesn't buy the other Divas' congratulations on Raw. She's also ready for the BFFs here in NXT. Paige has studied every Diva on both rosters and will never get comfortable. This is the most she's ever talked and it wasn't half bad.

Camacho vs. Oliver Grey

This is Grey's return match after being gone forever with a knee injury. The fans chant KING HAKU at Camacho (Haku's son) in a cool moment. A dropkick and wristlock give Oliver early control but Camacho runs him over with a hard elbow. Some forearms to the back set up a Samoan drop for the pin on Grey at 2:00. This was just a squash, but to be fair did anyone care that Grey was back anyway?

Bo Dallas says his fans are law abiding citizens so they didn't do anything illegal last week. However the Bo Dallas Hotline is running wild so he knows the Bo Lievers will never stop Bo Lieving in him to get the NXT Title back.

Ascension vs. Wesley Blake/Cal Bishop

Blake tries some shots to the ribs but Konnor just ENDS him with a clothesline. A shoulder does the same and it's off to Viktor for some HARD chops on the floor. Back in and Konnor stomps away in the corner before the Fall of Man ends Blake at 2:19. Can we please move them to WWE, because they're basically Paige with slightly worse legs.

Charlotte talks over Sasha in the back and takes over the BFFs.

CJ Parker vs. Great Khali

Before the match, Parker says he can't sleep at night because he's wondering what this planet would be like without the NXT Universe. There would be no litter in his street or animals in

his zoos. Parker wants to know how people can boo a man that wants to change the world for the better but Khali's music cuts him off. They trade chops to start and I believe you can guess who wins.

We get the loud chops in the corner and a clothesline puts Parker on the floor. Back in and Parker gets in a shot to the knee to take over, drawing what might be the greatest chant in history. Parker: "I JUST WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD!" Fans: "GLOBAL WARMING! GLOBAL WARMING!" Khali fights back and the Plunge is good for the pin at 2:33. The fans' hatred of Parker is glorious.

Emma might have a partner to face the BFFs next week.

Sami Zayn insists that he's fine and says he'll be taking care of Graves soon.

Jason Jordan/Tye Dillinger vs. Baron Corbin/Sawyer Fulton

Jordan and Dillinger get an entrance and have similar trunks. I'll take it over the random pairings we usually get around here. The good guys use some decent double teaming on Corbin for two before it's Dillinger with some hard chops in the corner. Corbin comes back with a hard clothesline of his own before it's off to Fulton for some elbow drops for two. A suplex gets the same but Corbin goes to the middle rope, only to save himself from diving into Tye's boot. Baron misses an elbow drop though and it's hot tag to Jordan. House is cleaned and the MNM Snapshot is good for the pin on Baron at 4:27.

Rating: C-. Standard speed vs. power formula match here so it was really hard to screw up. Jordan and Dillinger aren't anything special but they're something new so points for trying at least. The Snapshot is a good finisher to bring back as well and makes for a good double team move. Nice little match here to debut the team.

Adrian Neville vs. Brodus Clay

Non-title. Adrian goes right at him and fires off kicks to the legs. Renee: "I'd run around him like Mario around Koopa!" A sleeper doesn't get Neville anywhere and he dives into a release fisherman's suplex for two. Brodus goes old school with a heart punch for two and we hit the nerve hold.

We also get the second and third versions of the hold before Neville fights out of a powerbomb attempt. Some kicks to the head have no effect on Brodus but an AJ Styles springboard forearm put him down. Neville rolls through a 450 but Brodus runs him over with a headbutt. They head outside where Clay misses a splash off the steps, allowing Neville to get a quick countout win at 6:23.

Rating: C-. Not much to see here but the ending leaves the door open for future matches. However, I'm not sure why we need a second match as the first one would have been a good enough win for Neville. The match not being for the title fits what Adrian said and we'll likely get an attack from Clay to set up a rematch.

Overall Rating: C+. This show was moving out there and it worked far better than the previous few episodes. A few things are set up for the next few weeks and we had some decent matches to get there. I like the idea of fast matches instead of long drawn out ones for a change as it's a breath of fresh air. Nice show this week and again I have hopes for NXT's future.

Results

Aiden English b. Colin Cassady – Rollup

Camacho b. Oliver Grey – Samoan drop

Ascension b. Wesley Blake/Cal Bishop – Fall of Man to Blake

Great Khali b. CJ Parker – Punjabi Plunge

Jason Jordan/Tye Dillinger b. Baron Corbin/Sawyer Fulton

Adrian Neville b. Brodus Clay via countout

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