

NXT LVL Up – June 24, 2022: One Of The Common Ones

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So we continue around here, as NXT stars continue to take over WWE. They now have three shows, as the NXT undercard has invaded NXT UK, because we haven't seen enough of these people just yet. That isn't necessarily a good thing, but when has that ever stopped WWE before? Let us know in the comments below.

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

Opening sequence.

Bryson Montana vs. Quincy Elliott

The much bigger Elliott powers him into the corner to start but misses a charge and gets knocked own. Back up and Montana starts driving in shoulders to the shoulder before grabbing a reverse chinlock. A forearm to the back cuts off Elliott's comeback and some heavy forearms set up the chinlock sequence. The slam attempt collapses though and Elliott runs him over, only to get caught with a dropkick. Back up and Elliott elbows him out of the corner, setting up a kind of reverse Vader Bomb (lifts himself up on the ropes and drops forward) to pin Montana at 5:07.

Rating: C. Elliott is the kind of guy that WWE always finds a place for, as he has the size and enough charisma to make up for his lack of mobility. It's not my kind of thing, but I get what they're trying for with him. Montana has a great look but needs time in the ring and some coaching, which is where

(hopefully) the NXT house show loop can do him some good.

Kiana James vs. Brooklyn Barlow

James cranks on the arms to start but gets reversed into a headscissors. Back up and Barlow gets to work on the arm for a change, only to get snapmared down into an armbar from James. The exchange of arm cranking continues until Barlow rolls her up for two. A kick to the knee gives James the same and it's off to a seated abdominal stretch. That's broken up and Barlow strikes away but gets knocked into the corner. A belly to back gutbuster finishes for James at 5:17.

Rating: C-. This was an exchange of grappling until the bigger name won. James isn't a big star yet but she has something that sets her apart enough. Barlow looks like Tiffany Stratton without the gymnastics background and the rich girl stuff, which doesn't leave much. Then again, how far can you get when you're presented as nothing but the next generic blonde?

Ikemen Jiro vs. Ru Feng

During his entrance, a fan high fives Jiro and then gives him a thumbs down behind his back. Feng takes him down without much effort to start but Jiro grabs a headlock. That's broken up so Jiro takes him down and hits a slingshot splash to the back. Feng goes after the knee until a small package gets Jiro out of trouble. More shots to the knee put Jiro down and we hit the half crab. Jiro gets out and hits a monkey flip, setting up the Ikemen Slice for the pin at 5:28.

Rating: C. I'm not that into Jiro's deal with the wacky jackets, but he is very smooth in the ring and that is more than enough to keep him around at least for the time being. Feng is someone who has been around for a bit and I still don't know what I'm supposed to see in him. They had a nice enough match here with the leg thing and Jiro coming from behind to win, but it was a LVL Up main event so it isn't worth much.

Overall Rating: C-. The star power wasn't around here and that isn't exactly the best thing to watch. LVL Up isn't exactly a great show most of time but they can get some people out there to do some good stuff. This wasn't one of those weeks though as it just came and went without much going on, as tends to be the case here more often than not.

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