

# NXT Deadline: Tick Tock (Non-Karrion Kross Version)

## Deadline

Date: December 10, 2022

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Booker T., Vic Joseph

What we have here is something of a concept show, as two of the five announced matches are Iron Survivor Challenges. Those are going to take up the better part of an hour between the two of them, even though they're just #1 contenders matches. We also have a pair of title matches and a grudge match to give it that NXT feel though, so let's get to it.

The opening video is about the value of time, including in the Iron Survivor Challenges.

## Women's Iron Survivor Challenge

So we have five entrants and a twenty five minute time limit. Two people start things off and another enters every five minutes. You get a point for a fall (nothing to suggest you can lose points) and whomever you beat goes to a penalty box for a minute and a half. The most points in twenty five minutes wins and is the new #1 contender.

Roxanne Perez is in at #1 and Zoey Stark is in at #2 and we have a nifty scoreboard at the bottom of the screen. They take their time to start until Perez grabs a bridging rollup for two but has to fight out of an attempted backslide. Stark takes her into the corner with the power but can't get very far as they seem to be taking their time to start. Perez working on the arm doesn't get her very far and a rollup only gets two as Kiana James is in at #3.

James kicks Stark down for two with Perez making the save.

With James knocked down, Perez drops Stark with a shot to the face in the corner but gets caught with an enziguri. James is left alone in the ring but Stark trips her down, only to get sent hard into the post. Back inside and James cranks on both of Perez's arms but Stark makes the save. Perez is back up, only to get caught with Starks' spinning knee to the face to give Stark the first fall at 9:33.

Stark – 1  
Hartwell – 0  
Jade – 0  
James – 0  
Perez – 0

With Perez in the penalty box, James and Stark clothesline each other down and Cora Jade (in red for a change) comes in at #4 to steal some near falls. Perez is out and hammers on James, setting up a rollup for two. A suplex gives Perez two on Stark but Jade breaks up Pop Rox and steals the pin on James at 12:39.

Jade – 1  
Stark – 1  
Hartwell – 0  
James – 0  
Perez – 0

Perez nearly gets her showdown with Jade but Stark breaks it up and beats on both of them. James is back in and drives some shoulders into Starks' ribs in the corner before suplexing Jade. Perez and Stark break it up as Indi Hartwell completes the field. Hartwell, with the fans behind her, goes after Stark and kicks Perez down for a fall at 16:00.

Hartwell – 1  
Jade – 1  
Stark – 1  
James – 0

Perez – 0

Stark, Jade and Hartwell slug it out until James and Stark fight to the floor. James moonsaults off the barricade onto Stark as Perez is out of the box. A high crossbody gives Perez two on Hartwell with Jade making the save. Jade misses a running elbow against the ropes but Stark is back in to deck Perez. That's fine with Perez, who rolls Stark up for the pin at 18:39.

Hartwell – 1

Jade – 1

Perez – 1

Stark – 1

James – 0

Things slow down a bit as Hartwell and Perez slug it out, only to have Stark run back in to break it up. Everyone gets knocked down as the referee keeps talking to Perez. A dive takes Hartwell down but Stark and the brawling continues. Back in and Perez hits Pop Rox to pin Jade at 23:02.

Perez – 2

Hartwell – 1

Jade – 1

Stark – 1

James – 0

Everyone starts going for falls but no one can get anything thanks to all of the saves. James takes Stark up top for a super Spanish Fly but Jade is back in to steal the near fall. With that not working, Jade DDTs Perez and covers, only to have time expire at 25:00 with Perez winning with two points.

**Rating:** B-. Well it was certainly an energized match and there can be some nice storytelling involved with everyone trying to steal a fall here and there. I think I like the concept, but at the same time it makes it more a case of running out the clock at the end. Perez winning is the right call and it's a

good introduction to the concept, but I'm not sure I'd call it a classic.

Booker T., Perez's mentor, is very emotional about the win and it's kind of great.

Post a few videos, Booker is actually in tears and has to look away from the camera. Well that's awesome.

Ivy Nile, with Tatum Paxley, knows the Creed Brothers aren't happy with her over the way she revealed Julius' injured ribs but she wants the best for them. Katana Chance and Kayden Carter interrupt and a title match seems imminent.

Video on Alba Fyre vs. Isla Dawn. Fyre had the Women's Title won but the debuting Dawn cost her the match. Now it's time for revenge.

#### Alba Fyre vs. Isla Dawn

Fyre starts fast and hammers Dawn out to the floor to start with stomping ensuing. Back inside and Dawn gets in a few shots of her own to take over, allowing the removal of a turnbuckle pad. A running knee gives Dawn two and she cranks on the armbar for a bit. Dawn hits a top rope Meteora for two but Fyre sends her outside for a dive.

Fyre fights up again and hits the Gory Bomb on the floor but Dawn stares at her back inside. That earns Dawn a hard planting and a Swanton...as the referee is convulsing and spitting up black goo. Fyre drops Dawn again for two from another referee but Dawn sends Fyre into the buckle. Dawn's reverse DDT finishes at 9:52.

