

# NXT – February 8, 2012 – The Best Thing That Could Have Happened To This Show

## NXT

Date: February 8, 2012

Location: BOK Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Commentators: William Regal, Josh Matthews

Here we are again. I really don't know what to talk about here other than Young and Titus seem to have formed a new alliance after hating each other for so long. I don't know how well Titus' heel turn is going yet because he doesn't have anything to gain. I'm sure nothing will change here because that's how this show works. We're at a month away from this being running for a year. Let's get to it.

We are Wild And Young and feel the need to sing about it.

Striker opens the show and tells us that there are four matches tonight, including the Usos vs. Hawkins/Reks. You know, to freshen things up a bit.

### Derrick Bateman vs. Heath Slater

Bateman takes over to start but misses a corner charge. Regal talks about punching a homeless man as Slater punches him down. A leg lariat puts Bateman down and it's off to a chinlock. Bateman fights up and hits something like a modified STO for two. A flip neckbreaker like the one John Morrison used to use gets the same. Slater pops up and hits his running spinning sleeper drop for the pin at 3:27. That needs a bad name.

**Rating:** D. This didn't click at all for me as there was a severe lack of selling. Granted at the same time it's Heath

Slater vs. Derrick Bateman in a match that runs three and a half minutes so how good was it possibly going to be? Bateman's stock somehow manages to fall even further, which I didn't think was possible.

### Percy Watson vs. Darren Young

Titus is on commentary. Percy starts out fast and takes him down where he stomps away on the ribs. They go to the floor and Percy gets caught in the ring skirt. Back in a swinging neckbreaker gets two for Darren and it's off to a body scissors. Titus goes on a rant about how no one has done anything for him so he's controlling his own destiny. Young charges at Watson in the corner but Percy moves, sending Young chest first into the buckle. The Heisman (spinning splash) gets two and the Persecution gets the pin at 4:24.

**Rating:** D+. Better match but it still wasn't anything great. This was more about furthering Percy vs. Titus post match which is a much more interesting feud. Titus turning is fine, but like I've said many times, it doesn't mean anything without there being something for him to win. At least it wasn't Slater though.

Titus gets in the ring and tells Percy that when Titus attacks him, Percy will know it.

Johnny Curtis hits on Kaitlyn and implies that Bateman has a crush on her.

### Trent Barretta vs. Tyson Kidd

Yes please. They run the ropes a bit with Kidd hitting an elbow to the face to take over. Trent knocks him off the apron and they head to the floor. Whisper in the Wind off the barricade takes Kidd down but he goes down as well. Back in the ring Kidd comes off the top but jumps into a dropkick which gets two for Trent. Kidd charges in the corner but Trent gets up two knees to take him down.

He tries what looks like a one legged Codebreaker but Kidd counters into a Sharpshooter attempt. That's countered as well but Kidd kicks his head off and a release German gets two. These kickouts and counters are getting good. Trent gets in a shot to take Kidd down and heads up. A missile dropkick gets two and Barretta is getting frustrated. They go into a pinfall reversal sequence and Kidd hooks him into a sunset flip for the pin at 5:22.

**Rating:** C+. These guys are very fun at what they do but they're stuck here on NXT so that we can see guys like Jinder Mahal on Smackdown. Kidd used to be my favorite guy on this show and I wish he'd get more time to showcase his stuff because he really is fun to watch when he gets more than a few minutes.

Kidd helps Trent up post match which is a different style for him.

Kaitlyn goes up to Bateman in the back and Maxine comes in to yell about the loss earlier. There's a match set up. Curtis can be seen watching in the back as the girls argue.

### Kaitlyn vs. Maxine

Regal goes into a LONG rant which almost has to be a song lyric or a poem. He literally talks for 34 seconds and says that's what Maxine said. It ended with what sounded like "shoplifters of the world unite." From what I can find that's a song by The Smiths. Kaitlyn drops a leg and Regal says her legs could crack walnuts for him at Christmas. Maxine hooks a dragon sleeper to slow things down. Kaitlyn comes back with some knees and the worst cross body ever, due to a lack of jumping. Maxine wins with a crucifix at 2:59. This was your usual NXT Divas match.

Video on the Chamber which I think is the same one from Raw.

Trent is getting out of his gear in the back when Kidd comes

up and says Trent has earned his respect. Kidd proposes a tag team and asks Trent to think about it. Can we please get an NXT Tag Title already? In this case there actually is a division for it.

### Usos vs. Tyler Reks/Curt Hawkins

Curt and let's say Jey start us off. Hawkins takes him down a few times but walks into a northern lights for two. Off to Jimmy vs. Reks as the Usos do their "I say Us, you say 0" thing which gets a reaction as it always does. Hawkins is sent to the floor and the Usos double team to dive onto Hawkins. Reks and Hawkins use a nice misdirection move to get a boot to Jey's head and we take a break.

Back with Reks hooking Jey in a chinlock and then hitting a boot for two. Back to Hawkins and things slow way down. Reks and Hawkins are very uninteresting in the ring and they slow matches down so much when they're in there. Reks and Hawkins double team even more but Jey blocks a charge in the corner with a boot.

Hawkins gets Reks back in again though and Jey gets pounded on even more. The heels tag again and it's back to Curt for a chinlock. Jey takes him down and brings in Jimmy. Everything breaks down and Jimmy escapes the spinning Rack neckbreaker. He gets shoved into a cane shot by Hawkins and Reks gets a rollup pin at 7:29.

**Rating:** C. The problem with this is the same as the problem with most of the feuds on this show: we've seen it so many times that there's no point in watching them anymore. This might have been the first time that Reks and Hawkins have beaten them, but does it really matter after they've lost about four or five times in a row?

Striker runs out to report the cane shot (why doesn't this happen more often?) and Hawkins drops him with a right hand.

**Overall Rating:** B-. This show flew by and in a good way. A lot of new stories were started tonight and it was like there was a brand new writer for it, which shakes thing up a lot which is what this show has needed for a very long time. I'm actually looking forward to this show now because there's something new to see, which is the best thing that could have happened on NXT.

### Results

Heath Slater b. Derrick Bateman – Spinning Sleeper Mat Slam

Percy Watson b. Darren Young – Persecution

Tyson Kidd b. Trent Barretta – Sunset flip

Maxine b. Kaitlyn – Crucifix

Tyler Reks/Curt Hawkins b. The Usos – Rollup to Jimmy after a cane shot from Hawkins

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# **NXT – February 1, 2012 – NXT Comes, NXT Goes, Nothing Happens**

## NXT

Date: February 1, 2012

Location: Qwest Center Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska

Commentators: William Regal, Josh Matthews

We're continuing with this show because someone up there hates me. This week we continue with the Titus Is Evil story as Alex

Riley ran in for the save last week because...well because someone had to I guess. Other than that we have Bateman, Maxine and Curtis promising to get along for the purposes of....I have no idea. Let's get to it.

