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It's another week of the build up show and that could make for an interesting week. Then again it could make for another show that leaves me scratching my head about why Dante Chen is so protected around here. You never can tell with LVL Up and that does at least offer a little hope. Let's get to it.

<u>Here are last week's results if you need a recap.</u>

Opening sequence.

Indi Hartwell vs. Jakara Jackson

Jackson takes her into the corner to start and smiles, only to get pulled into an armbar. Hartwell hits a Snake Eyes and goes right back to the armbar as Jackson can't get much going. A missed charge in the corner puts Hartwell in trouble though and something like an Edge-O-Matic makes it worse. The chinlock with a knee in the back triggers Hartwell's comeback and she throws Jackson off. Fans: "SHE'S IMPRESSIVE!" The spinebuster finishes Jackson at 5:17.

Rating: C. Jackson didn't seem to have much here other than powering Hartwell around, but the charisma is more than enough to keep her around. What matters is giving her something that can get the fans' attention and her attitude can do just that. Now find something to balance that out.

Quincy Elliott vs. Scrypts

Scrypts tries a waistlock to start, allowing Elliott to do the dance that the waistlock was designed to let him do. A right hand out of the corner seems to annoy Elliott more than anything else and a crossbody takes him down. Scrypts' running flip legdrop to the back of the head sets up something close to a Tazmission. Back up and Elliott runs him over a few times before some whips into the corner keep Scrypts in trouble. Scrypts shoves him off the top though and finishes with the Molly Go Round at 5:05.

Rating: C-. Elliott is a case of you know what you're getting: he's the big guy who dances a lot and is more about having fun than winning anything. The running elbows and shots that use his mass look good but there is only so much someone of his size is going to be able to do. Scrypts on the other hand is still such a weird character and I'm not entirely sure what he's supposed to be other than a guy in a mask who flips a lot.

Odyssey Jones vs. Von Wagner

Mr. Stone is here with Wagner. An exchange of running shoulders has them bouncing off the ropes until Jones gets the better of things. Jones misses a charge in the corner though and Wagner knocks him down. The jumping elbow sets up the neck crank but a fireman's carry on someone Jones' size isn't a good idea. Jones elbows him in the face a few times but Wagner avoids a crossbody. Back up and Jones grabs the swinging Boss Man Slam for the pin at 5:32.

Rating: C. Gee I wonder if this is going to result in Stone yelling at Wagner and telling him to show more personality or something about himself before doing the same thing again the next week. Wagner is one of those guys who feels like a lost cause without a bunch of changes and I don't see said changes coming. Jones moves well for a big man and has the charisma to back it up. I could see him being a bit of a something if given the chance, and NXT might be waiting to find that chance.

Overall Rating: C. Another ho and may I add hum edition of the

show and that shouldn't be a surprise. There just isn't enough star power on this show to make it work, with Wagner being the biggest name on the card. The show can do better, but for now there was only so much that can be done with who is out there.

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