

NXT – September 17, 2017: The British Are Being Invaded!

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We're coming up on the end of a taping cycle and that could mean a variety of things around here. Last week's show ended with Asuka vacating the Women's Title, which will likely be resolved during the next set of tapings. Other than that we have the continuing issues with the Undisputed Era, which is the official name for Adam Cole, Kyle O'Reilly and Bobby Fish. Let's get to it.

Opening sequence.

The announcers talk about Asuka vacating the title last week.

Billie Kay/Peyton Royce vs. Ruby Riot/???

Riot demanded this match but William Regal told her to get a partner. There's no partner to start though so it's Ruby taking Peyton down to start. Cue Nikki Cross to watch from ringside as Peyton does her headscissor choke over the ropes. Ruby sends them into each other though and grabs a breather, only to have Cross get on the apron and tag herself in. Nikki starts cleaning house and hits a quick swinging fisherman's neckbreaker on Kay. That's enough for Nikki as she tags out and leaves. Riot hits the top rope backplash for the pin on Billie at 4:04.

Rating: D+. This was much more of an angle than a match as the Iconic Duo loses again. I don't remember the last time they won a big match but that's not the point of a team like them. They'll be back annoying people all over again in a few weeks and everything will be fine. It's worked for them for months and it should work for them on the main roster.

We look back at Riddick Moss and Tino Sabbatelli challenging Johnny

Gargano last week.

No Way Jose explains his issues with Lars Sullivan. Someone has to teach Lars a lesson and that's a challenge for next week.

Riddick Moss vs. Johnny Gargano

Johnny headlocks him to start but the much stronger Moss throws him around without too much effort. One heck of an elbow to the jaw cuts Johnny off again and he's sent into the corner as we take a break. Back with Moss pounding him down in the corner, only to have Johnny clothesline him outside. A baseball slide sets up a running flip dive off the apron but Johnny has to deal with Tino.

Not that it matters as the Gargano Escape has Riddick in trouble but he makes the rope for the save. Johnny is freaked out and the announcers talk about him losing his confidence. Tino tries to interfere again but eats a superkick, followed by the spear through the ropes to put Moss away at 10:28.

Rating: C. Better match than I was expecting from Moss, who is one of those guys who has been around NXT for years but never actually does anything. Johnny having confidence issues is an interesting idea, though having him regain his confidence to put away someone as low level as Moss was the right call. It's part of a long term story for him and that's a good idea.

Street Profits vs. Ealy Brothers

Gabriel shoves Uriel into the corner to start and STEALS HIS BANDANA! That earns him one heck of a right hand so it's off to Ford. The always cool jump over the partner onto the opponent's back spot has both Brothers reeling but a little Twin Magic earns Ford a kick to the face. That's about it for the offense though as a missed charge allows the hot tag to Dawkins. Everything breaks down and it's a spinebuster into the frog splash to put Uriel away at 2:49.

Video on Asuka leading into a recap of last week's ceremony.

We look back at Wolfgang pinning Tyler Bate to earn a UK Title shot.

Wolfgang is ready for his title shot.

UK Title: Wolfgang vs. Pete Dunne

Pete is defending and the fans go insane for him. Wolfgang gets taken down by the head so Dunne can crank on his arm and then fingers. A cravate takes Pete down, only to have him forearm the heck out of Wolfgang. Dunne snaps the fingers again for another breather though, followed by a DDT to drop Wolfgang head first onto the apron.

Back from a break with Dunne grabbing a Kimura with a bodyscissors. Wolfgang shoves him off so Pete hits a running kick to the head. That just earns him a spear as things are starting to pick up. Dunne bails to the floor so it's a running flip dive, followed by a moonsault for two on the champ back inside.

The X Plex cuts Wolfgang off but he's right back up with a delayed superplex. The Howling hits knees though and Dunne slaps on a cross armbreaker. That's reverses as well so it's a pop up powerslam for two on Pete. A forearm to the jaw cuts Wolfgang off though and it's the Bitter End to retain the title at 10:58.

Rating: B. It's nowhere near what Dunne did with Bate but it was still a hard hitting and entertaining match. Wolfgang didn't do much for me during the tournament but I've liked his stuff since then a lot more. Dunne continues to be WAY better than he should be at his age though and that's a great sign for his future.

Post match the Undisputed Era comes out to beat down both guys. Dunne bails while they beat on Wolfgang until Tyler Bate and Trent Seven run out for the save to end the show.

Overall Rating: B-. This was a filler show with a good main event and there's nothing wrong with that. Odds are we'll be getting a huge match between British Strong Style and the Undisputed Era in the near future and that's an indy main event anywhere in the world. Good show here, though nothing really worth going out of your way to see.

Results

Ruby Riot/Nikki Cross b. Billie Kay/Peyton Royce – Top rope backslash to Kay

Johnny Gargano b. Riddick Moss – Slingshot spear

Street Profits b. Ealy Brothers – Frog splash to Uriel

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