This didn't come up until Thursday for some reason.

Here's Titus to open the show. He says that the fans are being good and quiet like small people. The best thing they can do is shut up according to him. He gets on to Riley very quickly and says that he's ready for him. Here's Darren Young of all people who says he hates being here. Young says they have unfinished business. Titus says the only unfinished business Young should have is with his barber.

Young talks about how he's respected Titus lately and extends his hand for a shake. Titus doesn't care about respect from the people or from Young. Titus seems to be stumbling over his lines in this. Percy comes out and yells at Titus and calls him stupid. They are fighting words pardner! Young calls him into the ring and as Watson gets ready, here's Riley to even the odds. The following is exactly what you would expect: brawl, Striker, tag match main event.

#### Tyson Kidd vs. Trent Barretta

Yes please. Tyson takes it to the mat quickly and gets some two counts but Trent bridges out. They fight for control and Tyson sends him to the floor where he hits a suicide dive. Back in an enziguri sends Tyson to the corner. A running elbow in the corner knocks Kidd back but Trent walks into a spin kick for two. Trent hits his corner stomp and a running knee gets two. They go to the corner and Tyson gets crotched. Trent goes up and tries a rana but Kidd rolls through for the pin at 4:10.

**Rating:** B-. As usual the cruiserweight style guys go out and have the most entertaining match of the night. Trent continues to be awesome and it's hard for Kidd to have a bad match as

well. Good stuff here and there needs to be an NXT Title so these two can have a 15 minute match for it. And yes I know that's nuts.

Striker is in the back on the phone when Hawkins and Reks mess with him. The screen messes up during this. Hawkins and Reks want matches, so Striker says next week everyone licensed gets a match. That's about it.

Here's Slater to brag about ending his losing streak last week. We get a clip and as Bateman brags, here's Bateman. Slater wants to see the clip again but instead Bateman makes fun of him. "I didn't even know you had a finisher." Neither did I actually. Bateman says it was almost as impressive as the Undertaker's Streak. Slater talks about how he's won three titles and has main evented Summerslam and all that jazz.

Bateman says he has a career highlight reel of Slater which is nothing but stills of him losing and the word loser over the top, including Horny winning the over the top rope challenge. A brawl starts and Slater is knocked to the floor. Cue Maxine who kisses Bateman and that's about it.

### Maxine vs. Alicia Fox

We get a clip from three weeks ago that set this up. They immediately go at it and head to the mat. Curtis comes out and the distraction lets Alicia get a rollup for the pin at 41 seconds. Someone please explain to me why this division exists.

Five minute video on Cena that aired at the Rumble.

Maxine and Bateman go looking for Curtis and Kaitlyn finds it ironic that Maxine is always looking for Curtis. Kaitlyn says she's looking out for Bateman because they're friends but Maxine doesn't buy it. Curtis comes out of a door after they leave and smiles.

## Percy Watson/Alex Riley vs. Titus O'Neil/Darren Young

Watson vs. Young starts us off. Watson sends him to the floor and hits a perfect plancha to take him out as we take a break. Back with Riley in control of Young and getting two off a clothesline. Percy comes back in and knocks Young to the floor with a dropkick. As they get back in, Young hits the belly to back on the apron for two. Titus comes in for the first time and puts a neck crank on Watson.

Young comes back for a neckbreaker which gets two. Titus brings the power back in and chinlocks Watson, but gets caught in the corner and Watson makes the hot tag to Riley. He cleans house and hits the elevated DDT for two on Young. O'Neil breaks it up and everything breaks down. Titus gets a blind tag and hits the Clash of the Titus for the pin at 9:33.

**Rating:** C. For a main event tag match this was fine. It's nothing of note but it pushed Titus' heel turn a bit stronger and gives us a new guy in the main event with Riley. I'm a fan of his so seeing him in a featured match is a fun thing. The match itself was nothing all that bad but it was as there as any NXT main event.

**Overall Rating:** C+. This show wasn't that bad. It wasn't that good, but it certainly wasn't anything bad. The best thing you can ask for from this show anymore is that it goes by quickly and this one pretty much flew by. We get a new program with Slater vs. Bateman which is something other than Bateman vs. Curtis so it's an automatic improvement. Not bad here but it's just another show in this never ending series.

### Results

Tyson Kidd b. Trent Barretta – Sunset flip off the top rope

Alicia Fox b. Maxine – Rollup

Titus O'Neil/Darren Young b. Alex Riley/Percy Watson – Clash of the Titus to Riley



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# Now Where Did That NXT Get To?

I know it's not exactly a huge popular series, but for some reason NXT hasn't been put up on WWE.com at this point (1:45am EST on Thursday morning) so I have no idea when to expect it up. They don't bother mentioning different times so I have no idea. Sorry to any who are waiting on it but there's nothing to review yet.

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# NXT – January 25, 2012 – Can Someone Explain What A Heel Is To Titus?

## NXT

Date: January 25, 2012

Location: Tucson Arena, Tucson, Arizona

Commentators: Josh Matthews, William Regal

We enter the second century of episodes of this show and apparently the time has been moved to 10pm EST now. Not that there was any notification of that but an article on there mentioned tuning in then to find out. Anyway, the wedding is over, Bateman and Maxine are together again, and Titus is now a heel. Let's get to it.

Here's Titus in an awesome looking suit to open things up. We

get a clip of his rant last week against the fans. Titus talks about an apology but means the fans owe him one. The people are booing so this is at least somewhat effective. He says he did everything the fans asked for like taking pictures and he's gotten nothing out of it. Titus talks about how he's the big dog and the man around here.

Cue Watson who says he's been there for Titus since day one. Now Titus wins one match (that's a stretch isn't it?) and he's turning his back on everyone? Watson says the people love Titus and Titus doesn't buy that. He says the fans don't love him. Percy loves him, but not the people. Titus says this is just business and he did all the meaningless points and such and now even Percy is dragged into it with the stupid talk show.

He invites Percy to join the dark side because together they're unstoppable. Percy declines because that isn't winning. Percy says Titus sounds like Darren Young and that doesn't sit well with O'Neil. Titus says there's one option: be with him or against him. That would be two but I'm no NXT rookie. Percy says he's not with him and drops the mic. Titus drops him so Striker comes out and makes the main event.

