# NXT LVL Up — April 5, 2024: For The Second Time Ever

### **NXT LVL Up**

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Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Blake Howard, Byron Saxton

It's Wrestlemania Weekend and we might get to see some people who might be at Wrestlemania L or so. It would be nice to have them do something a little different for this show but odds are that isn't what we'll be getting to see. If nothing else, just some slightly bigger names could help a lot so let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

#### Dante Chen vs. Drake Morreaux

The rather large Morreaux takes him down without much effort so Chen goes to the arm. A hiptoss is blocked and Morreaux drops him with a clothesline, setting up a splash to the back. Chen goes for the arm again but walks into a backbreaker for two. We hit the waistlock before Morreaux misses another splash. Back up and Chen strikes away, including a pump kick into the double chop to finish Morreaux at 5:43.

Rating: C. One day someone is going to have to explain the Chen thing to me. He's nothing of note in the ring but even commentary was pointing out how he is the guy who gets to face all of the up and comers around here. That's one thing, but then he beats those up and comers, which makes things all the worse. It's hardly some career killer for Morreaux, though it doesn't do much to make me want to watch the show.

OTM threatened Je'Von Evans at the Performance Center but Tyson DuPont/Tyriek Igwe made the save.

#### Brinley Reece vs. Tatum Paxley

Reece grabs the armbar to start but Paxley stops to talk to her. That earns Paxley an armdrag into another armbar, followed by a running shoulder in the corner. Back up and Reece misses a dropkick, allowing Paxley to go after the ribs. A reverse chinlock has Reece in more trouble but she fights up with the elbows. Not that it matters as Paxley pulls her into the Psycho Trap for the pin at 4:22.

Rating: C. Reece is something similar to the original Bayley crossed with Thea Hail but she doesn't actually win anything. Having that kind of energy is nice to see but it isn't going to matter if she doesn't have some success. On the other hand you have Paxley, who is at least getting higher up in the women's division due to her weird association with Lyra Valkyria.

## OTM vs. Je'Von Evans/Tyrike Igwe/Tyson DuPont

Evans slugs away at Scrypts to start, meaning the flipping escapes ensue. Price and DuPont come in to trade shoulders with the latter getting the better of things. A splash gives DuPont two and it's off to Nima, with Igwe working on the arm. Igwe gets taken into the wrong corner so the villains can take over. Scrypts is tossed at him for two and the chinlock goes on, only to have Igwe power out without much trouble. It's back to Evans to pick the pace up with the dives but Price and Nima catch DuPont in the assisted Alabama Slam for the pin at 6:20.

Rating: C+. Commentary said this was only the second six man tag in the history of LVL Up and I have no idea how or why that is possible. On a show built around the idea of getting people as much ring time as possible, why wouldn't you want to put more people out there? Just an odd bit of trivia but the

match itself was decent, with Evans getting to pop the crowd again.

**Overall Rating**: C. I'm not sure if a six man tag counts as anything special for Wrestlemania Weekend but I'm not sure how many people in WWE know this show exists in the first place. Just having a quick angle at the Performance Center helps and at least it was something from a previous week. Nothing of note here, but that's LVL Up for two.

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