

NXT LVL Up – November 17, 2023: Her Best Match Yet

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Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Blake Howard, Vic Joseph

I'm starting to look forward to this show a bit more than I did before as WWE has started to get the formula down. They have been increasing the star power around here for a little while now and it has helped so much. Throw in some longer matches and the show is that much better. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Dani Palmer vs. Tatum Paxley

Again there is actually a backstory here as Paxley walked out on Palmer during a tag match. Granted that was two months ago but I'll take it over another cold match. Palmer grabs a cravate to start and Paxley can't slam her way to freedom. Paxley gets sent to the apron, where she manages a knockdown and some stomping on the leg. Back in and Paxley kicks away at the leg in the corner, meaning Palmer's comeback doesn't last long. A leglock keeps Paxley in control but Palmer uses the good leg to kick her in the head. Palmer tries to go up but gets dragon screw legwhipped. The Psycho Trap finishes for Paxley at 5:32.

Rating: C+. This was better than I was expecting with Paxley picking Palmer apart before finishing her off. It made her seem like a near killer out there and that is not something she has shown in her previous matches. If she keeps this up, there might be a spot for her in the main women's division,

which Paxley hasn't really approached before.

Tavion Heights is ready for Riley Osborne, who is a high flier who is coming down.

Tavion Heights vs. Riley Osborne

Heights takes him to the mat to start as commentary points out that neither of these two win very often. A waistlock has the smaller Osborne in trouble but he manages to flip over Heights...who knocks him outside. Back in and we hit the waistlock again, setting up a gutwrench suplex for two. A backdrop gives Heights two more and we hit the double arm crank. Osborne flips out of a torture rack though and hits a forearm to the back of the head. Osborne goes up and, after shoving Heights down, finishes with a shooting star press at 5:46.

Rating: C. Osborne has shown potential in some of his matches but as commentary was pointing out, he had to actually win something at some point. That's what we covered here, as it might be a win over a fellow rookie but it's better than nothing. It seems like NXT wants to do something with Osborne and not so great ring name aside, why not?

Overall Rating: C+. This was the shortest LVL Up yet and in this case that's not a bad thing. The show doesn't need to have anything special going on as it's just the dark matches taped (as much of an oxymoron as that is) so less is more. The women had the better match here and it was probably Paxley's best ever. Perfectly fine show here and being done in twenty minutes helps.

Results

Tatum Paxley b. Dani Palmer – Psycho Trap

Riley Osborne b. Tavion Heights – Shooting star press

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