In the back, Hawkins and Reks want to know why they're not in the main event. Striker says worry about the Usos tonight and he'll worry about NXT.

### Usos vs. Tyler Reks/Curt Hawkins

You can really see the issues with tag team wrestling at this point. You only have room for one successful tag team at a time and right now, that's Primo/Epico so a team like the Usos who are very solid aren't allowed to get any wins on the main TV shows. It's a shame too because it'll probably be a few months before that happens. Jimmy vs. Hawkins to start as Regal talks about dancing.

Reks tries to jump Jimmy which doesn't work at all. Hawkins

tries to come in but has to duck a superkick. The heels take over and my goodness this place has gone silent. It's almost eerie. Reks takes over on Jimmy with a quarter nelson and it's back to Hawkins. Suplex gets two. Reks hammers away and the announcers talk about how every star is eligible for the Rumble. I'm not entirely sure what that means. I believe it means champions but I'm not sure.

Jimmy finally gets a shot to the ribs and the fans wake up for the tag to Jey. He jumps and spins around a lot as he hits the running hip attack in the corner, which ISN'T RIKISHI'S MOVE!!! Everything breaks down and Hawkins hits kind of a mat slam for two. The cane is brought in but Jey superkicks Hawkins for the pin at 5:20.

**Rating:** C-. I'm sure you all know the drill here: this match has happened so many times and it's still not interesting. There's nothing being gained from these matches and the Usos aren't going to get on TV other than anything as guys that get to lose to Primo/Epico so the champs can continue to bore people to death.

Bateman is very happy when Kaitlyn asks why Bateman would go back to Maxine. He says if I have to be here, be here with a hot chick. Curtis is here too apparently, because saying THIS ENDS doesn't end a thing.

### Heath Slater vs. Trent Barretta

Regal says Trent makes him want to compete again. Slater takes over early and knocks him to the floor as Regal talks about being a world champion. Slater keeps control and loudly calls spots as he sends Trent into the corner. A charge misses and Trent takes him down with an enziguri. A running knee gets two. Northern lights suplex gets the same. He goes up and Slater runs the ropes and gets a powerslam off the top for two. That was pretty cool. Trent sets for a DDT but Slater escapes and charges at Trent, jumps around him and pulls him

down in kind of a jumping spinning sleeper drop for the pin at 4:41.

**Rating:** C-. Not bad again and if I remember right, that's Slater's first win since something like July. He's a jobber so that's to be expected, but over Barretta? Why? Anyway this wasn't bad, although I'm really getting tired of these annoying finishers which have mostly sucked anymore. Doesn't anyone use basic moves anymore?

We get a clip from the wedding last week and Maxine rejoining Bateman. Here's Curtis but Bateman interrupts him. Maxine complains about being stuck here, Striker says get over it because we have to get along. Maxine makes them shake hands and they get slapped. That's it.

Rumble by the Numbers. That's always cool.

#### Titus O'Neil vs. Percy Watson

Percy controls to start but Titus beats him down and throws him to the floor. He's still in purple and does the dog bark so there isn't much different here. O'Neil pounds him down into the corner and hooks a chinlock. Titus hammers him in the corner and hooks a chinlock. Some of you may be noticing a pattern here. Oh wait Titus told the fans to shut up. He must be evil then. Watson gets his first offense in including a clothesline, a splash and a shoulder block. Spinning splash gets two. Persecution is countered and a very bad looking Clash of the Titus ends this at 5:49.

**Rating:** D-. What a miserable match. Titus is just not cut out to be a heel, or at least he's really bad at it. The problem is that he's the same guy that he's been the entire time now and he's still stuck here so nothing has changed, which means the turn didn't really do anything. Terrible match and basically a squash.

Titus beats him down even more until Alex Riley makes the

save. I like that style: just bring in random people for basic stories and matches as a result.

**Overall Rating:** D+. This wasn't horrible but it's very much about the same things we've seen all the time. Bateman and Curtis didn't do anything of note here and I really hope it doesn't turn into yet another tag team. Without titles, there's no real point to them all fighting because there's nothing to fight over. Not a terrible show, but until the major problems are fixed, this show isn't going anywhere.

### Results

Usos b. Tyler Reks/Curt Hawkins – Superkick to Hawkins  
Heath Slater b. Trent Barretta – Jumping Sleeper Drop  
Titus O'Neil b. Percy Watson – Clash of the Titus

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# **NXT – January 18, 2012 – Even With No Expectations NXT Disappoints Me**

## NXT

Date: January 18, 2012

Location: Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, Nevada

Commentators: Michael Cole, Josh Matthews

It's the 100th episode of this accursed show and we're in Vegas for a wedding. Naturally it'll be here in the arena in front of an audience because that's how wrestling works. Also

we're going to have Titus vs. Young for like the 9th time because that's all we can do on this season. Something big has to happen tonight right? Let's get to it.

The opening video is a recap of the wedding thing and the love triangle.

Theme song. This is the closest thing to an NXT Supershow we'll ever have anymore I think.

Cole is on commentary tonight. Oh boy. I think this is just a one night return.

### Titus O'Neil vs. Darren Young

No DQ match. Young runs to the floor for a bit but back in the ring he gets run over by an elbow. Backbreaker gets two for Titus. Darren gets thrown to the floor and DO THE DOG BARK! A slam of some sort on the floor puts Darren down but he manages a neckbreaker on the apron to take Titus down and we take a break. Back with Darren getting two off something we missed.

Belly to back gets two. Off to a cravate and Young sends him into the corner. The gutbuster gets two. The No DQ aspect of this has meant nothing so far. Young sets for another gutbuster but since he used that already and isn't a main event guy, Titus counters and sends him in for the Clash of the Titans and the pin at 5:57.

**Rating:** D. What in the world was the point of the No DQ rule? This was nothing special at all, which is probably due to Young being worthless on almost all counts. Titus is ok but there's nothing left for him to do here. Hopefully this is the end of this feud because it's gone on way too long.

Titus gets on the mic afterwards and says he wants to thank the fans. He wants to thank them for absolutely nothing. Titus goes on a rant about how he's sick of doing everything for 46 weeks and getting stuck with a leprechaun for nothing. He's

the star of this show and the star of every show the WWE has to offer. Cole's heckling kills this for a bit because he laughs instead of acting like this is something special. Thanks for nothing and now he'll be making it a win for himself. Cole makes fun of him again, totally diminishing the shock value of the turn.

