

NXT LVL Up – May 31, 2024: Back To Three

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We're still on the road to Battleground and in this case we're back to the full length version of the show. In this case that only means about half an hour with three matches, though the level of quality may vary. That's the story of LVL Up and has been for a long time now. Let's get to it.

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Opening sequence.

Uriah Connors vs. Cutler James

James throws him away to start and then grabs a headlock to keep Connors closer. A few slams set up a gorilla press drop to put Connors down but he avoids a charge into the post. Connors works on the arm with an it bar but Connors fights back up. The running shoulders in the corner have Connors down and a torture rack drop gives James two. Connors is back up with a rollup through the ropes (cool) into a suicide dive, followed by a top rope elbow for the pin at 5:35.

Rating: C+. I wasn't expecting this to work, if nothing else just because I barely remember either of these two showing up around here. James is a big guy with some energy to him but he is going to need some more seasoning. At the same time Connors is going to probably get a chance due to his heritage, but a name change won't hurt him.

Tyson DuPont and Tyriek Igwe are ready to keep things going

against the No Quarter Catch Crew.

Kendal Grey vs. Stevie Turner

Turner grabs the hair to escape a waistlock to start but gets taken down into an armbar. Grey switches to a headlock and cranks away but Turner grabs a neckbreaker for two instead. The seated cobra clutch doesn't last long as Grey fights up and hits some running forearms. A middle rope crossbody misses though and Turner hits a Stroke for the pin at 4:16.

Rating: C. This was the match to get Turner back in the ring before she likely gets wrecked by Jordynne Grace next week on regular NXT. Turner is still someone who feels like she should have gotten a lot further so far but it just never came together. Other than that, Grey is quite the athlete who is still getting her feet wet around here, so there is only so much she is going to be able to do.

Tyriek Igwe/Tyson DuPont vs. No Quarter Catch Crew

Charlie Dempsey and Myles Borne for the Crew (Damon Kemp on the floor) with the latter starting against Igwe. The fight over a lockup doesn't go well for Borne, who is sent into the corner for the tag to Dempsey. That's fine with Igwe, who slams him down and hands it off to DuPont for the heavy shoulder. DuPont grabs a waistlock on Borne, followed by a kick to the head for two. Dempsey makes a blind tag though and Borne takes DuPont down so the villains can start taking turns on him.

Dempsey's top rope stomp to the knee sets up a half crab, followed by Borne's cranking on the leg. The alternating ankle cranking continues until Dempsey gets kicked away, allowing the diving tag back to Igwe. Everything breaks down and a shoulderbreaker into a splash gets two on Dempsey with Borne making the save. Kemp grabs Igwe's foot though, allowing Dempsey to grab a bridging German suplex for the pin at 7:30.

Rating: C+. Igwe and DuPont seemed like they were starting to put something together on the main NXT but here they are, losing on the minor league minor league show. The Crew seems to be getting somewhere as well, but this is just a warmup for their likely next run at the Heritage Cup. This was a bigger match around here though, and I'll take that over more rookies who haven't done much of anything else.

Overall Rating: C+. The best thing I can say about this show is that it didn't feel like the same things we've seen over and over. There is only so much that you can get out of this kind of a show but I'll take Connors and Grey getting some needed reps. Switching back to the three match version didn't make a ton of difference, but it isn't like much around here changes anything most of the time.

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