**Rating:** C. That was about as deflating of a twist as I could have imagined, as this supernatural stuff is one of the most annoying tropes that WWE will just not drop. At this point, I'm hoping Fyre gets to go up to the main roster, as she isn't looking likely to get a serious push around here. I get the

idea of having Dawn win her first big match, but they had to go that way?

New Day is impressed by Pretty Deadly coming over here and dominating, but it's time for New Day to become Triple Crown champions. Now hit the theme music.

### Tag Team Titles: New Day vs. Pretty Deadly

Pretty Deadly is defending and the fans are WAY into New Day here. Woods and Prince start things off as the fans want new side plates on the title belts. Woods hit a heck of a chop in the corner before trying some leapfrogs. A legsweep drops Prince and a backsplash gets two on Prince so it's off to Kofi vs. Wilson. Kofi sticks the landing on a monkey flip and it's time for a reverse hip thrusting dance off, with Kofi seemingly winning the fan vote.

It's back to Prince, who gets dropkicked out of the air by Woods as this is one sided so far. New Day take turns hitting shots in the corner, setting up the Honor Roll for two. The dives on the floor have the champs down again but a cheap shot gives them a breather back inside. A running elbow sends Kofi to the floor where a posting ensues. Kofi can't get over for the tag but a double knockdown is enough for the dive off to Woods as Wilson comes in to get beaten up.

Everything breaks down and Woods hits a running crotch attack to Wilson, with a dropkick to Prince at the same time. Back in and Woods and Wilson slug it out as everything breaks down again. We get a title brought in and...all four try the Eddie Guerrero throw the belt to someone else for the knockdown treatment (that was great), leaving the referee not buying any of this. A real belt shot gets two on Woods and the champs are frustrated. Trouble In Paradise drops Wilson on the floor though and it's the Midnight Hour to give New Day the pin and the titles at 14:04.

**Rating:** B. This was a BLAST as they didn't even bother trying

to do anything seriously whatsoever. Instead they had New Day go out there and have a good match against the young team. Pretty Deadly has already established themselves as something special and it's not like losing to New Day is some devastating loss. This was all kinds of fun and I had a great time with everything they were doing here, including the title change.

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Kayden Carter and Katana Chance run into Malik Blade/Edris Enofe/Odyssey Jones. They seem to get alone but once the guys leave, Toxic Attraction come in to mock the champs for offering Ivy Nile and Tatum Paxley. Cue Paxley and Nile for the brawl, with the guys coming back in to break it up.

### Men's Iron Survivor Challenge

Same rules as the women's version with JD McDonagh in at #1 and Axiom is in at #2. McDonagh goes after Axiom's recently injured leg to start but Axiom is right back to send him to the floor for the big dive. Back in and Axiom blasts him with a clothesline to the back of the head for two. A running basement dropkick in the corner rocks McDonagh again but he's back with a discus lariat. McDonagh hits a sitout powerbomb for two and it's Carmelo Hayes in at #3 to go after McDonagh before kicking Axiom in the head. Hayes is right back up and suplex cutters McDonagh onto Axiom for the pin on Axiom at 7:12.

Hayes – 1

Axiom – 0

Gacy – 0

McDonagh – 0

Waller – 0

McDonagh and Hayes slug it out with neither being able to get very far. A double knockdown gives us a breather as Axiom is back in. Axiom hits a double high crossbody and kicks away at

both of them. The other two get back up though and they're all knocked down until Grayson Waller is in at #4. Waller hits the rolling Stunner on Axiom and McDonagh for the pin on Axiom at 10:13.

Hayes – 1  
Waller – 1  
Axiom – 0  
Gacy – 0  
McDonagh – 0

Then Waller pins McDonagh at 10:16.

Waller – 2  
Hayes – 1  
Axiom – 0  
Gacy – 0  
McDonagh – 0

Hayes and Waller slug it out with neither being able to take over. Another double knockdown gives us a breather until Axiom is out...but he goes back into the penalty box to beat up McDonagh. One heck of a beating ensues, with Axiom slamming the door on McDonagh to leave him in the box (where he's down but free to go). Hayes superkicks Waller and rolls Axiom up for two but Waller is back in to drop both of them. Waller goes outside to yell at Booker but Axiom rolls him up for the pin at 14:16.

Waller – 2  
Hayes – 1  
Axiom – 1  
Gacy – 0  
McDonagh – 0

Axiom hits the Golden Ratio to pin McDonagh at 14:22.

Axiom – 2  
Waller – 2

Hayes – 1  
Gacy – 0  
McDonagh – 0

Joe Gacy is in at #5 to complete the field and stops to mock Waller in the penalty box. That means a Rings of Saturn to Axiom for the fall at 16:15.

Axiom – 2  
Waller – 2  
Gacy – 1  
Hayes – 1  
McDonagh – 0

Gacy hits the Upside Down to pin Gacy at 17:13.

