

NXT – October 16, 2014: Follow the NXT Road

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The road to whatever the next big show is called continues and apparently we're now in the land of Titus O'Neil, who pinned Sami Zayn in last week's main event. Adrian Neville made the save and is likely going to be Titus' next opponent. It's always hard to guess where things are going with NXT week to week so it's likely something totally unrelated to last week. Let's get to it.

Opening sequence.

Baron Corbin vs. Elias Sampson

End of Days, 18 seconds.

Here's Sami Zayn with something to say. Last week he lost to Titus O'Neil and that's not ok because he's better than that. It's time to refocus and go after the NXT Title (crowd ERUPTS for that) but Tyson Kidd has other thoughts. Tyson says it's time to face facts and is wearing an InZayn shirt for some reason. He talks about how Sami is lying to the people because everyone knows he's going to blow it like he always does.

Sami cuts him off at the knees by asking if Kidd has Natalya's permission to be out here. Crowd: "YOU GOT SERVED!" Kidd laughs him off but Sami says it's the start of his road to redemption. He's good enough to be here and he's good enough to beat Kidd, which he'll prove tonight. Sami suggests to go find Breeze's phone and call Nattie to make sure it's ok. Kidd: "Why would Breeze have Natalya's number?" Anyway the match is on for later.

Lucha Dragons vs. Wesley Blake/Buddy Murphy

Non-title. Murphy and Blake are now known as Team Thick. Cara backdrops Blake down and it's off to Murphy early on. Sin tries a springboard DDT but gets muscled up into a suplex for two. Cool counter. The Thick guys take over on Cara with some power stuff, including a slam and chinlock from Murphy. Cara kicks away and makes the tag so Kalisto can clean house. Everything breaks down and Cara takes Murphy to the top for a superplex but jumps up for a victory roll and the pin at 3:21.

Rating: D+. The Dragons are a good high flying team and that's all they need to be. I can't imagine they're a long term option with the belts, but the NXT Tag Team Titles have always been dominated by big power teams instead of guys like the Dragons. Still though, they're fine for a change of pace and this worked fine.

We see Tyler Breeze beating Mojo last week.

Rawley says he's out for awhile because of the shoulder but it's just taking one step back to take several forward. He tries to make this serious and intense and it just doesn't work. The time off is a good thing for him though as he really needs to be repackaged.

Becky Lynch vs. Charlotte

Non-title. Becky takes her down with a quick armdrag and keeps Charlotte in trouble on the mat, only to charge into a backbreaker out of the corner. Charlotte puts on a figure four headlock and drives Becky's face into the mat a few times for good measure. A double clothesline puts both girls down but it's Lynch up first and in control. Some legdrops get two for Lynch but Charlotte comes back with a suplex for two of her own. Charlotte gets in a shot to the ribs and Natural Selection is good for the pin at 4:07.

Rating: C+. Good back and forth match here as Lynch continues to look like a star in the making. They're playing up the idea that she has natural skills but she doesn't have the experience to put it all together yet. It's amazing how deep the division is with different characters, especially when you look at how generic most of the WWE Divas are.

We see Itami and Funaki getting beaten down last week.

Ascension says Itami is in for the same treatment as Funaki if he doesn't back off.

Enzo Amore/Colin Cassady vs. Legionnaires

Cass throws Sylvester around to start and it's off to Marcus, who goes nuts on LeFort over his bald head. We'll call it a no contest at 30 seconds.

Carmella vs. Old Blue Pants

The fans and announcers have no idea who the jobber is so they name her after her pants. Carmella takes her down and puts on something like a Crossface with her legs for the submission at 32 seconds. I believe Blue Pants was a girl who wrestles under the name Leva Bates.

Sasha Banks and Becky argue over who is going to be the next Women's Champion. Banks asks her what she'll do to make it to the top.

Neville is defending against Titus O'Neil next week and is tired of all these Raw and Smackdown guys coming after his title.

Sami Zayn vs. Tyson Kidd

Sami talks a lot of trash to start before cranking on a headlock. He throws Kidd's coat at him in the corner and you know it's on now. Tyson tries to speed things up into a monkey flip but Zayn rolls to the side and is staring at Kidd when he gets up. Some more armdrags put Kidd on the floor and Sami teases a dive to mess with him. Kidd stalls on the floor and gets Zayn to chase him, only to jump to the apron for a kick to the face as we take a break.

Back with Kidd choking in the corner and driving an elbow into Sami's head. A neckbreaker gets two and we hit the chinlock. Zayn fights up and nails a dropkick but misses the Helluva Kick. Instead a cross body is good for two and the Blue Thunder Bomb gets the same. Kidd comes back with a hard elbow to the face and a Moss Covered Three Handled Family Credenza for two of his own. The Sharpshooter goes on but Sami crawls over to the ropes. Sami suplexes him into the corner and the Helluva Kick is good for the pin at 10:30.

Rating: C+. These two are part of what is becoming the NXT version of the Smackdown Six (or four in this case). You can throw any combination of these two, Neville and Breeze out there and you're going to have a good match. That's a really valuable asset to have, but hopefully NXT doesn't just let the same guys have the same matches over and over again to water down the matchups. Sami's road to the title is clear, and man alive is that arena going to explode when he wins.

Overall Rating: C+. You can see the end for a lot of these stories, but we still have about six weeks to go to get there. This December special is going to be awesome with some long stories getting blown off and the winners that people want to see. It's amazing how easy it is to have these stories with in depth characters but no major company seems capable of pulling it off. Good show this week as NXT is back on track.

Results

Baron Corbin b. Elias Sampson – End of Days

Lucha Dragons b. Wesley Blake/Buddy Murphy – Victory Roll to Murphy

Charlotte b. Becky Lynch – Natural Selection

Carmella b. Old Blue Pants – Leg choke

Sami Zayn b. Tyson Kidd – Helluva Kick

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