

# NXT – April 26, 2022: Feel The Rhythm, Feel The Rhyme, Get On Up, Rhyme Rhymes With Rhyme

## NXT

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Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Wade Barrett, Vic Joseph

Things got weird last week as Joe Gacy suddenly had a cult (minus his one regular follower) and sent them after Bron Breaker. That's your NXT Title match for next week and...yeah I'm not sure what to expect there. Other than that, we need to start building up the rest of the card and that will probably be done tonight. Let's get to it.

[Here are last week's results if you need a recap.](#)

## Nikkita Lyons vs. Lash Legend

They go right at the brawling with Lyons getting the better of things and taking her to the ground for some right hands. Legend sends her crashing out to the floor though and a ram into the steps makes it worse. Back in and Lyons gets a sunset flip for two but Legend is back with a spinning side slam for the same. The neck crank has Lyons in trouble but she is back up with the kicks to the leg. There's a snap suplex to drop Legend and a German suplex does it again. The spinning kick to the chest finishes Legend at 5:02.

**Rating:** D. This was rough, didn't flow well and was just a mess as these two, especially Legend, just is not ready for live TV. I completely get why they want to put both of them on television, but that doesn't mean it's a good idea. Lyons is

ahead of Legend at the moment, but I wouldn't leave her out there for a longer match either. At least it was relatively short, though that about the extent of the positives.

Post match Natalya runs in to jump Lyons but Cora Jade makes the save.

Tony D'Angelo isn't worried about facing Xyon Quinn...because he isn't cleared to compete for some reason. Instead, he gets to face Von Wagner, who is going to be sleeping with the fishes. Right Santos Escobar?

Roderick Strong gives the rest of Diamond Mine a pep talk and has even gotten the Creed Brothers a match next week...with the Viking Raiders. Cool with the Brothers.

#### Von Wagner vs. Tony D'Angelo

They start a bit fast with neither being able to get very far. Wagner gets him into the ropes for some choking to take over as the fans are behind D'Angelo. A show to the face keeps D'Angelo down and we take a break. Back with D'Angelo fighting out of a chinlock and hammering away.

The fisherman's neckbreaker is broken up with a toss to the floor but here are Legado del Fantasma to go after Wagner. Cue the Wise Guys (as commentary calls them) to cut them off so Santos Escobar comes in to take out D'Angelo's knee. Back in and a big boot finishes D'Angelo at 10:02.

**Rating:** C-. I keep hoping that they will pull the plug on Wagner as he's just another generic big man doing generic big man things. D'Angelo is at least someone they have put some effort into so maybe there might be something there, but at least they protected him in the loss. I'm still not into the D'Angelo vs. Escobar stuff whatsoever though.

Toxic Attraction mocks Roxanne Perez over her cheating win last week but she's ready for Mandy Rose. Tonight. Rose is

ready to teach her a lesson.

Josh Briggs and Brooks Jensen give Fallon Henley a pep talk before she gets to fight Elektra Lopez. Sofia Cromwell comes in and distracts Jensen, but he gets snapped back into reality.

Nathan Frazer comes out for his debut match but Grayson Waller jumps Frazer's unnamed opponent. Chase U distracts Waller so he says to get in here and fight him. Chase U comes to the ring and Frazer jumps Waller to clear the ring. Apparently Frazer's opponent was Guru Raaj if you're into the least interesting trivia available this week. You couldn't have Frazer win in a minute or so and then do the Waller stuff?

The Women's Breakout Tournament begins in two weeks, featuring Arianna Grace, better known as Santino Marella's daughter Bianca.

Tiffany Stratton freaks out because Sarray pulled her hair three times last week. Grayson Waller comes in to rant about Nathan Frazer. Stratton rants about Frazer's bad hair and accent, with Waller agreeing about how horrible accents are.

