NXT LVL Up - July 7, 2023: Thank Goodness It's Short

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Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Byron Saxton, Blake Howard

It's another short form show this week as the Fourth Of July schedule made things a little weird. In a way, these shows are a bit better as they don't overstay their welcome or feel repetitive in the slightest. Last week's version worked rather well and it would be nice to have that be the case again here. Let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

Opening sequence.

<u>Fallon Henley vs. Tatum Paxley</u>

Henley grabs a headlock to start as commentary talks about how far apart these two have gone since debuting together. A legdrag out of the corner gives Henley two but Paxley sends her neck first into the ropes. Paxley hits a jumping elbow (which is called "innovative" by commentary) and some trash talk gets one. The abdominal stretch goes on, followed by a waistlock to keep Henley down. Henley gets tired of getting beaten up and comes back with some forearms, followed by a Shining Wizard for the pin at 5:55.

Rating: C. It really is kind of astounding to see Henley fall this far. She was never a top star or anything close to one, but you would think that she would have been able to do something better than being relegated to LVL Up. Henley hasn't been involved in anything important in months, but it isn't like Paxley has been doing much better. They're both talented,

though neither is doing anything whatsoever at the moment.

Kale Dixon is ready for Scrypts buts seems a bit confused as he talks about telling a great story.

Kale Dixon vs. Scrypts

They trade headlocks to start until Scrypts snaps off a dropkick. Dixon's headscissors is countered into a headlock, followed by a slingshot crossbody for a fast two. Dixon powers him off though and stomps away before hitting a knee to the face for two. We hit the chinlock but Scrypts pops back up and strikes away. The Molly Go Round finishes Dixon at 5:52.

Rating: C-. This wasn't working as neither exactly seemed to know how to keep things flowing. Instead it was a bunch of kicking and stomping until Dixon took over. Scrypts' comeback took all of a few seconds and it wasn't exactly interesting. Dixon has a solid attitude but nothing to back it up while Scrypts is an incredible athlete but not interesting. That doesn't make for a good combination and that was obvious here.

Overall Rating: C-. I wasn't feeling this one and the only saving grace was the fact that it was so short. Henley was the biggest star on the show and she hasn't done anything in months. Nothing to see here, as this was one of the lamer editions of the show in a rather long time.

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