

NXT UK – January 16, 2020: Maybe All Of The Traditions Aren't Great



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It's time for another NXT tradition as we look at the two matches taped before Sunday's Takeover. In other words, this show is going to be a lot of fallout from Takeover, but in this case we also might get some major hype for When Worlds Collide. Both of those sound good so we could be in for a fun show. Let's get to it.

[Here's Takeover if you need a recap.](#)

We open with a long recap of Takeover, as we should.

Opening sequence.

The announcers narrate some stills from Takeover.

A-Kid vs. Joseph Conners

Kid takes him down by the arm to start and it's a very early standoff.

Conners gets in a headscissors on the mat but that's broken up as well, allowing Kid to roll around and hit a dropkick. A missed dive off the top lets Conners get in a shot to the knee, setting up a slingshot bulldog for two. Conners shouts that HE IS WORTHY and stomps away before hitting a Falcon Arrow for two more.

Kid fights out of a chinlock and hits a German suplex into a bridging northern lights suplex for his own two. The threat of a kick sends Conners outside so Kid hits a quick dive. Back in and Conners' slingshot is superkicked out of the air to put him on the floor again. That means a big springboard moonsault, though Kid seems to hurt his knee on the landing.

Back in again and Conners reverses a rollup into Don't Look Down, which is countered into a small package to give Kid another two. Conners is right back with a belly to back faceplant and a reverse Hennig snap gets two more. A tilt-a-whirl backbreaker plants Kid but he reverses into an armbar, which is switched into a triangle. Kid goes after the arm again but gets pulled into Don't Look Down for the pin at 10:17.

Rating: C. As little as I care about Conners, it was nice to see a match with a bit of a story. That being said, they kept trying to set up the knee but it never went anywhere as Conners kept trying to do something else. Having Conners trying to make the next Takeover is better than dealing with the newcomers, especially on a show that has only been around about a year and a half.

After losing to him at Takeover, Trent Seven yelled at Eddie Dennis a lot.

We look at Gallus retaining the Tag Team Titles at Takeover.

Gallus is fired up to retain. It was as sweet as milky buttons.

We recap the recent issues between Jinny and Jazzy Gabert.

We look at Kay Lee Ray stealing the pin to retain the Women's Title.

Toni Storm isn't happy with being robbed but she's ready for Rhea Ripley at When Worlds Collide.

We look at the Undisputed Era attacking Imperium to close Takeover.

Sid Scala and Johnny Saint announce a four way Cruiserweight Title match for When Worlds Collide. Next week, there will be two qualifying matches with Liger vs. Jordan Devlin, plus Travis Banks vs. Brian Kendrick.

Kassius Ohno vs. Dave Mastiff

They go to a test of strength to start and Ohno realizes that wasn't the best idea. It's off to a battle of wristlocks with Mastiff shoving him away and hitting a dropkick to the apron. Ohno gets pulled back inside but he sends Mastiff shoulder first into the buckle. The cravate puts Mastiff down and a rolling senton has Mastiff in more trouble.

Ohno grabs the cravate again and mocks the fans' LET'S GO MASTIFF chant, only to get thrown down with ease. Mastiff's backsplash gets two but Into The Void is countered into a sunset flip (good thing Mastiff left it short). Mastiff is right back with a German suplex so they head up top, with Ohno getting caught in a super Regal Roll. Into The Void finishes Ohno at 6:45.

Rating: C. They had a story going here with Mastiff using the huge power advantage to override anything Ohno might have been able to do. It's good to see Mastiff continue his momentum as you never know how long someone like him is going to have on top. I'm not sure how high Mastiff can go but it's been fun to see what he's doing.

Overall Rating: C-. This is the kind of show where I never know what to think of them as it's mainly about the recaps and filling in some time this week. I do appreciate them setting up some stuff for next week and treating When Worlds Collide as a big deal, as it's nice to have something that matters from the series. Hopefully next week can make up for some of the effort, but there wasn't much they could do this time.

Results

Joseph Conners b. A-Kid – Don't Look Down

Dave Mastiff b. Kassius Ohno – Into The Void

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