

NXT Deadline 2025: Like Clockwork

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It's NXT's turn to have a show based on timed intervals as we have the Iron Survivor Challenges. These things can seem a bit complicated at first but once you get into the swing of them, they can be an absolute blast. Other than that, the NXT Title is on the line so let's get to it.

Since it's going to come up twice tonight, here are the Iron Survivor Challenge rules:

- 25 minute time limit
- Two wrestlers start with a new entrant every five minutes
- Any pinfall, submission or DQ is a fall and worth one point
- When someone loses a fall, they go to the penalty box for 90 seconds
- Most falls in 25 minutes wins a future NXT/Women's Title shot

The opening video focuses on time, both with the Iron Survivor Challenges and with title reigns ending. The Iron Survivor Challenges actually aren't treated as the only things that matter for a change.

NXT Title: Oba Femi vs. Ricky Saints

Saints is defending and starts in on the arm. The armbar is reversed into one from Femi, who powers Saints down. What looks like an F5 is blocked and Saints Codebreakers the arm. Saints knocks him away and gets two off a middle rope dropkick. Back up and Femi shoves him into the corner for a

forearm and a Damian Priest Broken Arrow for two. Femi unloads with some more forearms and hard shots to the head.

Saints tells him to bring it so Femi hits him in the head again. Saints is back with some running kicks to the head and a top rope hurricanrana takes him down. The spear gives Saints two and a Stunner connects for the same. A guillotine choke has Femi in trouble but he powers Saints up onto the top rope. Femi misses a charge out to the floor though and Saints knocks him down again, only for Femi to beat the count.

A Fameasser gives Saints two but Femi starts hitting him in the face. What looked like a Big Ending is countered into a crucifix to give Saints two. A missed charge sends Femi into the post and another charge sends him into the steps. Saints' tornado DDT off the barricade drops Femi onto the steps again. Another tornado DDT gives Saints two back inside, as does Femi's Fall From Grace. Saints charges right into a sitout Fall From Grace to give Femi the pin and the title back at 17:22.

Rating: B. This is what it should have been, as Saints went at Femi with everything he had but ultimately couldn't handle the monster. Femi is someone who feels like he is the biggest and most dominant star in a good while around here and him winning the title back is a logical move. I'm just not sure who is supposed to take the thing from him.

Post match, respect is shown.

Kendal Grey, with Wren Sinclair, is ready to shock the world and she is strategizing for the Iron Survivor Challenge.

Video on the Iron Survivor Challenge.

Women's Iron Survivor Challenge

For the Women's Title shot at New Year's Evil. Kelani Jordan is in at #1 and Kendal Grey is in at #2. Jordan takes her to

the mat to start but Grey is back up to knock Jordan into the corner. Grey grabs a front facelock and they trade small packages for two each. Jordan's northern lights suplex gets two and they trade running faceplants to leave them both down. Jordan knocks her down in the corner and hits a handspring spinning Fameasser. Grey snaps off a powerslam for the pin at 4:57.

Grey – 1
Jordan – 0
Ruca – 0
Grace – 0
Vice – 0

Jordynne Grace is in at #3 and immediately takes Grey down for a Vader Bomb. Grace sits her down and cranks on both arms, only for Jordan to escape and make the save. Grey and Jordan trade rollups for two each until Jordan gets a fall at 7:17.

Grey – 1
Jordan – 1
Ruca – 0
Grace – 0
Vice – 0

Grace is back in to run Jordan over and things slow back down a bit. Jordan is knocked down into the corner and Grace is smart enough to run Grey over as she gets out of the box. A slingshot dive drops Grace and it's Lola Vice in at #4. Vice wastes no time in striking away, including the spinning backfist to pin Grey at 10:25.

Grey – 1
Jordan – 1
Vice – 1
Ruca – 0
Grace – 0

Vice sticks up with the striking and sends Jordan and grace

into the same corner for the rather enthusiastic running hip attack. Neither of them are good enough for a fall but Grey is out for a cutter and the pin on Grace at 12:27.

Grey – 2
Jordan – 1
Vice – 1
Ruca – 0
Grace – 0

Grey belly to back superplexes Jordan into a running knee from Vice. A superkick on the apron rocks Jordan again but Vice can't lock up Grey's ankle. Grey can't get the cross armbreaker either as Grace kicks the penalty box door into Jordan's face. Back in and Grace package powerbombs Grey for two. Jordan's high crossbody is rolled through though and Grace gets the pin at 14:58.

Grey – 2
Jordan – 1
Vice – 1
Grace – 1
Ruca – 0

Sol Ruca is in to complete the field but Jordan takes her out on the way to the ring. Ruca has to be taken out and it's Grace loading up a Five Knuckle Shuffle. The free Jordan breaks that up and stomps on Grey as Ruca is in with a double Sol Snatcher to pin Jordan at 18:24.

Grey – 2
Jordan – 1
Vice – 1
Grace – 1
Ruca – 1

It was a double so Ruca pins Vice at 18:26.