Axiom – 2  
Gacy – 2  
Waller – 2  
Hayes – 1  
McDonagh – 0

Gacy drops McDonagh and Waller at the same time, setting up the running flip dive to the floor. Axiom is out of the box so he goes on top of it for a moonsault onto everyone not named Hayes. Now it's Hayes back in for a Crossface on Waller, who has to tap at 19:25.

Axiom – 2  
Gacy – 2  
Hayes – 2  
Waller – 2  
McDonagh – 0

Back in and Axiom rolls Gacy into a triangle choke but Hayes makes the save with an ax kick. Hayes points to Booker off the kick but McDonagh cuts him off. The Devlin Side drops Axiom on the floor but McDonagh headbutts Hayes out of the air. Another Devlin Side hits Hayes and there's a third to Gacy.



McDonagh can't cover anyone but can Devlin Side the returning Waller, with everyone else making the save to leave all five down. McDonagh is in the middle of the ring so everyone kicks him in the face. Gacy takes Waller outside and Rock Bottoms him onto the steps. Back in and Gacy hits a Bubba Bomb onto Hayes, setting up the Rings of Saturn.

That's broken up by McDonagh so Gacy gets the Rings on Axiom again as we hear that it's sudden death on a tie. Hayes hits a Codebreaker on Gacy but McDonagh sends Hayes into the corner with 1:00 left. Axiom's springboard flipping DDT hits McDonagh and Hayes adds the top rope ax kick, with Waller making the save. Waller steals the pin on Axiom at 24:33.

Waller – 3

Axiom – 2

Gacy – 2

Hayes – 2

McDonagh – 0

The chase is on and Waller escapes at 25:00. Vic Joseph: "We are never going to hear the end of this."

**Rating:** B. This was the energized race against the clock that I was hoping for and a very different presentation than the first match (which was also good). Waller stealing the pin in the end and running away was a great visual and made sense as everyone else was either ineligible to be pinned or running around. I had a lot of fun with this and they cranked it up about five notches, so well done on making this a very entertaining and at times dramatic match.

Drew Gulak is here to live up to his potential and if he sees someone who catches his eye, there is something to strength in numbers. Damon Kemp comes up to talk about facing Duke Hudson on Tuesday. Gulak doesn't seem impressed and politely excuses himself.

We recap Apollo Crews challenging Bron Breaker for the NXT

Title. Crews has wanted to win the title to prove himself, while Breakker sees the similarities between the two. They seem to respect each other but both want the title.

#### NXT Title: Apollo Crews vs. Bron Breakker

Breakker is defending. Feeling out process to start with not much happening in the first minute. They fight over a test of strength and that's good for a standoff as neither seems to know what to do here. They go to the mat with both of them headscissoring their way out of a headlock takeover, meaning another standoff. A fight over a standing switch turns into a fight over a hiptoss which sends them both into the ropes.

Crews shoves him to take this up a notch, followed by the AJ Styles drop down into a dropkick. The standing moonsault gives Crews two and a slingshot hilo is good for the same. Breakker is back up with a suplex into a standing moonsault for two of his own. Crews is knocked outside and that means a big no hands flip dive because Breakker can do that. Back in and Crews hits a jumping knee to knock Breakker out of the air, leaving Crews looking mad.

Crews' eyes bug out (with a closeup) and he hammers away, setting up the rolling German suplexes. Multiple powerbombs give Crews two more and a frog splash gets the same. Breakker fights back up to drop Crews, setting up the Steiner Bulldog for two of his own. The straps come down but Crews slips out of the gorilla press powerslam and hits his own for another near fall. They slug it out with Crews getting the better of things and firing off some kicks. Breakker slips out of a slam though and hits the spear for the retaining pin at 14:21.

**Rating:** B-. They had an idea here with the mirroring each other, but then that just stopped cold and they went to the finish. It was good while it lasted and Breakker is coming along, but this really didn't feel like a big victory for him. Crews is a good choice for a challenger, though that flat of a

finish wasn't going to help anyone.

The posing is on but Grayson Waller rolls in with the Stunner.

**Overall Rating:** B+. It's definitely not a Takeover, but for the new generation of NXT, this worked out very well. There wasn't a bad match on the show (the ending to Dawn vs. Fyre was bad but that's a one off moment) and the rest of the show was good to very good. I liked almost everything on here and they got the new concept match right. Awesome night here and being out in two and a half hours made it better still. Not a classic, but it's an easy watch with good stuff throughout and that's a nice way to go.

### Results

Roxanne Perez won the Women's Iron Survivor Challenge

Isla Dawn b. Alba Fyre – Reversed DDT

New Day b. Pretty Deadly – Midnight Hour to Prince

Grayson Waller won the Men's Iron Survivor Challenge

Bron Breaker b. Apollo Crews – Spear

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# NXT – December 6, 2022: Something About This Show

## NXT

Date: December 6, 2022

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Booker T., Vic Joseph

It's the go home show for Deadline and I'm not exactly expecting much tonight as a result. The card is mostly set, though we do need to determine the final entrants in each Iron Survivor Challenge. That means a pair of triple threat matches and they at least have some stakes going in. Let's get to it.

