

NXT – August 19, 2015: Proper Jobber Use

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It's the go home show for Takeover: Brooklyn and the card is pretty much set in stone, meaning tonight is all about the final build. This Saturday is going to be the biggest show in NXT history with 13,000 fans in attendance, so hopefully this show sets the stage in a very big way. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of Finn Balor destroying Marcus Louis last week but getting attacked by Kevin Owens, including the Pop Up Powerbomb to leave the champion laying.

The recaps continue with a look at Bayley pinning Becky Lynch last week to earn a shot at Women's Champion Sasha Banks. The staredown with Sasha made me want to see the match even more than I already did. Assuming Bayley wins the title (and Heaven help them if she doesn't), the eruption is going to be off the charts.

Opening sequence.

Here's NXT GM William Regal to open things up with a good old fashioned contract signing. It's Bayley out first with Regal pointing out that she defeated Emma, Charlotte and Becky Lynch to earn the shot. Imagine that: earning a title shot because you beat all the contenders. Banks comes out and sees the girl Bayley hugged in the front row, who she promises to make cry. Now THAT is a heel.

Bayley thanks the fans and says she couldn't be here without them. She's had these title matches before but she's let it slip through her fingers. Fan: "NOT THIS TIME!" Bayley: "Yeah that's right." She knows the people can feel it, she knows Regal can feel it and she thinks Sasha can feel it

too. Bayley signs but Sasha mocks her for having such a big moment. Fans: "Let's go Bayley!" Sasha: "There's a reason the show is in Brooklyn and not here." That earns her some of the loudest booing in her career.

Sasha promises to show Bayley why she's the boss and stamps her signature on the contract. The champ goes to leave but Bayley says she's watched a lot of WWE and this isn't how contract signings end. Sasha isn't scared because she isn't Becky or Charlotte. Bayley really thinks she's a role model to all the little girls in the audience? Sasha is the real role model because she's going to teach them that fairy tales don't have happy endings.

It's not worth her time to fight Bayley tonight because Bayley is just not worth it. Banks leaves and Bayley looks like she's about to cry but goes after Banks on the ramp until referees break it up. I haven't wanted to see a match like this in a long time, probably all the way back to the first Shield vs. Wyatt Family match. As they always do, NXT knows how to take their time to build up a match, but more importantly they know how to build to a moment. I'm to the point where I have to see Bayley win the title and it's going to be one of the best moments in a long time, even if it seems so obvious. Hopefully it's not too obvious.

Apollo Crews video.

Tyler Breeze vs. ???

Breeze has a Liger mask to hang on the corner. The jobber doesn't even have a name and the Supermodel Kick takes him out at 35 seconds.

Breeze puts the Liger mask on the guy post match and says he's heard great things about Liger but he really isn't impressed. Everyone here wants a little preview of what they can expect, so there's a Beauty Shot to the jobber with Breeze counting his own pin.

Hype Bros/Enzo Amore/Colin Cassady vs. ???/???/???/???

Cass thinks that any Joe Schmo who wants to go toe to toe with him, Zo, Mojo and the Bro can only be described in one word. Mojo cranks on one of the nameless jobber's wrists before it's off to Ryder to send him into

the buckle. Even the announcers aren't naming these guys. A middle rope dropkick with Ryder landing on top for a cover connects before it's off to Enzo to stay on the arm.

The first jobber brings Enzo to the corner for a tag to the guy in a shirt like Rollins used to wear for a kick to the head. Jobber #3's chinlock doesn't last long and the hot tag brings in Big Cass to clean house. Everything breaks down and the first jobber takes the Broski Boot, followed by #4 getting Cass' side slam and the Rocket Launcher for the pin at 3:08.

Rating: C-. Total squash here and I kind of like the idea of the newcomers not even being named because it's not worth the time. The announcers spent the entire time hyping up next week's eight man tag with the winners facing Dash Wilder/Scott Dawson/Chad Gable/Jason Jordan.

Dash Wilder/Scott Dawson/Chad Gable/Jason Jordan say it's going to be a bit more difficult for the Hype Bros/Enzo/Cass next week. Gable does his ready, willing and Gable line and his teammates groan.

Samoa Joe vs. Steve Cutler

The Rock Bottom out of the corner and the Koquina Clutch end Cutler in 33 seconds.

Corbin jumps Joe from behind and throws him back in the ring for End of Days.

The new and improved Bull Dempsey is here next week.

Blake/Murphy vs. Angelo Dawkins/Sawyer Fulton

Non-title. Fans: "Come on Blakey let's go party." I hate that song but good night that's brilliant. Dawkins armdrags Blake down to start and dropkicks both champions down. Blake gets in a few shots but a shoulder puts him down and it's off to Fulton to clean house. A swinging gutwrench suplex plants Murphy but he pops back up for the running suplex into Blake's frog splash for the pin at 3:39.

Rating: C. It was to have this not be a squash but there was never any

doubt as to who was winning here. Unfortunately we didn't get enough Bliss here as she's clearly the star of the team and by far the most interesting thing out there. Blake and Murphy are little more than passable but they have a gorgeous manager with attitude so they're going to be fine.

Post match the Vaudevillains come out to introduce their counter to Bliss. Before they can say anything though, Bliss comes up and slaps them both twice. Fans: "WE WANT BLUE PANTS!"

Next week it's Carmella vs. Eva Marie, which is one of the matches being taped before Takeover. Also next week, the eight man tag mentioned earlier and Charlotte vs. Emma vs. Becky Lynch vs. Dana Brooke.

Here's Kevin Owens with a ladder for his last speech before the title match. After annoying the fans by bringing up Brooklyn, Owens calls the fans hypocrites for hating Takeover not being here in Florida. These are the same fans who chant FIGHT OWENS FIGHT, unless he's laying a finger on Sami Zayn or mentioning John Cena, which makes them boo. If he talks about beating John Cena though, everyone cheers. The NXT fans are the John Cena of wrestling fans because nothing genuine comes out of their mouths.

They talk about wanting NXT to succeed and grow but then they boo when it's selling out a 13,000 seat arena ("which only sold out once I was in the main event") because it's being taken away from them. He's sick of coming here and performing in front of trash like this. However, it's going to make him feel better to beat a clown like Balor in front of a crowd worthy of seeing him. As for Balor, he needs to understand that Japan was a fluke.

What Owens has done to guys like Sami Zayn is nothing because now he needs the NXT Title to shove it in the faces of these stupid fans. Saturday is going to be destroy Owens destroy and climb Owens climb. Fans: "FALL OWENS FALL!" Owens is on top of the ladder and there go the lights.

Balor is sitting on the top rope so Owens wisely climbs back down. They don't wait for the brawl and Owens is knocked to the floor with a big

ladder shot to the face. Fans: "RUN OWENS RUN!" Balor climbs the ladder and says he's retaining the title and shutting Owens' mouth on Saturday.

Overall Rating: B. This is a good example of a show where the wrestling is the least important thing on the card. Tonight did an outstanding job of building the card for Saturday with Owens showing why he's a master on the microphone by pointing out everyone's hypocrisy and then losing the fight. I'm far more excited for Takeover than I am for Summerslam, which is the case with almost all of the NXT shows these days. Excellent go home show here that did everything it was supposed to do.

Results

Tyler Breeze b. ??? – Supermodel Kick

Hype Bros/Enzo Amore/Colin Cassady b. ???/???/???/??? – Rocket Launcher

Samoa Joe b. Steve Cutler – Koquina Clutch

Blake/Murphy b. Angelo Dawkins/Sawyer Fulton – Frog splash to Fulton

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