## 205 Live – February 4, 2022: They Want Him To Be Something

## <u>205 Live</u>

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It isn't saying much when the biggest moment on a show is the introduction of a new announcer but that is about all we got last week. So far it seems that the idea of dropping the 205 Live name is already over, which shouldn't be that big of a surprise. Odds are most important people in WWE have not thought of this show in a long time, so let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

## Bodhi Hayward vs. Brooks Jensen

Andre Chase and Josh Briggs are here too. Feeling out process to start with the fans very behind Bodhi. A wristlock doesn't get Jensen very far so he takes Hayward down and puts a knee on his head. Back up and Bodhi grabs a hiptoss, setting up the up/down splashes. Jensen goes right back to the arm and the chinlock goes on. That's broken up (twice) and Nigel is way behind Bodhi. Some three point charges take Jensen down again but a third is cut off by a knee to the face to give Jensen the pin at 6:04.

**Rating**: C-. Every time I see Chase and Hayward, I am more and more amazed by the fact that they are making this work. It's a goofy gimmick with little future but they put everything into it to make the thing work. Briggs and Jensen have fallen a decent way and that's not good for their future, but there is always a place for some big cowboys on a WWE show.

Kacy Catanzaro/Kayden Carter vs. Fallon Henley/Lash Legend

Brooks and Jensen are here to watch Catanzaro and Carter. Legend is the only one here who doesn't like to dance. Carter takes Henley down to start and walks over her back, much to the fans' delight. It's off to Catanzaro, who gets launched for a seated senton on Henley for an early near fall. Legend comes in and throws Catanzaro down, which leaves Catanzaro smiling a bit.

A gorilla press doesn't work so it's Carter coming in to help with some double teaming. That doesn't work either as Legend sends Carter into the corner for a hard chop and a tag to Henley. For some reason Legend is right back in for a powerslam before Henley adds an X Factor for two. Carter gets over to the corner without much trouble and the hot tag brings Catanzaro back in. Everything breaks down and the 450/neckbreaker combination finishes Legend at 6:13.

**Rating:** C. It's kind of amazing how much easier Legend is to watch without her doing the most annoying talk show in recorded history. She has the size and athleticism to be something around here, but this is the highest level she should be at right now. Henley could have something, but putting her in a team where Legend is going to overshadow her isn't the best way to see what she can do.

## Kushida vs. Damon Kemp

Kemp wrestles him down with no trouble to start and mocks Kushida's time obsession. Kushida dropkicks the arm but the much bigger Kemp shoves him away without much trouble. An overhead belly to belly sends Kushida flying (Shah: "There you see that Pedigree.") but Kushida scores with the handspring elbow. Kemp shrugs him off and tries a fireman's carry, only to get reversed into a cross armbreaker for the tap at 3:50.

**Rating**: C. You can absolutely see that they want Kemp to be something and he seems to have the skills to do so. The amateur abilities will always work and this felt like he got caught instead of defeated. Kushida gave him about as much as he could in a less than four minute loss and it felt like the biggest thing on the show by a few miles.

**Overall Rating**: C. This was a better showing than most weeks around here as the main event was good and the other two matches showcased some people well enough. The show still has very little reason to exist other than to warm up the NXT crowd, but I still wonder how much WWE expects these wrestlers to get out of a match that lasts around five minutes. Either way, the main event wasn't too bad and I'll take that over most weeks.

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