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

Iron Survivor Challenge Qualifying Match: Axiom vs. Von Wagner vs. Andre Chase

The rest of Chase U is here with Chase. A running boot rocks Wagner at the bell but he's fine enough to headlock both of them at once. That's broken up and a double shoulder puts Wagner on the floor. Axiom loads up a dive but gets rolled up for two by Chase. That's enough for Wagner to get back up and send them both outside as we take a break. Back with Chase hitting a top rope superplex on Axiom near Wagner, who was either out of position to get knocked down or was trying to help with the crash.

Either way, Axiom heads to the floor and it's a slugout between Chase and Wagner. A Russian legsweep drops Wagner to set up the spelling stomps, followed by a tiger driver to give Chase two on Axiom. Wagner comes back in but gets triangle choked by Axiom. That's broken up and Wagner plants Chase for

two. Chase DDTs both of them at once but Axiom shoves Chase to the floor and superkicks Wagner for the pin at 11:58.

**Rating:** C+. It was fast paced and that's one of the best things that can be said about something like this. On top of that, at least Chase didn't take the fall, even if it would be nice for him to actually win something for a change. The fans are into him and for some reason that seems to be enough for NXT for whatever reason. Also it was someone other than Wagner, which is a positive.

Julius Creed's knee is cleared for him to compete but Ivy Nile asks the trainer to check his ribs. Those are banged up, and he won't be able to compete because of them. Brutus Creed isn't happy, but Nile says she's protecting Julius.

Cora Jade is ready to do whatever it takes to become #1 contender.

Bron Breaker is about to go fishing when Apollo Crews shows up at the doc to join him. Crews compliments the boat and Breaker shows him how to cast. They praise each others' athleticism, with Breaker admitting he copied the standing moonsault from him. Crews asks if this really calms you down, with Breaker talking about the pressure that comes from being champion.

Crews catches a fish, earning some praise from Breaker, before throwing it back. They agree that Deadline should be a good one and shake hands. Crews says today wasn't Breaker's day with fishing and Saturday won't be his day at Deadline either. These vignettes have been different enough to make the feud interesting and that's a nice change of pace.

Bryson Montana is in the ring for a match but Indus Sher takes him out. Cue Montana's opponent.

Javier Bernal vs. Bryson Montana

Actually hang on as Bernal has a sudden hamstringing injury so he's out. Indus Sher says they won't fight the Creed Brothers unless they're 100%, so the challenge is turned down for now. Cue the Creed Brothers but Ivy Nile and some referees hold them back. No match.

Duke Hudson is trying to console Andre Chase when a very excited Thea Hail runs in to say she's facing Isla Dawn tonight. Hudson doesn't think it's a good idea because Dawn is scary, but Chase says go do it. Chase isn't happy when Hudson questions his decision.

Sol Ruca danced on Tik Tok at a live event but Brooks Jensen/Josh Briggs and Malik Blade/Edris Enofe got in an argument behind them. A tag match was set.

#### Tony D'Angelo vs. Xyon Quinn

Stacks is here with D'Angelo, who is getting quite the positive reaction here. Quinn drives him into the corner to start but D'Angelo slugs away at the ribs. A suplex drops Quinn again Quinn's Samoan drop sends D'Angelo outside, only to run him over back inside. D'Angelo hits something close to John Cena's ProtoBomb for the pin at 1:49.

Post match D'Angelo says he's back and he wants Wes Lee and the North American Title. Cue Lee to say the Don is back and the champ is ready for him. Dijak took Lee out recently though so if D'Angelo wants the title, he'll have to wait until Lee takes care of some business. That doesn't work for D'Angelo, who says his business comes first. Dijak pops up on screen to say he's going to decimate NXT and take the title. Then Stacks jumps Lee, who shoves Stacks down and bails from the numbers advantage.

Last week, Hank Walker talked to Charlie Dempsey and says he wishes he could have followed in his father's footsteps. Walker wants respect and they can do this if they need to. Dempsey says he'll show Walker that he doesn't belong.

Scrypts looks at his debut match and talks about how he needs to change things up, starting with the chosen ones. He writes his name down while surrounded by crinkled papers.

### Hank Walker vs. Charlie Dempsey

Dempsey slaps him in the face to start so Walker takes him into the corner. There's a big hiptoss to send Dempsey flying and a slam makes it worse. Dempsey grabs a gutwrench suplex but here is Drew Gulak of all people for a distraction. The Kimura keeps Walker in trouble about he fights out and hits a Thesz press. That's fine with Dempsey, who dragon screw legwhips him down but a half crab attempt is broken up. Dempsey cranks on the knee instead and ties up the face at the same time to make Walker tap at 4:02.

**Rating:** C. This was quick and to the point, as there is no reason to believe that Walker, who is little more than a brawler, could hang with a technical monster like Dempsey. I'm glad to see Dempsey taking someone apart, and having him do that to Gulak in a technical off could be very entertaining. Or Gulak mentors him, which might not be the best idea as Gulak last won anything...when?

Zoey Stark talks about timing and knowing how none of the people in the Iron Survivor Challenge can touch her.

