

NXT LVL Up – February 2, 2024: I Was Starting To Have Fun

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We're back to the show and my hope for this show is starting to wain again. There is only so much that you can do with the low level stars and that has been obvious in recent weeks. What matters here is getting things interesting with weaker star power, which is easier said than done. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Hank Walker/Tank Ledger vs. Tyriek Igwe/Tyson DuPont

Walker and Igwe start things off as commentary talks about a history between the teams. A side slam puts Walker down and DuPont comes in with a splash. That doesn't last long as Walker is over to Ledger so a backsplash can hit DuPont. Everything breaks down with Walker and Ledger clearing the ring.

The rather large DuPont is back with a hard clothesline and Igwe's gutwrench suplex gets two. Walker fights out of a chinlock though and it's back to Ledger to clean house. It's back to Ledger, who gets caught in a belly to back suplex/jumping clothesline combination with Walker having to make the save. A Bubba Bomb puts Igwe down and a powerslam/running forearm combination (the Collision Course) finishes for Walker at 622.

Rating: C+. This was more high energy than most of what you see on this show and I'll take that for a change. Walker and Ledger are pretty low on the totem pole in the tag division but they are a regular team and that makes things feel more important. Igwe and DuPont look great but are going to need a lot more time before they are ready to do much else.

Brooks Jensen needs to find his own success and it can start tonight with Dante Chen.

Carlee Bright vs. Blair Davenport

Bright actually armdrags her down to start and Davenport needs to think about this. They trade near falls off a rollup each but Davenport hits a hard knee in the corner to take over. An abdominal stretch is broken up so Davenport goes after the ribs again. Now the stretch goes on before Davenport switches over to a chinlock. Bright fights up and hits a dropkick into a crossbody but Davenport pulls her down by the hair. The knee to the face finishes for Davenport at 5:05.

Rating: C. Bright got in some offense here and it wasn't a squash, which made for a nice enough match. Bright is another someone who hasn't gotten the chance to show much but that is only going to be so possible in a five minute match. Nothing to see here, as Davenport is a name waiting for something to do.

Dante Chen vs. Brooks Jensen

Chen takes over on the arm to start but Jensen is right back with a flying headscissors. That's broken up and Chen is right back on the arm so Jensen has to roll out of a short armscissors. Back up and Jensen snaps off a spinebuster as we hear about Jensen being a fan of old southern wrestlers. Chen fights up and strikes away, setting up a kick to the head for two. Chen slips off the top though, allowing Jensen to hit a top rope knee for the pin at 5:10.

Rating: C. Jensen as an old school wrestler is certainly not something you see very often these days and it's ok enough for a twist, but Jensen continues to not be all that interesting. He just feels basic and has nothing to make him stand out, which is a problem when you're in a spot like this. Not an awful match or even bad, but how far were you expecting this to go?

Overall Rating: C. It was another dull show here and that is becoming the norm more and more often these days. The biggest name on the show was....I guess Davenport, which isn't exactly a ringing endorsement. There are so many people in NXT and I don't get why more of them can't be featured around here. It's worked before and it would work again if given the chance.

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