

NXT – November 8, 2022: They Need To Figure That Out

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We are a little over a month away from Deadline and for reasons I don't quite grasp, Von Wagner is next in line for the NXT Title shot. The good thing is that match is set for next week so it won't drag down a major show, but we could be in for a rough two weeks. Hopefully the rest of the show can balance it out. Let's get to it.

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

Joe Gacy vs. Cameron Grimes

Gacy, now in regular trunks instead of his full body gear, has the rest of Schism with him and gets knocked into the corner to start. Grimes fights his way out of some quick trouble and elbows Gacy in the face. Back up and Grimes slips out of a fireman's carry and knocks Gacy outside as we take a break.

We come back with Gacy stomping away (he likes doing that) and we hit the Crossface. That's broken up and Grimes gets in a knockdown. After stomping on Reid's hand at ringside, Grimes hits a high crossbody for two. Gacy bails to the floor and there's the big running flip dive to take out a bunch of Schism. Back in and an Ava Raine distraction lets Gacy hit the handspring lariat for the pin at 10:45.

Rating: C. It's amazing to see how things are getting so bad for Grimes. One might think that it's bad to feud with the lamest thing in all of NXT, as has been the case for Grimes for a long time now. Other than that, you had a pretty basic

good guy vs. bad guy match with lackeys interfering. What else was there to get out of this?

Nathan Frazer tells Axiom that he'll be out of action a bit longer due to his injuries. JD McDonagh comes in to say Frazer knows nothing about pain so Axiom mocks McDonagh for losing a lot. A match is made for later.

And now, to the Barber Shop with Carmelo Hayes not worrying about the haters saying he didn't get his North American Title back. He and Trick Williams aren't worried about Wes Lee and don't care for their barber being something of a fan. Apparently the contract signing is in two weeks.

Scripts is coming to watch NXT fall.

Sol Ruca vs. Elektra Lopez

Lopez gets knocked outside to start but she's right back with a heck of a clothesline to take over. Ruca tries to fight back with some shots to the face and manages to stagger Lopez, only to get slammed off the top. A chokebomb finishes for Lopez at 2:58. Not quite a squash but Lopez didn't feel like she was in danger.

Post match Indi Hartwell runs in to brawl with Lopez.

Duke Hudson and Thea Hail want to take Charlie Dempsey apart. Hudson will be at ringside tonight against that BESMIRCHING (chuckle) Charlie Dempsey but only for support.

We get a video call between Toxic Attraction with Jacy Jayne being worried about showing up because Alba Fyre might hurt them. Then Fyre (who Jayne thought was a cop) pulls her out of the car and promises to come for Mandy Rose next week.

Charlie Dempsey vs. Andre Chase

The rest of Chase U is here too. Dempsey takes him to the mat to start but Chase is back up with a front facelock. Chase

can't get an armbar but he can hit the spelling stomps. That's broken up and Dempsey pulls him into a leglock, followed by an STF. That's enough for Duke Hudson to throw in the towel at 2:48, despite Chase being right next to the rope.

Kiana James and her assistant come into Fallon Henley's bar where Josh Briggs and Brooks Jensen are in lust. James is trying to buy the place (Wasn't she trying to do that to Chase U for about thirty seconds a month ago?) but Henley isn't interested. She has a lot of memories and isn't taking the deal, as James wants to build an apartment complex.

Hank Walker vs. Stacks

Tony D'Angelo is here with Stacks. Walker gets taken down to start and hammered in the back as commentary talks about Logan Paul. A knee to the head gives Stacks two but Walker gets fires up and runs Stacks over. Stacks pokes him in the eye and gets two off a rollup before dropping Walker with a running knee to the back of the head for the pin at 3:11.

Rating: C-. What were you expecting here? Walker is a wrestling security guard and Stacks is a lackey to a Mafia boss. There was only so much to get out of something like this and they hit their ceiling pretty hard here. I still don't quite get the appeal of Walker, as he's a bit similar to Briggs and Jensen, but he's unique enough to have a spot, as long as it doesn't get much higher than this.

It's time for the Grayson Waller Effect with Von Wagner, with Mr. Stone, and Bron Breaker as guests. The fans writing in don't seem to like Wagner and he doesn't care what they think. Wagner brags about how great he is but Breaker says try jumping him face to face. Breaker lists off all of the people who have been impressed by him or taken out (Breaker: "Apollo Crews. There I said your name, you happy now?") and violence is teased but they just stare at each other instead. And yeah it's still Wagner so he still isn't interesting.

