NXT UK - March 24, 2022: Get The Stars Back

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It's another title week here as Isla Dawn gets her shot at the NXT UK Women's Title and Meiko Satomura. That could make for a good showdown, as Dawn has cranked up the evil in recent weeks. In other news, Wild Boar gets his shot at Symbiosis, starting with T-Bone. Let's get to it.

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

Ouick video on Meiko Satomura vs. Isla Dawn.

Opening sequence.

<u>Die Familie vs. Saxon Huxley/A-Kid</u>

Teoman is here with Familie. A-Kid and Dempsey start things off with Dempsey working on an early armbar. Huxley comes in and slams his way out of another armbar before slamming Raja too. An elbow gets a rather delayed two and it's back to A-Kid, who is quickly pulled into a Fujiwara armbar.

A-Kid breaks that up so Dempsey takes him down by the leg instead as this isn't A-Kid's night so far. Dempsey grabs a fisherman's suplex for two and it's off to a standing armbar. A jump over Raja finally allows the fast tag to Huxley though and it's time to clean house in a hurry. Huxley hits a big clothesline for two on Dempsey but stops to chase Raja to the floor, allowing Dempsey to grab the Kimura.

That's broken up as well and it's back to A-Kid to German suplex Raja. Huxley adds a butterfly backbreaker to Raja with

A-Kid adding in a running basement dropkick for two. Dempsey distracts the referee though and Teoman sends A-Kid into the barricade. The distraction lets Raja post Huxley and a jumping Downward Spiral finishes at 8:26.

Rating: C+. This took some time to get going but it felt like Die Familie had to work to get the win. That being said, it is a little surprising to see A-Kid get beaten up this badly. He didn't get anything going here until the very end, which isn't something you see from him very often. Dempsey looked dominant though and they might have something special on their hands with him.

We look at the return of Wild Boar and his quest for revenge on Symbiosis.

Amale is asked about this week's Women's Title match but Xia Brookside interrupts and asks about a possible rematch. Sure, but Brookside has no time to answer questions from the interviewer. Instead, Brookside calls her father and says IT'S TIME.

Wild Boar vs. T-Bone

Eddie Dennis and Primate are here with T-Bone. Boar comes in through the crowd and the beating is on with T-Bone being knocked outside before the bell. Back in and Boar sends him outside again but this time a Symbiosis distraction lets T-Bone get in a cheap shot. T-Bone starts in on Boar's recently repaired knee, including an assist from Dennis for a running kick to the leg. A suplex gives T-bone two but Boar manages to send him chest first into the corner. The running shoulder to the ribs drops T-Bone and, after knocking Primate off the apron, Boar hits a jumping DDT for the pin at 4:38.

Rating: C. Boar returning wasn't exactly a big deal but points for giving him a win to get him back on track (assuming he was on said track in the first place). I doubt Wild Boar is going to be the next big singles star around here but at least they

are letting him do something to spice him up a bit. Now follow up with what they started here.

Ilja Dragunov, in a nice suit, talks about how he and Roderick Strong both know that diamonds are made under pressure, so it would be an honor to meet him in the ring. Just remember that the Czar doesn't crack under pressure.

Earlier this week, Kenny Williams couldn't find his car keys. He goes to his car and finds the doors, hood and trunk open and a tire missing. The interviewer suggests that it is tied to whomever sent him the note last week but he doesn't want to talk.

<u>Danny Jones vs. Jordan Devlin</u>

Devlin drops him with an early chop and then hits a running elbow to the face. Back up and Jones hits his own chops in the corner but Devlin knocks him down without much trouble. A running knee to the ribs has Jones down again and a clothesline gives Devlin two. Some more forearms wake Jones up and he hits a jumping enziguri. There's a running knee in the corner and a suplex gets two on Devlin. A double arm trap rollup gets two but that's enough for Devlin. The slingshot cutter sets up a brainbuster to finish Jones at 4:43.

Rating: C. Jones is someone who has been showing up more and more in recent weeks so maybe they see something in him around here. That's not the worst place to be, though Devlin isn't someone who is going to lose outside of a big match. I keep waiting on the trigger to be pulled with him but that might not be happening anytime, either soon or far off.

Post match Devlin says the person who holds the title doesn't matter, because there is only one Ace.

Video on Moustache Mountain having to get a little more evil to deal with Ashton Smith/Oliver Carter. Smith and Carter have some momentum though and are ready to keep going to get another title shot. The champs are ready for anything though.

Noam Dar is ready to complete the Gallus sweep in Heritage Cup Title defenses.

Women's Title: Meiko Satomura vs. Isla Dawn

Satomura is defending and Dawn shoves her in the face a few times to start. A hard shot takes Satomura down but she blocks a bicycle kick and hits an uppercut. Some kicks have Dawn in more trouble as she seems to be a bit over her head here. Dawn tries to take her into the corner but gets kicked in the head. A neck snap across the top rope works a bit better for Dawn and she drags Satomura to the floor.

There's a big boot against the barricade and we hit the chinlock back inside. Some knees to the back and face cut off Satomura's comeback attempt but the second try works a good bit better. A spinwheel kick staggers Dawn and the Saito suplex gets two. Satomura's frog splash hits knees though and Dawn is back with a dropkick. Dawn misses something off the top and gets caught with a Pele kick, setting up the Death Valley Driver for two. Scorpion Rising misses but Satomura is fine enough to grab a cradle and retain at 8:00.

Rating: C+. They were in a weird spot here as Satomura is a much bigger star than Dawn, who is only starting to move into a more serious role around here. That left the match feeling more like waiting around until Satomura won, though Dawn has come a long way in recent months. She might be able to stay higher up in the division and it would be deserved.

Post match Dawn steals the title and leaves to end the show.

Overall Rating: C+. This was another show that didn't have most of the main stars but still came out well enough. While the action itself here wasn't exactly blowing me away, the show continues to set things up in the future and keep me wanting to come back for more. That isn't something that

happens very often and I could go for more of it for a long time coming.

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