

# NXT – October 21, 2025: A Silkie Tater Tot

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We're rapidly approaching this weekend's Halloween Havoc and some of the card has already been announced. The rest of the show should be put together tonight so we should be in for a rapid fire build here. Other than that, we have the start of the latest Speed Title #1 contenders tournament so let's get to it.

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

Opening recap.

Here is new #1 contender to the Women's Title, Tatum Paxley, with the rest of the Culling. The fans tell Paxley that she deserves it and she says she freaking did it. Paxley talks about the lows she has achieved in the last four years but the people have always had her back. Everything is going right for her on the way to Halloween Havoc and she knows that the Culling will have her back as she wins the Women's Title.

Cue Fatal Influence, with Jacy Jayne saying Paxley is the latest person to come after the title. Yeah Jayne was beatable to start but look where they are now. Paxley says that now she's the one no one believes in but she keeps getting better and better. Fallon Henley says the Culling might leave Paxley after she leaves so Izzi Dame calls out Fatal Influence for turning on Jazmyn Nyx. They argue over whose friendship is stronger, with Henley calling Paxley "Tater Tot". A challenge is issued for a tag match and Fatal Influence is cleared out.

Stacks is in the back with Arianna Grace, who apparently got him the X-Division Title shot. They're also apparently an item.

Leon Slater and Je'Von Evans are disturbed by the new couple and want some opponents.

### TNA X-Division Title: Leon Slater vs. Stacks

Stacks, with Arianna Grace, is challenging and Leon Slater has Je'Von Evans with him. They fight over wrist control to start until Stacks sends him into the corner, only to get kicked away. Another whip into the corner works a bit better for Stacks but Slater bounces up with a spinning kick to the face. Stacks is sent outside for a slingshot dive and Evans jumps on commentary to send us to a break.

We come back with Slater fighting out of an abdominal stretch but getting dropped ribs first onto the top rope. A belly to back faceplant and fireman's carry gutbuster give Stacks two but Slater fights up. Slater kicks Grace off the apron and right into Evans' arms, followed by the big running flip dive over the top to take Stacks down. Back in and the Swanton 450 retains the title at 10:56.

**Rating:** B-. Stacks is a good hand in the middle of the card (with the Heritage Cup feeling more and more forgotten every week) and putting him in a match like this is a good way to go. At the same time, I'm curious about the idea of someone using Grace to get to Santino Marella, as it's an interesting enough idea. Slater continues to look like more of a star every time he's in the ring and he is absolutely worth following going forward.

Post match Slater and Evans say they want a tag match and don't care who they face. Cue La Parka and Mr. Iguana to say they have a match with Slater and Evans for Halloween Havoc. AAA is taking over Arizona.

Zachary Wentz wants the Speed Title.

Speed Title #1 Contenders Tournament First Round: Zachary Wentz vs. Jasper Troy

Wentz dodges around to start and kicks him down to the floor. A dive connects with a minute gone but another dive is blocked. That's fine with Wentz, who hits his third dive, followed by a Swanton for two back inside. Troy runs him over and grabs a Black Hole Slam for the win at 2:05.

Kelani Jordan finds her clothes thrown out of the locker room. Most of the women say Jordan chose TNA and walk off. Jordynne Grace is on Jordan's side but Jordan doesn't want to hear it because it's always about Grace, who probably just wants the title back.

Darkstate brags about taking out the Hardys...and we warp to the Hardy Compound. Oh no. And yes they're Broken again (via the Lake Of Reincarnation) and the match at Halloween Havoc will be under Broken Rules. If it's a one off, fine.

We look at Sol Ruca being injured last week on Smackdown.

Ruca, on crutches, is coming to the ring with Zaria, who asks if Ruca wants to do this. Ruca is sure.

Here are Ruca and Zaria for a chat with Ava. Ruca is upset and says she hates to admit it but she can't defend her title at Halloween Havoc. She's not going to hold up the division when there are so many people coming for the gold. Cue Blake Monroe to say she'll take the title right now. Zaria isn't having this because we don't give handouts around here. Ruca admits that Monroe is right but Zaria offers to defend the title in Ruca's place. Ava agrees and Ruca signs off on it, so Zaria lays Monroe out with an F5.

Axiom wants the Speed Title.

Sean Legacy likes his chances against Axiom.