Grayson Waller is ready to win the Iron Survivor Challenge because everyone is scared of him going in.

And now, Pretty Deadly as Santa and an elf in a Christmas set in the ring, for the real meaning of Christmas. They both sit in the throne (yeah there's a throne) and read the book, which talks about their bulging sacks overflowing. They'll never lose the titles and never be bruised so they have a Merry Christmas hug...and here is New Day to interrupt.

Kofi Kingston talks about how Pretty Deadly has beaten everyone, so let's have a title match at Deadline. The fight

is on and New Day clears the ring without much effort, including having presents put on Pretty Deadly's heads. That's a big surprise and Pretty Deadly will benefit from the win.

Isla Dawn is ready to hurt Thea Hail.

Javier Bernal is going to leave and suddenly remembers he's in pain when McKenzie Mitchell shows up. No, he is NOT scared of Indus Sher, who don't want any of him. He accuses Mitchell of being biased and wants someone more fair. Cue Ikemen Jiro, who Bernal trusts. Jiro calls him a chicken and Bernal isn't pleased.

### Thea Hail vs. Isla Dawn

Chase U is here too. Dawn shoves her down to start and hits a running shot to the back. Hail fights up and slugs away, including a running shot in the corner. There's a t-bone suplex to Dawn, who is right back with a sitout reverse DDT. A second one finishes Hail at 2:50.

Post match Alba Fyre pops up to go after Dawn but gets held back by referees. Fyre charges anyway and a referee gets misted by mistake.

Kiana James is ready to be smart and win the Iron Survivor Challenge.

Lyra Valkyria is here next week.

### Josh Briggs/Brooks Jensen vs. Malik Blade/Edris Enofe

Odyssey Jones is here with Blade and Enofe. Jensen gets knocked into the corner to start and Blade hits a heck of a dropkick for two. That's broken up and it's Jensen working on the arm as Kiana James' assistant shows up with a letter for Jensen. Blade hits a big moonsault on the floor onto Briggs (and almost misses), leaving Enofe to hit an old Dean Ambrose standing top rope elbow for two on Jensen. Von Wagner shows up to brawl with Jones and it's the high/low to give Briggs the



pin at 3:25.

**Rating:** C. It might not be the best idea to have multiple people getting involved or interfering in a match that doesn't even last three minutes. I like both teams but it would be nice to have Blade and Enofe win something for once. The tools are there, but eventually they just feel like losers and that is a hard stigma to overcome.

Respect is shown post match.

Roxanne Perez is ready to prove herself because she keeps getting screwed over. But how do you prepare for a match that has never taken place before? She looks in a mirror to talk herself up and seems to buy it.

Shawn Michaels runs down the concept of the Iron Survivor Challenge.

Iron Survivor Qualifying Match: Indi Hartwell vs. Wendy Choo vs. Fallon Henley

In the back, Brooks Jensen opens the envelope from the assists, which contains VIP tickets to Deadline from Kiana James. Hartwell starts fast but Choo headlock takeovers Henley. A double rollup gives Hartwell two as Toxic Attraction is watching. Back up and Henley flips both of them down at once, with Hartwell being sent outside. Hartwell kicks Henley down on the floor though and we take a break.

We come back with Choo in the Tree of Woe with Hartwell kicking away, only to get rolled up by Henley. With Choo free, Hartwell is sent outside and Henley is suplexed, with Hartwell having to make the save. The Tower of Doom leaves everyone down and Choo splashes Henley. Then Hartwell sends Choo outside, decks Henley, and steals the pin at 10:15.

**Rating:** C+. Hartwell was the focal point of the match and is the most established star so her going forward makes sense. I

still like Henley a lot but she might be better suited as the manager/friend of the team rather than a featured star. You know what you're getting with Choo, though to be fair she has toned down A LOT of the silliness and it's a big improvement. Hartwell was the right call here though.

Toxic Attraction says of course they'll be at Deadline but Indi Hartwell comes in to say Saturday is her night.

Deadline rundown.

Here is Grayson Waller for the Grayson Waller Effect, with the rest of the Iron Survivor entrants (JD McDonagh, Carmelo Hayes, Axiom and Joe Gacy) as his guests. Waller insults all of them but Hayes says he's ready to show that he is the A Champion again. McDonagh asks about Hayes losing the North American Title twice, but Hayes says that doesn't matter right now. McDonagh is sure he can go 25 minutes, which Waller would never understand.

Waller shrugs that off and asks Gacy about this group. Gacy says individuals are selfish and will step over each other to get what they want. Axiom talks about how you have to evolve to win and that is where he excels. Hayes: "NERD!" We get a question from a fan: which spot would you want to enter the match?

Axiom says first or second so he can maximize his falls, but that doesn't appeal to anyone else. Gacy promises that he'll win but Hayes says he won't miss. Waller says you never know when someone is going to strike first, earning himself a headbutt from Gacy. The fight is on and everyone but Waller heads to the floor, leaving Waller (with camera) to flip dive onto everyone else. The big brawl ends the show.