### Heath Slater vs. Percy Watson

Watson takes over with a dropkick to start. Cole lists off his various accomplishments as Slater takes over. Cole asks about the Redemption Points thing and Josh isn't sure how they work either. Slater takes over and there's nothing interesting going on here. Josh and Cole argue about Lynyrd Skynyrd and Watson starts his comeback. He jumps around a lot but the fans seem more interested in Slater than Watson. Spinning splash gets two. Persecution ends this at 3:41.

**Rating:** D. Boring match again and we're told that this was a rookie upsetting a Superstar. That's so cute: they think people still care about something like that. Also, Slater qualifies as a Superstar? Isn't that like 20 losses in a row for him? Boring match and the crowd shockingly didn't care.

Maxine yells at the Usos. Jey sneezes on her dress.

Maxine yells at more people when Curtis shows up and says calm down. She goes off ranting and Kaitlyn comes up. Curtis hits on her and gets called creepy.

### Yoshi Tatsu/Trent Barreta vs. Tyler Reks/Curt Hawkins

This match AGAIN? Wait why am I surprised by that? Trent vs. Curt starts us off but it's off to Reks quickly. Yoshi jumps in with a top rope chop for two. Was there a tag that I missed? Josh brings up Cole not talking about Superstars enough. Cole says look what he did for Bryan and Hawkins gets two. Cole also says he had a role in keeping the title on Miz. Powerslam gets two for Reks.

Cole blasts the hypocrisy of people praising Bryan's cash-in but blasting people like Edge. Double tag brings in Trent and Reks as this match is very forgettable. Running boot gets two for Trent. Cole says none of these guys are part of the competition which is true. I love Cole pointing out stupid stuff on here. Whisper in the Wind gets two for Barreta and everything breaks down. Reks loads up Barreta onto a shoulder like for a powerbomb but spins to the side into a DDT and the pin at 5:39.

**Rating:** D. I know I've used that every time but it's been the case every time: the matches are ok but they're nothing I'm going to remember after about five minutes. These are almost all matches we've seen before and there isn't much of a reason to want to see them again. Boring stuff here, but it is interesting that there's a tag division on NXT alone but the two biggest wrestling companies in the country can barely find a pair of teams for a PPV title defense.

Raw ReBund. Ace's eruption is still pretty good.

The wedding set is built in the ring. Elvis is performing the ceremony. And it's Striker as Elvis. He's been ordained for a full five minutes. The fans aren't impressed by his accent at all. Curtis is brought out who is in a leather jacket and a tuxedo t-shirt. There's some guy with him who looks a little drunks. Maxine comes out and to be fair, she does look good in the dress. She yells about the drunk guy (Chad, who says he was promised a chance to meet Hillbilly Jim) but shuts up eventually.

We get to the vows and Curtis says yes. She says yes also but we get to the objection part and the crowd pops in expectation. You would think Bateman would come out there but actually Striker takes off the glasses (it was obvious it was him and not meant to be a secret I don't think) and says "Really? No one here objects to this?" Funny line. Bateman finally comes out for the big overly dramatic objection and



actually rocking a suit.

He says he didn't send the e-mail, but Curtis did. Bateman shows us footage of Curtis stealing an iPad and sending the e-mail. It took him about 4 seconds to send an e-mail that took 20 seconds to read but whatever. Maxine freaks and Curtis says he wants Maxine to come with him to the top. She slaps him and the brawl between the guys breaks out. Bateman hits his finisher on Curtis and walks off. Maxine says wait and slaps Bateman then kisses him. And that's it. No seriously, that's the end of the show.

**Overall Rating:** F. I can't believe that they actually ended like that. I come into NXT with no expectations at all anymore and somehow this came off as a disappointment. I think it might be that I'm trying to avoid yelling about how we just wasted 10 or so weeks going around in a circle to get back to Bateman and Maxine being together but I'm not quite sure. Where in the world do they go from here? I'm not sure, but I'll bet it takes at least 2 months to do it. Just WOW.

### Results

Titus O'Neal b. Darren Young – Clash of the Titus

Percy Watson b. Heath Slater – Persecution

Tyler Reks/Curt Hawkins b. Trent Barreta/Yoshi Tatsu

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# NXT – January 11, 2012 – I'm Burned Out

## NXT

Date: January 11, 2012

Location: Laredo Energy Arena, Laredo, Texas

Commentators: William Regal, Matt Striker

It's episode 99, and somehow that's not just of this season. This is only episode 45 of this one. You would think they would be good and redeemed by this point but I guess not. Titus should be back this week and next week it's off to the Meadows for the wedding between Maxine and Curtis. Let's get to it.

There's a new intro, which looks like any other WWE TV show intro. Well at least they're admitting it now.

Striker says next week is the 100th episode from Vegas. He brings back another former member of NXT: Alicia Fox. Oh because she used to be a Pro. Apparently it's impressive that she's on Raw and Smackdown now, which is what got her a position as a Pro in the first place. The hooded fur thing looks stupid but that's "fashion" I guess. Maxine was her rookie and Alicia says she tried to sell her on Ebay but it didn't work.

Cue Maxine who says this is her ring and show now. Alicia is a waste of space and they get into an argument. Striker tries to calm them down and Maxine says shove it Striker. Alicia tries to be nice and asks how...or I mean who, are you doing? Brawl starts and we get a referee for a match.

## Alicia Fox vs. Maxine

Regal asks an interesting question: how did Striker get all this power? Alicia tries to do the splits but Maxine drops a

knee onto her to take over. There's no fascinating fact about Maxine this week because all she would talk about was the wedding. As for the match, it's your usual Divas match. Maxine beats on her for awhile but as she tries an O'Connor Roll, Alicia rolls through it for the pin at 2:10. Nothing else to say here.

### Trent Barreta vs. Tyler Reks

Reks pounds him away to start. They're playing up Barreta as a prankster or something like that. Trent takes it to the floor and hits a big dive. Reks has a bad ankle now. And never mind as he kicks Trent's head off and was playing possum. A Downward Spiral into the middle buckle gets two and it's off to the chinlock. They're using the camera angle that was used in Season One, which is practically eye level with the top rope.

Trent gets two feet up in the corner as the announcers talk about star quality, which Reks says, so says Regal. Trent misses something off the top and Reks puts him in a torture rack. When you're channeling Lex Luger, there might be something wrong with you. Either way, Barreta rolls through it and gets a backslide, yes a backslide I say, for the pin at 4:20.

**Rating:** C. I'm a sucker for Trent Barreta as he's just good at what he does. If you give him a gimmick and some kind of a different look which actually sets him apart, you've got something interesting. Still though, fun little match and it worked fine. Reks is in desperate need of a change as well but for NXT he's ok.