Myles Borne and Tavion Heights are upset with recent losses when Josh Briggs comes in to say there isn't room for them while he's around.

### Speed Title Tournament #1 Contenders Tournament First Round: Axiom vs. Sean Legacy

Axiom misses a running dropkick to start but slips out of the Shambles attempt. A suplex drops Axiom again and a reverse DDT gives Legacy two. Legacy's springboard is countered but Axiom's triangle choke is countered. Back up and Legacy grabs a running Spanish Fly as we have a minute left. A nice superkick drops Axiom, who pops to his feet for a jumping knee. Legacy kicks him down but gets caught up top with a super Spanish Fly to give Axiom the pin at 2:58. That was some nice timing at the end and they packed in a lot of stuff here.

Ethan Page is ready to take out El Hijo de Dr. Wagner Jr. at Halloween Havoc.

### Hank & Tank vs. OTM

Hank & Tank start the brawl in the aisle and hit stereo dives to take OTM out on the floor. We get the opening bell with Price avoiding a charge in the corner but choking Hank on the ropes anyway. Hank gets choked in the corner as well and a running stomp plants him again. Back up and Hank manages to get over for the tag off to Tank for the house cleaning. Nima is right back with a tilt-a-whirl slam though and the assisted Alabama Slam finishes for Price at 3:35.

**Rating:** C. This was all about making OTM look like a monster team again and they did it well here. That's what you need every so often, especially with OTM having been gone for so long. Smashing through former Tag Team Champions is a good look and OTM came off as dominant in their return.

Post match OTM puts Hank through the announcers' table.

After shilling some Maybelline, Wren Sinclair talks to Lash Legend, who isn't impressed. Kendal Grey comes in and seems to challenge Legend, who doesn't seem worried.

Halloween Havoc rundown.

### Culling vs. Fatal Influence

Reid and Paxley start things off with Paxley charging into a boot in the corner but avoiding an elbow. Jayne comes in to miss a charge in the corner and get caught by a kind of running crossbody. Dame slams Jayne for two but Jayne is back up with a quick clothesline. A tilt-a-whirl backbreaker cuts Jayne off again and it's back to Paxley, who cleans house. Jayne manages a neckbreaker though and Paxley is down as we take a break.

We come back with Dame getting the hot tag to clean house, including a double clothesline. A chokeslam gets two on Jayne but Dame is knocked into the corner. Paxley tags herself back in to pick up the pace but Fallon Henley gets pulled in. Dame and Reid fight on the floor and it's the Rolling Encore to pin Paxley at 10:13.

**Rating:** C+. That's quite the weird way to go for the result as Paxley is already not the strongest challenger but she loses to the champion here. In theory that points to a title change on Saturday and...I could see it happening. Either that or Dame turns on Paxley, but either way, at least there is a set of options here and that's a good sign.

Post match Fatal Influence sends Dame into the steps. Paxley gets surrounded but fights out of trouble and holds up the title.

Here is Ava for the NXT Title contract signing. Trick Williams and Ricky Saints come out, with Booker T. being quite the Trick fan. Williams talks about waiting for his moment and that's why he's in the main event. That's why he made Saints

wait at Showdown, because Williams is the only one who can carry this place. The only thing he is loyal to is himself, which is why he's going to become a three time NXT Champion. Williams signs and Saints talks about how Williams was a big deal but lost the plot along the way.

Saints knows Williams was ready to move away a long time ago. Williams says he doesn't belong on the indies and he sees someone cosplaying as champion when he looks at Saints. Then he's winning the title back and the Absolute Era will be absolutely ever. Saints says he's smoother and "silkier" than Williams could ever be. The fight is on but Saints F5's him through a table.

One more Halloween Havoc rundown ends the show.

**Overall Rating:** B-. This was a show with a clear focus and that part worked out well. While there are issues with some of the matches at Halloween Havoc, I'm more interested in seeing the show than I was coming in. The wrestling here was only so good, but that wasn't the point this time. It made for a good enough show here, and now we get to see what happens at the big event later this week.

### Results

Leon Slater b. Stacks – Swanton 450

Jasper Troy b. Zachary Wentz – Black Hole Slam

Axiom b. Sean Legacy – Super Spanish Fly

OTM b. Hank & Tank – Assisted Alabama Slam to Tank

Fatal Influence b. Culling – Rolling Encore to Paxley

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