**Overall Rating:** C+. This could have been worse, as they did make the Iron Survivor Challenge feel like a big deal. That is kind of hard to do when it's nothing but a heavily gimmicked #1 contenders match, but they pulled it off here. There wasn't

much else of interest on the show and Deadline is looking like a pretty unimportant card, but they made the featured matches feel bigger and that's the important thing.

### Results

Axiom b. Von Wagner and Andre Chase – Golden Ratio to Wagner

Tony D'Angelo b. Xyon Quinn – Belly to back slam

Charlie Dempsey b. Hank Walker – Leg trap crossface

Isla Dawn b. Thea Hail – Sitout reverse DDT

Josh Briggs/Brooks Jensen b. Malik Blade/Edris Enofe – High/low to Enofe

Indi Hartwell b. Fallon Henley and Wendy Choo – Running forearm to the back of Henley's head

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# **NXT – November 29, 2022:**

# Checklist Week

## NXT

Date: November 29, 2022

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Booker T., Vic Joseph

This week is about the past and the future, as a group of Hall of Famers, led by Shawn Michaels, will announce the participants in the Iron Survivor Challenge. That would be quite the segment and it will determine most of the Deadline card. The main event is a rather big six woman tag so let's get to it.

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

### Indi Hartwell vs. Roxanne Perez

Hartwell powers her around to start but Perez dropkicks her down. The chinlock goes on to slow Hartwell up but she fights up and sends Perez crashing out to the floor. Back in and a boot to the face drops Perez and a hard clothesline gives Hartwell two. A sideslam sets up the chinlock but Perez is up rather quickly.

Perez forearms away and sends Hartwell face first into the middle buckle as the comeback is on. A running basement dropkick sends Hartwell into the corner, where she comes out with a belly to back suplex to cut Perez off. Perez is fine enough to send her outside, setting up the high crossbody back inside. Hartwell is back up with a big boot but Perez kicks her in the ribs and grabs Pop Rox for the pin at 9:05.

**Rating:** C+. Perez continues to become a bigger and better star every week. She's young, she's good, and she continues to string together solid matches. What matters is Perez is being treated as something important and it wouldn't surprise me to see her move up the ladder rather quickly. Perez even taking

the Women's Title is a possibility and that's pretty impressive for someone who hasn't been around that long.

Thea Hail and Duke Hudson interrupt Andre Chase, with Hudson apologizing for messing up last week (Chase: "I know, I was there!"). Hudson has gotten a petition together to get Chase into the Iron Survival Challenge but Grayson Waller comes up to suggest Hudson isn't on the up and up. Hail has to be held back but Hudson has this.

### Dijak vs. Dante Chen

This is Dijak's return after a pretty long NXT absence. Dijak grabs him by the throat to start and sends Chen into the apron. A sitout chokeslam (Hard Justice) plants Chen and some hard forearms to the back knock him even sillier. Dijak elbows away in the corner but Chen comes back with some right hands. The double chop and a pump kick rock Dijak, who shrugs them off and hits Feast Your Eyes for the pin at 3:49.

**Rating:** C. This was mostly a squash and Dijak already looked better than he ever did on the main roster. Dijak ran through Chen, shrugged off whatever was thrown at him, and finished with his hard knee to the face. That's what this needed to be, as Dijak isn't someone who needs to be complicated. Just let him do his impressive looking stuff and he'll be fine.

Post match Dijak says this is his place to dominate and he promises to run through everyone.

JD McDonagh came to the Diamond Dojo earlier today and the Creeds weren't impressed. They're ready for Indus Sher and argue with McDonagh about how sure they can do it. McDonagh continues to be a pest.

We go to the Hall Of Fame panel, with Shawn Michaels, Road Dogg, X-Pac, Alundra Blayze and Molly Holly picking the five entrants for both Iron Survival Challenges. They all praise the roster and discuss some possible entrants in the men's

match, but the announcement will be made later.

### Grayson Waller vs. Duke Hudson

The rest of Chase U is here with Hudson. Waller grabs a headlock to start but Hudson powers him into the corner. A side slam connects as we see the Hall of Fame panel...paying absolutely no attention to the match whatsoever. Hudson gets whipped into the corner and the cravate goes on.

That doesn't last long as Hudson makes the powered up comeback, including an overhead belly to belly. They head outside where Hudson almost boots Hail, only to say that he can stop it whenever he needs. Chase, who Hudson booted last week: "YOU CAN STOP IT WHENEVER YOU NEED???? Back in and the rolling Stunner finishes for Waller at 5:21.

**Rating:** C. This was about the storyline development with Hudson letting the big boot reveal slip. Chase is smart enough to figure that out and now the question becomes where things go from here. Waller should be beating Hudson on his way to something bigger, though I'm not sure if he's going to make it to the Iron Survivor Challenge.

Javier Bernal has a special announcement: BIG BODY TUESDAY, complete with his own merchandise! You can get his Big Body Baseball Bat, which was requested by Adam Judge! Mitchell: "You mean Aaron Judge?" Bernal: "Adam is his middle name!" There is also the Big Body Pillow (McKenzie: "Already trademarked.") Bernal: "Men want to be me and women want to be with me." McKenzie: "Absolutely not." Therefore we have a cologne, which she says smells like rotten eggs. Axiom comes in and a match is set. Bernal and Mitchell have some great chemistry together.