Reks yells at the announcers as Hawkins pounds Trent down. Yoshi comes in for the save.

Gabriel and Bateman are in the back and Gabriel mentions the e-mail that broke up Maxine and Bateman. Derrick has no idea what's going on and says he never sent it, even pulling out

his phone. Now they're stealing ideas from Raw? Gabriel suggests that Bateman's e-mail was hacked. He freaks, shouts CURTIS and walks off.

### Usos vs. Tyson Kidd/JTG

Great. It's JTG. No Tamina here. Kidd vs. let's say Jey to start. The twins double team him and a double back elbow gets two. Off to JTG as the Samoan hits a European Uppercut to the American. The crowd is dead for this. When a Siva Tao can't fire them up, the show is pretty bad. Kidd is in and there's some cheating with Jey getting beaten down. Off to the chinlock which Jey breaks pretty quickly. Double tag off to JTG and Jimmy and the corner hip smash gets two. Kidd hits a suicide dive to take Jey out but Jimmy hits a superkick for the pin at 4:16.

**Rating:** C-. Nothing of note here but anytime someone as annoying as JTG gets kicked in the face it's a good match. Other than that there was nothing to see here. The Usos have nothing to do because they're way better than any team on this show but they can't get a push at all on a main show.

Raw ReBound.

Aksana and Maxine are in the back and Maxine freaks out. Aksana offers any help she can give with the wedding. Bateman comes up and they get in a mini argument. She says she and Curtis are going to the top.

Rumble 94 is the moment this week.

### Alex Riley vs. Johnny Curtis

I love Riley's music. Curtis however couldn't be more generic if his life depended on it. Striker makes marriage jokes and the fans seem to be into Riley. Riley sends him to the floor where he gets a kiss from Maxine. And scratch that as Curtis takes him down and hooks a chinlock. Regal won't be bringing a

gift to the wedding. Riley gets in a boot but Maxine distracts him, allowing something like a falcon's arrow brainbuster ends Riley at 2:04.

Bateman comes out and says next week, this ends. OH PLEASE LET HIM BE TELLING THE TRUTH!!!

Here's Darren Young and we get a recap of their feud. After he says he's better than Titus he calls the big bald one out. Titus goes off on Young and partially on the idea of the show, saying Striker has given up on the challenges and he doesn't care about the points. There's no Watson, no JTG and no Tamina here, so let's deal with this right now, one on one. Young says he's beaten him more times than he can count and he's won all the matches.

Actually from what I can find they've had 7 one-on-one matches and Titus leads 5-2. Young yells at Titus and Titus says watch it. Darren insults Titus' kids a few times and it's on. Striker breaks it apart and says next week, those two in a No DQ match. That would be better if it hadn't already happened back in May with Titus winning but whatever. The brawl end the show.

**Overall Rating:** D. Just awful. The matches were ok, but these stories with the rookies have got to stop. Darren Young is the least interesting person I have seen on a WWE roster this side of Johnny Curtis. Who does the other main story involve? JOHNNY CURTIS OF COURSE. These same stories have been going on for four months now and they're not interesting, at all. Striker says they both end next week and why should I believe him? Anyway, bad show this week as I'm totally burned out on these stories.

### Results

Alicia Fox b. Maxine – Rollup

Trent Barreta b. Tyler Reks – Backslide

Usuo b. JTG/Tyson Kidd – Superkick to JTG

Johnny Curtis b. Alex Riley – Sitout brainbuster

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# **NXT – December 4, 2012 – Alex Riley Is Back!**

## **NXT**

Date: January 4, 2012

Location: Verizon Arena, Little Rock, Arkansas

Commentators: Josh Matthews, William Regal

It's a new year and it's the same old show here. NXT will continue to defy all odds and reach new levels of worthlessness, and I'll still be here to watch it because...uh... someone has to do it I guess. Anyway we're inching closer to the 100th episode of this show and somehow, this season has been almost half of those. Let's get to it.

We open with Striker who hypes up the 100th episode. He brings out The Natural Michael McGillicutty. Striker offers him a handshake but Hennig (seriously, just call the guy Joe Hennig and let him be Curt's son) says this show sucked and that it gave him nothing. He became part of the Nexus, the most dominant faction in WWE history. That's hilarious but we'll move on.

Everything he's accomplished has been because of his own abilities. Cue...ALEX RILEY??? He's got his varsity jacket again and REGAL IS BACK!!! Sorry for shouting but you have to

take what you can get with this show. They argue and start fighting. Striker shouts to get a ref here and it's match time.

### Alex Riley vs. Michael McGillicutty

Regal can't pronounce McGillicutty's name. He asks about any new year's resolutions Josh may have made. Regal had his toes amputated so he can be closer to a bar. McGillicutty sends him to the floor and Riley is in trouble. He laughs as we take a break. Back with him in control still and it's off to a quick chinlock. This match is going nowhere but it's not that bad. Backbreaker gets two. Here's a longer version of the chinlock.

Riley fights up and starts his comeback as Regal talks about how he had years in WCW before he got here. That's such a huge difference in today's product: there really are no major places to learn your craft other than FCW so you see so many styles that are the same. That's what I like about OVW: you got a nicer variety to pick from. The inverted DDT is countered into a Saito Suplex for two from McGillicutty. McGillicutty goes up but gets crotched and caught in something like a super-butterfly suplex for two. TKO attempt is countered into a McGillicutter attempt which is countered into the TKO for the pin at 9:30.

**Rating:** C+. Better match than I was expecting but the part before the break was pretty dull. Riley is a guy that I like what I see out of but for some reason he was thrown off the main shows for whatever reason. He'd be a guy you could throw into Vickie's stable really easily but instead he's back here on NXT, hopefully as a regular if he's not going to be on Raw anymore.

We get a video from last week where Maxine left with Curtis.

Bateman is talking to Kaitlyn who calls him Derrick Sweet Meat Bateman. Maxine and Curtis come up and it turns into a big argument. Maxine yells a lot and then kisses Curtis. After

Maxine and Bateman both leave, Curtis hits on Kaitlyn.

### Kaitlyn vs. Maxine

Maxine has a cousin is a part time pilcher pickler from Portland and is married to a Peruvian pygmy who is a purveyor of fine pot-bellied pigs and peacocks. Josh: "You can get all that out of her but you can't say McGillicutty?" Anyway Kaitlyn uses her power to control but Maxine counters into a slam into a dragon sleeper minus the arm trap with a bodyscissors for the tap at 1:55.

Here's the Raw ReBound.