Grey – 2

Ruca – 2
Jordan – 1
Vice – 1
Grace – 1

Ruca and Grace go after Grey as Vice chokes Jordan on their way out of the box. Grey grabs Shades Of Grey on Grace but Jordan makes the save with a splash to steal the pin on Grace at 20:58.

Grey – 2
Ruca – 2
Jordan – 2
Vice – 1
Grace – 1

Vice goes after Grey on the floor but Ruca moonsaults onto both of them. Jordan Asai moonsaults onto Ruca and then throw Vice back inside. Something like an Angle Slam drops Vice but Grace is back in to plant both of them. A spinning torture rack bomb finishes Jordan at 22:55.

Grey – 2
Ruca – 2
Jordan – 2
Grace – 2
Vice – 1

Vice kicks Grey down for the fall at 23:04.

Grey – 2
Ruca – 2
Jordan – 2
Grace – 2
Vice – 2

Vice chokes Ruca on the floor so Ruca drops back onto her as we have a minute left. A Sol Snatcher off the steps drops Vice on the floor as Jordan is out of the box. Jordan kicks Ruca's

bad knee out and hits a 450 on Vice with Grace making the save. Grey is in with a top rope Shades Of Grey to Vice as time expires at 25:00.

Grey – 3

Ruca – 2

Jordan – 2

Grace – 2

Vice – 2

Rating: B. These things work so well and they have the whole thing figured out rather well. This was all about the drama and trying to keep track of everything at once and they managed to pull it off. Grey winning is one heck of a moment for her, as it seems they're ready to run with her. If she's ready, it's certainly worth a shot as she checks a lot of boxes at once.

Blake Monroe is going to issue an open challenge for the Women's North American Title on Tuesday. Ava thinks this is a bad idea but approves it anyway.

Myles Borne is ready for Oba Femi again and has decided he's entering the Iron Survivor Challenge third. A brawl between Kelani Jordan and Jordynne Grace cuts him off.

North American Title: Mr. Iguana vs. Ethan Page

Page is defending and shoulders him down to start, leaving Iguana to do his dead pose. Page spins him around and accuses Iguana of being dead, earning himself an armdrag. Iguana rolls him up for two and grabs the stuffed iguana, earning himself a DDT. A high crossbody gives Iguana two and they head outside, with Iguana hitting a dive. Page sends him into the steps though and they head back inside, with Page getting a bunch of green paint on his chest.

The stuffed iguana bites Page's fingers but he pulls a rope walk out of the air into a powerslam. Page spits on the

stuffed iguana and throws it to the floor, which has Iguana rather angry. Iguana gets crotched on top but a super Ego's Edge is countered into a hurricanrana. Iguana's diving hurricanrana over the top takes Page down on the floor and a flying headbutt gets two back inside. Page is able to slam him off the top though and grabs the Twisted Grin to retain the title at 8:40.

Rating: B-. This got rolling in the middle and the fans were into what Iguana was doing. At the same time though, it was hard to imagine a glorified comedy wrestler being the one to end Page's rather impressive title reign. Page is a good choice for a heel and he could move up the card in a hurry once he loses the title, whenever that finally happens.

Kendal Grey can't believe she won but Sol Ruca comes in to say she would have won if she wasn't hurt. Wren Sinclair says that sounds like an excuse, as Grey got speared out of her boots by Zaria on Wednesday but won anyway. Ruca says she and Zaria are still friends.

Oba Femi and Dion Lennox have a staredown, with Femi hoping Lennox wins so they can fight again.

We recap Tatum Paxley vs. Izzi Dame. Paxley needed a friend and Dame tried to do so, but then Paxley wouldn't listen to her. Dame cost her the Women's Title and now it's time for revenge.

Tatum Paxley vs. Izzi Dame

Paxley is all shaken up and doesn't want to do this. Dame puts her hand on Paxley's cheek but Paxley gets angry and the fight is on. Paxley knocks her outside and we get a hug but Dame sends her knees first into the steps. A fireman's carry faceplant drops Paxley back inside and Dame slowly hammers away.

Paxley's sleeper has Dame in trouble but she rams Paxley into

the corner for the break. The Boston crab goes on and Dame turns it into a Liontamer but Paxley slips out. A rebound German suplex puts Dame down and Paxley's elbow drop gets two. Dame is able to dropkick her out of the air and a fisherman's neckbreaker connects for two more.

They fight to the floor with Paxley grabbing a German suplex and loading up the announcers' table. The Psycho Trap sends Dame into the table...but Shawn Spears pops up with the dolls. She takes them from him and Spears ribs the head off of one of them. That earns Spears a slap to the face but Paxley charges back inside, where it's a big boot to her face. The chokebomb gives Dame the pin at 12:40.

Rating: B-. This was more about the emotions and the storytelling than anything else, as Paxley is going to find a friend sooner or later. That should make for an interesting twist in everything, though it's hard to say who that will be. Other than that, Paxley is definitely feeling like more of a star than she was coming into this, so that's a success.

Ricky Saints is upset by his loss but Je'Von Evans tries to give him a pep talk.

