

205 Live Results – January 15, 2021: NXT Needs Help

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Things are going to take a bit of a turn this week as the show is going to be dedicated to the Dusty Rhodes Tag Team Classic. This is where 205 Live can be rather useful, as there are going to be quite a few tournament matches which NXT does not have time to present. Let 205 Live take some of the pressure off of things and NXT can get more important stuff done. Let's get to it.

We open with a look back at the first batch of Dusty Classic matches from NXT, plus a preview of tonight's two matches.

Dusty Rhodes Tag Team Classic First Round: Legado del Fantasma vs. Bollywood Boyz

Santos Escobar is here with Legado. Sunil grabs a headlock on Mendoza to start but that's broken up in a hurry. A monkey flip into a clothesline to the floor has Mendoza in trouble and it's off to Samir. Wilde comes in as well and gets armbarred down in a hurry. A quick ram into the corner has Wilde in trouble but a Mendoza distraction lets Wilde grab a DDT. There's the double suplex for two on Samir and the cravate goes on.

Back up and Mendoza misses a charge into the post and the hot tag brings in Sunil for the comeback. The spinwheel kick drops Mendoza but Sunil goes after Wilde. It actually works this time as Sunil hits a top rope ax handle for two on Mendoza. Everything breaks down and a superplex into a top rope elbow gets two on Mendoza as Wilde makes a save. Samir gets taken

down on the floor and a running boot/Russian legsweep combination sends Legado on at 9:48.

Rating: C. This was the serious version of the Boyz and it worked a lot better than usual as a result. The dancing stuff does suit them rather well but it's nice to see them actually do the more traditional thing once in awhile. Legado was good as usual, but I'm not sure how bright their tournament futures really are.

Killian Dain is still sick of Drake Maverick.

The Women's Dusty Classic is here next week.

Dusty Rhodes Tag Team Classic: Killian Dain/Drake Maverick vs. August Grey/Curt Stallion

Stallion shoulders Maverick down to start but gets sent outside so Maverick can dance. Back in and a dropkick into an armdrag has Stallion in trouble so it's off to Grey. The staredown is enough to bring in Dain and it's a drop toehold into a backsplash. Dain picks Maverick up to use him as a weapon (Maverick: "PUT ME DOWN!"). Grey and Stallion are sent outside, with Maverick telling Dain to dive. Instead Dain picks Maverick up to throw at them for the big crash.

Back in and Maverick wonders why Dain wouldn't dive while getting two on Stallion. A backbreaker gets Stallion out of trouble though and it's back to Grey for a headlock. That is switched into a headlock but Maverick fights up and brings in Dain for the serious house cleaning. A crossbody gets two on Grey but he's back up with a superplex into a German suplex for two on Maverick. Dain has had enough of this and powerbombs Stallion, followed by powerbombing Drake onto him for the pin at 10:00.

Rating: C. Maverick and Dain are growing on me quite a bit (I bet it's the whistling) as Maverick's charisma is enough to carry just about anything to watchable. Throw in Dain as the

monster and they're a nice little oddball team. I'm not sure why Stallion needed to take a fall, but odds are he holds that title shot for months to come anyway so it hardly destroys him.

Overall Rating: C+. The wrestling was completely average but I can go with burning a show off like this and having something good come of it at the same time. Not only did they get some tournament matches out of the way, but they didn't waste anything they had coming on the regular 205 Live. Not too bad here, even if the two winning teams aren't exactly heavy favorites.

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