

NXT LVL Up – July 15, 2022: They Kept Part Of It

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For once I actually have some hope around here as there was something of an angle last week. Quincy Elliott cost Damaris Griffin and Bryson Montana a match last week and it might be time for some revenge. That could go a few ways, but there is also the chance that it is completely dropped. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Oh come on with the three man booth. The show is 29 minutes long. We need three people talking about things on here???

Quincy Elliott vs. Ikemen Jiro

Jiro cartwheels to start so Elliott shoves him away and they exchange hand signals. A charge is pulled out of the air so Jiro elbows his way to freedom, only to collapse on a dumb slam attempt. Elliott works on a waistlock and then chops Jiro in the head to cut him off. Dancing/posing ensues but Jiro is back with the jacket punches. A superkick into the Lionsault gives Jiro two but he still can't slam Elliott. Some hip attacks in the corner look to set up a running hip attack, which is blocked by Jiro's raised feet. Jiro rolls him up for the pin at 5:10.

Rating: C-. I get the idea with Elliott, but he still isn't someone I need to see more than once or twice. At least he

isn't getting a major push and is mainly around for comic relief with the dancing. Jiro is rather smooth in the ring, though that jacket/goofiness is going to keep him around this level for the time being.

Chase U is back from London and Thea Hail is VERY excited. Oh and they're in the main event again.

Kiana James vs. Sol Ruca

I believe this is Ruca's debut and she is rather athletic, including walking on her hands in the ring and nipping up. James takes her down but another nip up lets Ruca start working on the arm. That's too far for James, who hits a sitdown splash on the ribs before firing off the knees. Back up and Ruca slugs away, only to get caught with something like a reverse Sling Blade for the pin at 3:27.

Rating: C-. Ruca is the latest woman to be added to the roster and she doesn't have much to set her apart so far. Granted you can only get so much out of that in the span of a match that doesn't even reach three and a half minutes, but she is certainly athletic. Then again that applies to almost all of the division, so she is going to need something to make her stand out.

Chase U vs. Myles Borne/Javier Bernal

Borne takes Chase to the mat to start and gets in a fireman's carry, meaning Chase needs to think about this some more. Back up and Chase gets in a fireman's carry takeover of his own so it's off to Hayward vs. Bernal. Hayward gets taken down this time so Borne comes back in to take over on him. The chinlock goes on but Hayward fights up and hits a powerslam, allowing the hot tag off to Chase. House is cleaned in a hurry, including the spelling stomps. Everything breaks down and Borne knocks Bernal outside by mistake, leaving Chase to hit the Fratliner for the pin at 5:38.

Rating: C. I've said it many times but Chase U is FAR more entertaining than it has any right to be. The good thing is that NXT seems to understand what it has with the concept, because they haven't risen up to anything more than goofy fun. Chase U is a good example of a concept with a pretty firm ceiling and as long as they don't go beyond that, they should keep being one of the best things going today.

Overall Rating: C. Well they didn't continue the stories or anything from last week, but I do like the interview at the first match. NXT is supposed to develop wrestlers so let some people get in front of a camera and try their luck. They are going to have to see what they can do at some point so why not throw them out here and try their hand at something? Chase doesn't need it himself, but the people who comprise the U sure do. That's nice to see, though I wonder how it took so long to get this going.

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