Yoshi and Barretta are in the back playing WWE 12 when Hawkins and Ryder show up. Trent invites them to jump in on their game and apparently Yoshi put superglue on the controller so Reks is stuck. Yeah...comedy.

Royal Rumble moment from 1988.

### Trent Barretta vs. Curt Hawkins

When Hawkins was coming out, Curtis' Tron video popped up for a split second. We talk about how Yoshi is always smiling. Regal: "You should always have a smile on your face. You make a better corpse that way in case you die." We wish JR a happy birthday as the match is very basic to start. You hear that a lot anymore in WWE. Regal talks about coming to America and seeing JR as the first thing he saw on American TV. Suplex gets two for Hawkins.

We've gotten Norman Smiley and Gordon Solie references so far. The commentary is more fun than the match. All Hawkins so far. Regal and Josh won a Slammy for best announce team according to Josh. Regal wants cash instead of a trophy. Trent hits an enziguri and a running jumping elbow in the corner. Out to the floor and Trent hits a gorgeous flip dive to the floor. Back inside a tornado DDT gives Trent the win at 6:02.



**Rating:** C. I'm a big Trent fan and this was a great example as to why. He's so smooth in the ring and can go from one thing to another with seemingly no effort at all. The dive was absolutely perfect and the DDT had a great spike to it. It's a shame he doesn't get more time, even just a spot fest with someone like Kidd. Still fun though.

We recap Titus vs. Young, which resulted in a bunch of brawls. O'Neil will be back next week.

### Darren Young vs. Derrick Bateman

They have just over 4 minutes left in the video so this isn't going to last long. They start fast and Bateman gets a quick two count. They go to the floor and Young hits an atomic drop kind of move onto the apron, taking the advantage. Back in Bateman sends him into the post shoulder first and we're running out of time very fast. A running missile dropkick takes Young down. Maxine pops up and says in two weeks, she and Curtis are getting married in Vegas. Young hits his gutbuster for the pin at 3:30.

**Rating:** D. This was nothing other than a way to make the announcement about the wedding in a few weeks. I couldn't be happier it was short either as these two are just not interesting at all, especially Young. He's just boring and offers nothing at all of note. He never has and I can't imagine him ever doing so.

**Overall Rating:** C. Much better show than usual but two of the matches were long and had people in them that I like so I'd think that has something to do with it. The two shorter ones were just there and the main storylines continue to bore me on this show. The love triangle thing has been played out for months now and it's going to continue until they have their own network. Decent show from a wrestling perspective though.

### Results

Alex Riley b. Michael McGillicutty – TKO

Maxine b. Kaitlyn – Standing dragon sleeper  
Trent Barretta b. Curt Hawkins – Tornado DDT  
Darren Young b. Derrick Bateman – Fireman's Carry into a gutbuster

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## **NXT – December 28, 2011 – I'd Walk Out Of That Main Event On An Airplane**

### **NXT**

Date: December 28, 2011

Location: Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Indiana

Commentators: Matt Striker, Josh Matthews

It continues. Anyway here we have another edition in the never ending saga that is the fifth season of NXT. I know I say that a lot, but what else is there really to say at this point? We have a love triangle regarding Bateman, Curtis and Maxine, which would be a bit better if the people in it were interesting. Anyway let's get to it.

Striker is in the ring and says that in three weeks, we'll be having NXT's 100th show. A lot of people got their start here, so here's Justin Gabriel. Before he can say anything though,

here's Slater. He talks about carrying Gabriel all the time and reiterates that he's the One Man Rock Band. Someone find out what that's supposed to mean. I'd really like to know. Gabriel asks him just that and Slater says that he plays instruments. Striker makes the match.

### Justin Gabriel vs. Heath Slater

Slater hides in the corner as Josh tries to get the nickname Capetown Werewolf over for Gabriel. Striker goes over some of the history of NXT, such as Zack Ryder being the pro for Titus O'Neil back in Season 2. They speed things up and the fans like Gabriel's speed moves. Gabriel works on the arm and the fans aren't exactly thrilled with this. I can't say I blame them. This has been pretty dull stuff so far. A clothesline puts Slater on the floor and Gabriel hits a big flip dive to the floor as we take a break.

Back with Gabriel breaking Slater's momentum with an STO. He loads up the 450 but Slater crotches him. Justin gets knocked to the floor and is holding his thigh a bit. That gets two back in the ring but the hand hit the mat three times. Time for a chinlock now. Gabriel gets a small package for two and it's back to the chinlock, both of which have been by Slater. Josh says this is his favorite season of NXT. The man has no taste.

Justin fires off some kicks and a springboard crossbody gets two. Striker takes credit for this (with a Barry Horowitz reference) as Gabriel's second 450 attempt gets the same result. They slug it out from their knees and Justin hits an Eye of the Hurricane and a top rope Lionsault for two. You can hear what sounds like the referee saying "go home" and Slater hits a spinebuster for two. They go up to the corner and Slater is knocked throat first onto the top rope. A springboard 450 gives Gabriel the win at 13:02.

**Rating:** C+. It's really impressive what happens when you give

a match more than a minute and a half. I know it's impossible to have matches going 12 minutes every week on TV and I'm not saying that's what should happen, but it's nice to see things like this every once in awhile. Not a classic or anything but it was a pretty decent match.

Raw Recap eats up a few minutes and focuses on Punk and the gauntlet.

Bateman comes up to Maxine in the back and says they're both crazy so they're perfect for each other. Maxine says that she didn't like the weekly pillow fights and having to watch Titanic every week with his head on her shoulder. He says he'll get her back and kisses her. That earns him a slap. They leave and we see Curtis watching from the shadows and being very happy about what he saw.

#### Percy Watson vs. Tyson Kidd

Darren Young is on commentary. Watson controls to start and Young complains as a distraction to let Tyson take over. Tyson hammers on him for a few minutes and you can hear individual fans shouting in the crowd. Watson gets a dropkick and makes a comeback. This crowd is almost eerie. Kidd jumps into a dropkick and there's the spinning splash for two. Young gets up and distracts Watson so Kidd can hit a spinning fisherman's neckbreaker for the pin at 4:00.

**Rating:** D+. Absolutely nothing to see here at all. Young is trying to get into the mind of O'Neil through Watson, which would be more interesting if this hadn't been going on for going on ten months now. Also they waste Kidd on this? He's one of the best regulars on this show if not the best and they waste him here? Seriously?

Aksana comes up to Maxine and shows her some e-mails she found on Teddy's phone. They're from Bateman and says that he's looking forward to being a Smackdown Superstar but to keep Maxine on NXT because she drags him down.