Shiloh Hill is back with his final chat before...I have no idea actually. One time he watched squirrels playing and wanted to know what it would be like to communicate with them. Then he chased one of them and finally caught it, but the high school football coach saw him and asked him to play. Then he tells a story about getting in a fight when he was a kid and losing a tooth. Then we see that he's talking to a machine, which says it's time for everyone to wake up. Apparently he'll have his first match on Tuesday. Ok then.

Video explaining the Iron Survivor Challenge again.

Men's Iron Survivor Challenge

For the title shot at New Year's Evil. Leon Slater is in at #1

and Je'Von Evans is in at #2. Evans' springboard cutter is blocked early on and they circle each other for a bit. They both catch kicks to the ribs and then put their feet down, only for Evans to hold on a bit longer. Slater kicks him in the face but Evans is back with a springboard hurricanrana. Evans gets in a kick to the face before they trade rollups for two each. Another springboard cutter misses so Evans settles for a jumping Stunner. Slater breaks up another springboard but charges into a hurricanrana to give Evans the pin at 4:44.

Evans – 1

Slater – 0

Hendry – 0

Lennox – 0

Borne – 0

Myles Borne is in at #3 and clotheslines away at Evans, followed by an Eye of the Hurricane for two. An Angle Slam gets two on Evans as Slater is back inside. Borne slugs away at both of them in the corners but Slater is back with a nasty chop. Evans helps Slater kick Borne in the head before knocking Slater down for two.

Dion Lennox is in at #4 and gets two off a northern lights suplex to Borne. Evans is back up to slug away at Lennox until Slater is in to help stomp Lennox down in the corner. Borne is back up to catch Slater in an electric chair, with Lennox adding a top rope clothesline. Lennox's Air Raid Crash pins Evans at 12:40.

Evans – 1

Lennox – 1

Slater – 0

Hendry – 0

Borne – 0

Borne plants Slater for two and then punches away at him in the corner. A running corner splash hits Lennox but Slater

kicks Borne in the face. Evans is back in with a heck of a springboard clothesline to Borne, followed by a dive to Slater. Back in and a frog splash gets two on Borne as Joe Hendry is here to complete the field. A double fall away slam drops Evans and Slater, allowing Hendry to strike his pose. Lennox breaks up the Standing Ovation so Hendry sends him outside for the big dive. Back in and Hendry's spinning fireman's carry slam finishes Borne at 17:40.

Evans – 1
Lennox – 1
Hendry – 1
Slater – 0
Borne – 0

We get an exchange of rollups until Slater and Evans kick each other in the head to leave everyone down. Borne's time is up but Lennox kicks the door into his face. Evans is back up with a Swanton Coast To Coast to Lennox but Slater drops Evans and hits the Swanton 450 to pin Hendry at 20:12.

Evans – 1
Lennox – 1
Hendry – 1
Slater – 1
Borne – 0

Borne Again hits Slater but Lennox makes the save at two. Borne again hits Lennox as well though and Borne gets the pin at 21:11.

Evans – 1
Lennox – 1
Hendry – 1
Slater – 1
Borne – 1

Hendry is back up to beat on Lennox in the box as the other three slug it out from their knees. Slater is back in to clean

house and everyone outside of the box is down. Lennox is out but he throws Evans in, with the door being locked because...I have no idea really. Since there is no roof on the thing, Evans climbs out and dives onto Lennox, only for Slater to hit him over the post flip dive.

Evans is back in with the top rope cutter to Slater for two, with Borne making the save as we have less than a minute to go. A super Borne Again drops Evans but Lennox makes another save. There's the Swanton 450 to Evans but Hendry powerbombs Slater to the floor. Evans small packages Borne for the pin as time expires at 25:00.

Evans – 2
Lennox – 1
Hendry – 1
Slater – 1
Borne – 1

Rating: B. It didn't have quite the drama as the women's edition but Evans winning here ties into what happened last year when he came just short of winning. Evans is at the point where he has to win something and there is a chance that he pulls it off against Femi. It was another action packed match and the dive off the box was great. Another solid match here with the right winner.

Post match Evans shows respect to everyone, with Lennox not being interested. Oba Femi comes out for the staredown to...not end the show, as we see a video of someone walking on a bridge, though we can't see his face. Femi and Evans aren't sure what happened but Tony D'Angelo is back with a spinebuster to Evans. He drops some black...something on Evans (the same thing Ava saw this week) to really end the show.

Overall Rating: B+. Another good show here, with the three big matches more than holding their own. Nothing on here is an all timer but they did a good job with pushing some new stars. I'm

curious to see where some of these things go, including the deal D'Angelo at the end. Solid show here, as the Iron Survivor Challenge continues to be one of the best fresh concepts in a long time. Now just follow up with it as we get to the title matches next month.

Results

Oba Femi b. Ricky Saints – Sitout Fall From Grace

Kendal Grey won the Women's Iron Survivor Challenge

Ethan Page b. Mr. Iguana – Twisted Grin

Izzi Dame b. Tatum Paxley – Chokebomb

Je'Von Evans won the Men's Iron Survivor Challenge

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