Wes Lee wanted to win the Tag Team Titles last week but he's ready to beat Carmelo Hayes next week.

Cora Jade isn't scared of Wendy Choo, who doesn't have any friends and no one cares about her.

Apollo Crews is in Nigeria as part of a WWE talent search but he hasn't forgot about Bron Breakker.

JD McDonagh vs. Axiom

Axiom takes him down for an early double arm crank to start and McDonagh is looking frustrated early. McDonagh tries to fight up but can't get anywhere with him. A trip to the floor has McDonagh even more annoyed and we take an early break as seething ensues. Back with Axiom hitting a heck of a springboard moonsault to the floor but he comes up holding his knee.

Back in and McDonagh gets caught in an armbar and has to go to the ropes for the break. McDonagh starts going after the leg but Axiom is able to get back up with a shot to the head for a double knockdown. It's McDonagh up first anyway but his moonsault is pulled into a triangle choke.

That's broken up as well but Axiom's knee gives out on a superkick attempt. This time Axiom pulls him into a choke, which is reversed into a VERY bendy kneebar, which is enough for the referee to break the hold because Axiom is screaming so hard. Axiom begs him not to stop it but the doctors say it's over at 13:45.

Rating: B. This was a technical vs. high flier match and a lot of fun for the most part. That ending was nasty (though not quite as nasty as when it happened to A-Kid in NXT UK) and a good way to make McDonagh look dangerous. I don't need to see him get another title shot, but they are doing a great job of making him feel big.

Brutus Creed vs. Damon Kemp

The rest of Diamond Mine is here and we have a five minute time limit. Brutus jumps Kemp in the aisle to start the fight fast before heading inside for the bell. The fight is on fast with Brutus knocking him around and then outside. Kemp gets pulled back to the floor and hammered onto the announcers' table before they head back inside. Brutus sends him shoulder first into the post before grabbing a chair. That's taken away though and Brutus blasts him for the DQ at 2:46.

Post match Creed hits him with the chair again but Veer and Sanga are looking at Diamond Mine from the balcony.

T-Bar is still coming back and promises his form of justice.

Roxanne Perez offers an ear to Indi Hartwell if anything is wrong but Hartwell says there are no friends in this business. It doesn't work that way.

Women's Tag Team Titles: Nikkita Lyons/Zoey Stark vs. Kayden Carter/Katana Chance

Carter/Chance are defending. Chance takes Stark down to start but Stark sticks the landing on a monkey flip. Lyons comes in to work on Carter's arm but Carter is back up with a running dropkick to send Stark outside. We take a break and come back with Stark holding Chance in a Stretch Muffler. That's broken up and it's back to Carter, who hits a big dive to take out both challengers at once.

Chance comes back in and kicks Lyons into the corner for the tag off to Stark. A suplex gets two on Chance, even with Lyons cutting Carter off from making a save. Chance Stundog Millionaires herself out of trouble and everything breaks down. Stark almost clothesline Lyons by mistake and Lyons even takes the bullet of a double superkick for her. A superkick drops Carter but the champs are back up and the 450/neckbreaker combination retains the titles at 11:04.

Rating: C. I'm still not sure what I'm supposed to see in Starks and Lyons as a team as they seemed to be nothing more than two women thrown together to have an NXT team in the Women's Tag Team Titles tournament. They're ok enough but it feels like you could sub someone else into either spot with little to no change.

Post match respect is shown but Stark hits Lyons with a title to split the team up. This would be one of those splits that is supposed to be a big deal but they've been a team for...have they even had five matches together on TV?

Overall Rating: C. As has been the case for a pretty long time now, there isn't anything that feels like a big deal right now. I'm sure there will be a new challenger for Breaker after he beats Wagner next week, and the way they are going, it wouldn't surprise me to see a multi-man match at Deadline. What we got here was another ok show, but it felt like it was setting up more stuff in the future. That has to happen sometimes, but it happens a lot in NXT these days.

Results

Joe Gacy b. Cameron Grimes – Handspring lariat

Elektra Lopez b. Sol Ruca – Chokebomb

Charlie Dempsey b. Andre Chase when Duke Hudson threw in the towel

Stacks b. Hank Walker – Running knee to the back of the head

JD McDonagh b. Axiom via medical stoppage

Damon Kemp b. Brutus Creed via DQ when Creed used a chair

Kayden Carter/Katana Chance b. Zoey Stark/Nikkita Lyons – 450/neckbreaker combination to Stark

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