## Johnny Curtis vs. Derrick Bateman

Brawl to start and Bateman takes over with loud clotheslines. They fall to the floor after more beating by Bateman. The crowd sounds like they're at a funeral. Curtis takes over and Maxine takes over again. After a break Curtis is still in control. Clothesline gets two. This is one of the least interesting matches I've seen in years. And then Bateman rolls him up for the pin at 7:10.

**Rating:** F. Imagine how interesting it is to watch white paint dry on growing grass. You might have a more entertaining day doing that than watching this match. The feud and story is decent but the matches are just dreadful because Bateman is better as a zany face and Curtis is better as a waiter, so the matches suck. Nothing to see here, just like every other week.

Bateman gets on his knee as Maxine gets in the ring. She walks past him and Curtis comes back out. They kiss and leave together.

**Overall Rating:** D. GAH JUST END IT ALREADY!!!! How in the world do they think anyone cares about these people at this point? There's time for a sixth season before the Network launches. But are they going to do that? No. They're going to keep this up until everyone on the planet is dead from a gunshot to the head after watching Curtis every week.

### Results

Justin Gabriel b. Heath Slater – Springboard 450 Splash

Tyson Kidd b. Percy Watson – Spinning Fisherman's Neckbreaker

Derrick Bateman b. Johnny Curtis – Rollup

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# NXT – December 21, 2011 – Back To Territorial Style

## NXT

Date: December 20, 2011

Location: Richmond Coliseum, Richmond, Virginia

Commentators: Josh Matthews, Matt Striker

We're at the next to last show of the year on this season and it's becoming pretty clear this is going to go on to the beginning of the WWE Network. Therefore, there's almost no point to paying attention to this show. However, if I was going with that philosophy I would have been out of here months ago. Let's get to it.

This 4pm thing is ridiculous. It's 6:40 and I've been checking on things every 20 minutes or so and it's just now up.

Here's Bateman to open things up. During Bateman's entrance we recap the Percy Watson show from last week. He says he's here to win and win back the Courtney to his Kurt and the Bonnie to his Clyde (aren't both of those men dead?). Striker says they have to work together and be partners here. Curtis shows us a still of him kissing Maxine and then offers a handshake.

## Usos vs. Derrick Bateman/Johnny Curtis

The Siva Tao makes me want to invade a small country. Bateman starts and the brothers take turns beating on him. Once he finally gets a bit of a break though, Curtis tags himself in. It doesn't go very well for him either though as the Samoans hammer away. Curtis gets a hard clothesline for two and the fans aren't really interested. He goes over to tag in Bateman but Derrick walks away. It doesn't take long for the Superfly

Splash from Jimmy to get the pin at 3:37.

**Rating:** D. The match was pretty much nothing but that was the point. The Usos are light years better than everyone and that's been obvious for months, so I'm getting tired of seeing them wasted in stuff like this. Curtis is about as uninteresting as anyone I've seen in years, but it's just NXT so it's not so bad.

Trent Barretta asks Yoshi to watch his back against Hawkins tonight since Reks will be out there. Yoshi says sure but after Trent leaves, Yoshi gets jumped by Hawkins/Reks and locked in a utility closet.

#### Curt Hawkins vs. Trent Barretta

Striker goes on a rant against Hawkins and Reks for making fun of legends on their Youtube show. If he doesn't like them, why does he keep booking them on NXT if he has matchmaking abilities? Hawkins takes over to start and hits a slam for two. Hawkins keeps beating on him and heads to the floor to yell at Striker who yells right back. Trent fights back and the fans are SILENT. A running knee gets two for Trent. He goes up but has to kick Reks down, allowing Hawkins to finish Trent with a move that starts as a reverse neckbreaker, but he spins forward to slam Trent's face into the mat for the pin at 4:45.

**Rating:** D+. I like Barretta but he couldn't overcome the boredom of the crowd here. Nothing special at all but I guess it sets up drama between Yoshi and Trent which is the latest place they're going here that has nothing to do with NXT but they have to fill in an hour either way. Also, who comes up with these dull finishers? All these face slam moves are getting old.

#### Kaitlyn vs. Maxine

Maxine's outfits really aren't PG. Kaitlyn dominates to start

and shows off her range of offense, going big with a legdrop. Maxine fights back and chokes away. This is the usual boring stuff from the Divas. Maxine hits her in the chest and hooks a standing guillotine choke. Kaitlyn fires off some but Maxine keeps beating her down. Cue Bateman who says he's been looking everywhere for Maxine. The distraction lets Kaitlyn roll her up at 3:03.

**Rating:** D. Other than the chest strike thing, this was rather dull. Somehow this was WAY better than the Raw and Smackdown Divas who are just awful at this point. It's amazing what happens when they're down in FCW with trainers and get to actually practice a bit isn't it? This was nothing special though.

Bateman begs forgiveness and sings the Righteous Brothers' You've Lost That Loving Feeling but gets blasted by Curtis. Maxine walks out on both of them.

#### Percy Watson vs. Tyson Kidd

Good to see Kidd back on the show though. Percy starts off with his power game and he hammers Tyson into the corner. The referee tells him to get out of there and Percy actually says yes sir. Very nice to see some manners. Just because you're in combat and trying to get a full time job, there's no excuse for rudeness. Kidd takes over and uses his feet to take over. Off to a dragon sleeper which Percy escapes pretty easily. He fires off some dropkicks and adds a belly to belly for two. They go to the corner and Percy gets guillotined on the top rope. That and a springboard elbow drop are enough for Tyson to pin him at 4:03.

**Rating:** C-. This wasn't bad and it's nice to see Tyson back on screen. He would have been the prime candidate for an NXT Title if they'd ever just get to one. Either way, this was fine for power vs. speed and that's all it needed to be. Watson is kind of floundering and I think a heel turn might be



in the cards for him.

Same video on the Tribute to the Troops from Monday.

Bateman and Curtis almost get into a fight in Striker's office so he makes a match between them for next week.

### Titus O'Neil vs. JTG

Darren Young is on commentary and his arm is in a sling. Titus uses the power game to start (common theme tonight) as Young says that he's better than anyone on Raw or Smackdown. Titus throws JTG to the floor and barks. He gets crotched on the ring skirt though and JTG takes over. To the chinlock! Titus powers out of it and hammers away, hitting a powerslam for two. Clash of the Titus ends this at 3:55.

**Rating:** D. Not much here but it wasn't too bad. It wasn't particularly good hence the grade, but the point of this was to have Titus look dominant before the post match shenanigans with Young happened. JTG just doesn't work as a heel because of his size and that he's more annoying than menacing.