### Kiana James vs. Fallon Henley

Henley kicks her down to start and we take a break less than a minute in. Back with James working on the arm, including

ramming it into the top rope. The Codebreaker on the arm gets two and the arm cranking continues. Henley fights up and manages a one armed takedown, followed by a head of a shot to the face. The chase is on around the ring but James manages to grab the bag for a distraction, with Henley being sent into the post. The 401K finishes for James at 9:39.

**Rating:** C+. The arm stuff was nicely worked in here and even played into the finish to make it better. Henley losing again is a bit much, but it is nice to see James getting elevated for a change. Both of them have the talent and now the question is which one gets to move up to the next level first.

Malik Blade is crushed at Von Wagner ripping up his sweater but Edris Enofe and Odyssey Jones (in a Godfather shirt) tell him to use it to fire himself up. Blade can go with that but he wants to do this himself.

The Hall of Famers talk about the women and are rather pleased with some of their options.

#### Nikkita Lyons/Katana Chance/Kayden Carter vs. Toxic Attraction

Hold on though as Zoey Stark jumps Lyons from behind and takes out her leg. Toxic Attraction looks on and smiles. No match.

Lyra Valkyria (the former Aoife Valkyrie from NXT UK) is coming and runs through the woods while losing her feathers.

Elektra Lopez is ready to make her own empire. If you bet against her, you'll go broke.

#### Javier Bernal vs. Axiom

Axiom takes him down by the arm to start and hits a dropkick to send Bernal outside. We take a break and come back with Axiom wrapping the leg around the post. Some dropkicks to the knee keep Axiom in trouble and a hart slam jars the knee even more. Axiom manages a sunset flip and pulls Bernal into a choke, which is countered into a sitout powerbomb for two. The

Figure Four stays on the leg until Axiom turns it over to send Bernal to the rope. Back up and Axiom hits the Golden Ratio superkick for the pin at 9:01.

**Rating:** C+. Axiom is someone who can make things look good in the ring, but there is something a little less than interesting about calling your finishing move the Golden Ratio. Bernal talking so much trash and then losing suits him well, and if they keep it as goofy as they have so far, it can go well. Just don't try to make him into something he isn't.

Nikkita Lyons is cleared for the six woman.

Pretty Deadly is excited because next week is....CHRISTMAS!

Apollo Crews is at a diner when Bron Breaker interrupts. Breaker looks at the menu but doesn't see Crews being ready to win the title. Breaker puts his own pressure on himself but Crews says he'll have the speed and strength advantage. They're both ready and things never quite get personal. Very minor note that no one else will care about: Crews' pen was from a Chase bank. That is the kind of realistic thing that made the segment feel more normal, as I'm surprised WWE didn't have the pen branded with their own logo. It's nice to see something feel spontaneous rather than totally staged.

### Julius Creed vs. JD McDonagh

Brutus Creed is here with his brother. McDonagh grabs a headlock to start and Julius can't even suplex his way to freedom. Julius can power his way out of it though and the toss has McDonagh in trouble. The chase around the ring results in Julius being dropkicked off the apron as we take a break.

Back with McDonagh holding a bodyscissors as Indus Sher is out to watch. Julius fights up and knocks him outside for a heck of a clothesline but can't German suplex him off the apron. Instead McDonagh hits an apron moonsault before going after



Julius' knee. Said knee is cranked around and taken to the floor, where McDonagh grabs a chair. The big swing is loaded up but Veer Mahaan takes it instead, which is a DQ...I think on McDonagh, giving Julius the win at 10:33.

**Rating:** B-. The ending was a little weird but McDonagh not beating someone else is rather nice to see. Indus Sher vs. the Creeds is being treated as a big deal and while it's not the most interesting, they are putting the work in to make it better. Julius continues to feel like a top star ready to break out and giving him singles matches like this will make that more likely.

Video on Isla Dawn's debut.

Dijak is leaving when the D'Angelo Family interrupts. Tony has a business proposal and Dijak seems interested.

#### Von Wagner vs. Malik Blade

Blade strikes away to start and rains down some right hands in the corner. Wagner powers out but seems to be favoring his knee as Blade sends him outside. Some rams into the announcers' table have Wagner in more trouble but he avoids a frog splash. The fireman's carry neckbreaker finishes Blade at 2:41 as Wagner's monster push continues.

Post match Wagner stays on him but Edris Enofe and Odyssey Jones make the save.

Here are the Iron Survivor Challenge participants:

#### Men

Carmelo Hayes  
JD McDonagh  
Grayson Waller  
Joe Gacy

#### Women

Zoey Stark

Cora Jade  
Roxanne Perez  
Kiana James

The final spots will be determined in triple threat wild card matches next week.