#### Kayden Carter/Katana Chance vs. Valentina Feroz/Yulisa Leon

Cater armdrags Leon to start but it's off to Feroz for a hurricanrana and some dancing. Back in and Carter catches her with a kick before handing it off to Chance for a springboard crossbody. A seated abdominal stretch has Feroz in more trouble until she fights up and hits an elbow to the face. The tag brings in Leon to clean house and Chance is knocked to the floor. Carter gets caught in an Octopus but Leon misses a Lionsault. That lets Chance come back in for the 450/neckbreaker combination and the pin at 5:58.

**Rating:** C. This was fine enough, but egads cut it out with the name changes. All this did was make me have to erase Catanzaro over and over because that's who I see out there. It isn't

like there was some reason for the change other than Vince McMahon has a new thing, making it all the more annoying of a move.

Post match the winners dance, because at least half of the women in this division must dance.

Brooks Jensen has been jumped and Josh Briggs knows it was Legado del Fantasma. Briggs and Fallon Henley leave to fight as Jensen tells the medics he can go.

Kay Lee Ray lights her baseball bat on fire and names herself Alba Fyre, because Vince McMahon has to change ALL THE NAMES, because if you skip a few weeks and are confused, THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!

#### Legado del Fantasma vs. Josh Briggs/Fallon Henley

Handicap match as Brooks Jensen isn't here. Briggs and Henley clear the ring to start and it's the women officially getting things going. Lopez misses an elbow so it's quickly off to Briggs to run over Del Toro and Wilde. Del Toro is suplexes into Wilde and Lopez gets kicked in the head.

We settle down to Briggs getting double teamed as Mr. Stone gets on commentary to suggest that Von Wagner took out Brooks Jensen. An electric chair splash gets two on Briggs, who manages to kick Wilde into the corner. The double tag brings the women back in so Henley can hit a running shoulder. A running kick doesn't quite work but gets two on Lopez anyway. Everything breaks down and the women are chased off, leaving Briggs to get caught in the Russian legsweep/big boot combination for the pin at 4:48.

**Rating:** C. Briggs looked good here and Henley got to show some fire, which makes me think there is some hope for their trio. That being said, it wouldn't surprise me to see Briggs and Jensen split up after Jensen sells his soul for Cromwell, because modern WWE could somehow screw up the country boy tag

team trope. This needed a bit more time to get good but it worked while it lasted.

Natalya is ready to beat up Cora Jade and put the locker room ON NOTICE. Lash Legend says it isn't over with Nikkita Lyons next week and then win the Breakout Tournament.

Kiana James is smart and bringing corporate strategy to the Breakout Tournament. I guess the modern day Alexandra York is a way to go.

### Solo Sikoa vs. Trick Williams

Cameron Grimes is on commentary. Williams sends Sikoa shoulder first into the corner a few times to start but Sikoa reverses into an armbar of his own. Some kicks put Sikoa down and Williams adds a slam for a bonus. The running neckbreaker gets two as Grimes talks about the various things he has done around here over the years. Sikoa fights up though and the fired up Sikoa hits a belly to back suplex. The running splash in the corner sets up the Samoan drop and the Superfly Splash is good for the pin on Williams at 5:08.

**Rating:** C+. Williams continues to hold his own in the ring despite being little more than a mouthpiece for someone who doesn't need one. Sikoa is someone who has the tools but needs ring time, so letting him slowly progress is a good thing. While he probably won't win the North American Title next week, it's nice to see him getting a chance and not feeling like he is in over his head.

Post match Grimes gets in the ring to argue with Carmelo Hayes but Sikoa superkicks him down before the three of them face off for the North American Title next week.

Malik Blade gives Edris Enofe a pep talk in the mirror in a scene straight out of Cool Runnings (nearly copying the dialogue).

Legado del Fantasma are fired up over their win but they want to get rid of Tony D'Angelo and his associates.