Post match Darren stares Titus down as JTG trips Titus up. Darren rips off his sling as his arm is fine. The post match beatdown ensues.

**Overall Rating:** D+. You know, this show has potential. They got it back to being like an old school territorial show and I can live with that. If there was a title on this show and you keep in mind that the stakes are as low as you can have while still having stakes, you can enjoy this show. Not a terrible show and if they can keep this style, I could see this show becoming almost ok.

### Results

Usos b. Derrick Bateman/Johnny Curtis – Superfly Splash to Curtis

Curt Hawkins b. Trent Barretta – Neckbreaker into a face slam

Kaitlyn b. Maxine – Rollup

Tyson Kidd b. Percy Watson – Springboard Elbow Drop

Titus O'Neil b. JTG – Clash of the Titus

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## **NXT – December 14, 2011 – The Love Triangle Continues**

### **NXT**

Date: December 14, 2011

Location: RBC Center, Raleigh, North Carolina

Commentators: Matt Striker, Josh Matthews

We're almost to the end of the year and we're in the ninth month of this show. This show could have been a whole pregnancy by this point. After last week, it appears we have a second good guy rookie in the form of Derrick Bateman. Given that he's been one of the most worthless characters in recent memory, that can't really be a bad thing. Let's get to it.

If this show is the search for the next breakout star, how dim is this star that it's taken them this long to find it?

### **Tyler Reks/Curt Hawkins vs. Trent Barretta/Yoshi Tatsu**

Reks says the two of them aren't rookies and they'll never beg for support from dirty North Carolinians. Trent calls them grumpy and Yoshi tells Reks to wash his hair. That's the latest chant and according to Striker, it'll be trending. Just...no. Tyler gets double teamed to start but Yoshi takes

too much time on the top and is slammed down. Yoshi gets beaten down by both guys as Striker tries to get Hawkins nickname over as "And 1".

Not very hot tag brings in Trent who beats on Hawkins and hits a top rope cross body for two. Barretta doesn't get to be on TV much and has a pretty basic cruiserweight style, but he's very smooth out there. Speaking of smooth, Trent spins out of what looked like a slam attempt into a rollup on Hawkins for the pin at 4:00.

**Rating:** C-. Not bad but I'm over Reks and Hawkins. They're not interesting at all and they keep showing up and talking about how great they used to be. They're about as low on the heel totem pole as you can get and that's not a place that I'm interested in watching. I would however like to see more of Barretta. He's just fun to watch for some reason.

Percy Watson has a talk show now. Let's get this over with. The subject is the saga of Bateman/Curtis/Maxine. We get a LONG video on the whole thing, concluding with Maxine ending the engagement last week. Here's Bateman and Percy asks him if there's anything going on between Bateman and Maxine's mama. Bateman says that's insane, just like all women.

Cue Curtis who shows a still of Derrick kissing the finger of Maxine's mom as it's against his lips. Curtis talks about how JTG said that he and Maxine left together and that wasn't true. Cue JTG and Watson asked why he said that. JTG says Curtis paid him to do it. Curtis denies this and JTG leaves. Cue Maxine now who says she's tired of all this stuff. Bateman: "That girl is so crazy, how can you not want to spend the rest of your life with her?" Curtis: "She doesn't like you man." Bateman drops Curtis and leaves. Watson laughs and Curtis goes after him. Striker makes the match for later.

### Jey Uso vs. JTG

No Siva Tao which makes me sad. Basic back and forth start as

Striker seems to agree with Bateman's statement that all women are crazy. Josh: "You're still single right?" Absolutely nothing to talk about in the first few minutes of this. JTG controls with his usual really basic stuff. He's just not effective as a heel, mainly because he's nothing special at all as far as a character or from a looks perspective. Jey comes back and hits a superkick for the pin at 3:34.

**Rating:** D. I love the Usos but man this storyline is dull. JTG is perhaps the least interesting character this side of Derrick Bateman on NXT. That's the problem with this show. Ok one of many problems with this show: outside of the Usos and at times Titus, no one is anybody I have any interest in watching and rarely are their matches good. The guys that do regularly have good matches (Kidd, Tatsu, Barretta) are rarely on here. This match was boring though and JTG controlled all but like 15 seconds.

Earlier today in Striker's office (he has an office???) Titus came in to apologize but the challenge to Young is still on. I don't know why this segment existed.

Slammys recap eats up some time.

Bateman goes up to talk to Maxine and says that before the show is over, he'll marry her. Curtis comes up after Bateman leaves and kisses her. She tries to slap him but says they'll get physical after the match.

### Percy Watson vs. Johnny Curtis

STRIKER STOLE MY BABY JOKE!!! He said we could have a baby by the end of the season. So Matt Striker thinks like me? I'm not sure I like that. Watson takes over to start and drops a leg for two. Curtis fights back with a single arm suplex for two. Curtis works on the arm a bit and then Percy hits a dropkick to break that up. There's another and make it three. Jumping clothesline hits but he hurts his arm on it. Never mind though as he hits an overhead belly to belly release. Flipping splash

gets two. Curtis gets up and hits a Falcon's Arrow for the pin at 4:10.

**Rating:** D. This was another boring match, mainly due to Johnny Curtis being completely uninteresting. He's done his same uninteresting thing for like a year now and once they got something different about him, the word play thing, they got rid of it as fast as they could so that they could make him as bland as possible again. That's why I'm so bored by WWE heels anymore: as soon as they get something going, it must be killed before they get over at all.

Titus comes out for his showdown with Young. You know, their at least 8th fight this season. He's in a suit for this one so maybe this isn't a match? He apologizes to his sons for not being perfect and losing his cool last week. Young cuts him off, also in street clothes. Titus says he doesn't have Young's resume but he's out here working every week.

Young says he's just an ex-football player. Titus says this has nothing to do with that and runs down a list of a bunch of ex-football players, like DiBiase Senior, Ron Simmons or Rock. Titus says he's going to leave and this is done. Young calls him a failure and shoves him. A brawl ends the show. Titus leaves him laying and isn't happy about it.

**Overall Rating:** D+. Not one of their better episodes here as the whole thing was about Maxine and Bateman and Curtis and then the showdown was just a talking segment where Titus beats Young down. Hopefully this ends in a loser leaves NXT match and we actually get closer to ending this never ending show. This wasn't their worst show ever, but it was really quite dull indeed.

### Results

Trent Barretta/Yoshi Tatsu b. Curt Hawkins/Tyler Reks – Rollup to Hawkins

Jey Uso b. JTG – Superkick

Johnny Curtis b. Percy Watson – Falcon's Arrow

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