### Edris Enofe/Malik Blade vs. Viking Raiders

Erik knocks Blade around to start and the beating is on in a hurry. Enofe comes in to try his luck and gets blasted in the face with a knee for two. The fans are behind Erik as he works on the armbar. It's back to Blade as commentary seems to quote Lose Yourself and Cool Runnings back to back. A double high crossbody gets two on Ivar and that's enough of being beaten up for him. House is cleaned and it's off to Erik for a full nelson slam backbreaker. The Viking Experience finishes at 4:45.

**Rating:** C. The ending wasn't really in doubt but NXT might have something with Blade and Enofe. They're young, they work well together and their matches aren't too bad. Give them some time to develop and maybe they can be the next "it" team around here. NXT is supposed to be developmental and these two seem to be developing so well done.

Post match the Creed Brothers come out for a staredown.

Wes Lee is on the beach and talks about taking is months to get back to the Tag Team Titles. Losing was hard, but it was even worse to have them taken away. He could whine and complain or he could knuckle up and makes the waves that he is destined to make. I've heard far worse promos.

Tony D'Angelo introduces us to his associates: Troy "Two Dimes" Donovan and Channing Lorenzo, better known as Stacks. D'Angelo wants Santos Escobar at Spring Breakin.

### Mandy Rose vs. Roxanne Perez

Non-title and the rest of Toxic Attraction is here. Rose takes her down with a wristlock to start but Perez nips up and grabs a victory roll for one. Back up and Perez starts biting the

finger, as Barrett is panicking over the manicure. A ram into the steps has Rose in trouble as we take a break.

Back with Rose taking over again and putting on a backbreaker with Perez bent over the knee. That's broken up and Perez starts the comeback with a Russian legsweep into a standing moonsault for two (which isn't innovative offense). A crossbody gets the same but Rose hits the jumping knee for the pin at 9:55.

**Rating:** C-. I get why it had to happen this way but I wouldn't have had Perez losing in her second match on NXT. She is someone who came in and had a little buzz so don't have her lose so fast. Rose is the bigger star, but at least have Toxic Attraction interfere to cost Perez the match.

Post match Wendy Choo appears to chase off Toxic Attraction...and a net falls onto them. Choo and Perez spray them with silly string. This was worse than Perez losing.

Sloan Jacobs is 19 years old but she spent years fighting with her sisters so she's ready to overcome the odds in the Breakout Tournament.

Spring Breakin rundown.

Here is Joe Gacy, with druids, to talk about the strides they have made to embrace change. Now he knows that Bron Breaker has been hurt and left on the sidelines so now Gacy can be crowned NXT Champion. Cue Rick Steiner to interrupt and say Breaker is cleared to compete, so the druids get in the ring. Cue Breaker to clean house, because I guess he was having a sandwich while Rick came to the ring. Gacy hits the handspring clothesline and drops Breaker before posing with the title to end the show. This wasn't good, but it was miles ahead of last week's nonsense. If this is as bad as it gets anymore, it should be ok.

**Overall Rating:** C-. This show could have been worse, but the

bad parts were really bad and that brings things down a lot. They went with faster matches and got a lot of people on the show this week but it didn't have anything you needed to see. Spring Breakin doesn't feel like a show that needed to exist and that is becoming more obvious each week. Not their worst (especially after last week's Gacy/Breakker stuff) but it really didn't work very well.

### Results

Nikkita Lyons b. Lash Legend – Spinning kick to the chest

Von Wagner b. Tony D'Angelo – Big boot

Katana Chance/Kayden Carter b. Yulisa Leon/Valentina Feroz – 450/neckbreaker combination to Feroz

Legado del Fantasma b. Josh Briggs/Fallon Henley – Russian legsweep/big boot combination to Briggs

Solo Siko b. Trick Williams – Superfly Splash

Viking Raiders b. Malik Blade/Edris Enofe – Viking Experience to Blade

Mandy Rose b. Roxanne Perez – Jumping knee

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