### Toxic Attraction vs. Kayden Carter/Katana Chance/Nikkita Lyons

Jayne and Carter start things off but everything breaks down in a hurry. Triple superkicks send Toxic Attraction to the floor and Carter/Chance hit back to back dives. We settle down to Carter rolling Rose up for two but Jayne offers a distraction. Rose gets in some running knees to Carter and the villains take over in the corner. A spinebuster gives Rose two and we hit the bodyscissors.

Carter kicks her away and brings in Chance to fire away at Dolin but gets suplexed down. Lyons makes the save and everything breaks down again. We settle back down to Chance getting suplexed but grabbing a rollup for two on Rose anyway. Everyone else comes back in and Dolin sends Carter into the steps. Lyons suplexes Jayne but Rose gets in a cheap shot and the bad knee gives out. A not so great looking high/low finishes Lyons at 9:04.

**Rating:** C+. This felt like a house show main event with the thrown together group taking on the established villains. That worked out well enough as Toxic Attraction feels like such a team that should be difficult to stop. Lyons coming back and going after the title one day seems all but inevitable, but for now she needs to focus on Zoey Stark, which is likely coming at Deadline.

A pleased Zoey Stark looks down from the platform to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C+. When I think about this show, it felt like two hours of checking things off a list. It felt like several

matches, angles and feuds were advanced in the span of one night and that is nice to see. In other words, it came off like something that was planned in advance and then everything came together. That kind of attention is nice to see and makes it feel like an old school edition of NXT. Good stuff here, and Deadline is mostly together, even without being officially announced yet.

### Results

Roxanne Perez b. Indi Hartwell – Pop Rox

Dijak b. Dante Chen – Feast Your Eyes

Grayson Waller b. Duke Hudson – Rolling Stunner

Kiana James b. Fallon Henley – 401K

Axiom b. Javier Bernal – Golden Ratio

Julius Creed b. JD McDonagh via DQ when McDonagh used a chair

Von Wagner b. Malik Blade – Fireman's carry neckbreaker

Toxic Attraction b. Kayden Carter/Katana Chance/Nikkita Lyons  
– High/lot to Lyons

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# NXT LVL Up – November 25, 2022: How The Medium Have Fallen

## NXT LVL Up

Date: November 25, 2022

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Sudu Shah, Byron Saxton

It's Black Friday and that seems to be a rather appropriate term for a night with LVL Up. The show has had its recent bright spots and that is about all you can expect from a short burst of decent. I'm not sure what to expect this week and in this case, that might be a good thing. Let's get to it.

[Click on the link below for the full review.](#)

Opening sequence.

## Xyon Quinn vs. Tank Ledger

Ledger, in a hat, seems rather happy to be here. They fight over wrist control to start before switching off to a test of strength. With that not working, Ledger hiptosses him over but gets sent face first into the middle buckle. Quinn hits him with a hard clothesline, only to get driven hard into the corner. A fall away slam sends Quinn flying for a change but he's right back with the Death Valley Driver. The running forearm finishes Ledger at 4:54.

**Rating:** C. Ledger got in some offense here but Quinn is the bigger name and needs the win a lot more. I still have no idea how someone who looks like Quinn hasn't gotten a better chance in NXT but he has completely collapsed in recent months. There is almost no reason to believe that this is going to be the start of something new, but at least he didn't lose to a

rookie.

Amari Miller says she can get serious against Elektra Lopez tonight.

#### Amari Miller vs. Elektra Lopez

Lopez grabs a cravate to start and takes Miller down for an early one. Miller's bubbles are all over the place as she comes back up with a headlock. What looked to be a sunset flip attempt is broken up by Lopez, who takes her to the mat and cranks on the arm. Miller fights up and this a hard knee in the corner, setting up a running the corner moonsault. The landing doesn't go well for Miller though and it's the Electric Shock (chokebomb) to give Lopez the pin at 4:27.

**Rating:** C-. This was a pretty dull match with Lopez feeling like a star but not having much in the ring to back it up. She definitely has a place around here but NXT needs to figure out what is it. On the other hand you have Miller, who feels like she could be quite the nice popular star if she is able to build herself up a bit more. Give her time, because the experience could do her a world of good.

#### Damon Kemp vs. Dante Chen

Kemp takes him down without much trouble to start and slaps Chen in the back of the head a few times. Back up and Kemp works on the arm, only to have Chen grab Kemp's arm in turn. Chen sends him into the corner for some head slapping of his own. That's too far for Kemp, who unloads on him in the corner before grabbing an overhead belly to belly. A running neckbreaker gets two on Chen and we hit the chinlock. Chen fights up and starts slugging away, setting up a running boot to the face. A springboard is countered into Kemp's release German suplex though and a swinging Rock Bottom finishes Chen at 6:17.

**Rating:** C+. Match of the night here, if that means much around

this place. I'm not sure why Kemp is toiling on this show after he just had his big feud with the Creed Brothers. I know he didn't exactly blow the world away but he didn't deserve to be demoted. Chen continues to be the definition of just there and I have no idea why he gets so much time. There are far worse workers and he isn't horrible, but he also isn't interesting and that's a problem they need to address.

**Overall Rating:** C. This show continues to be all over the place most of the time and the problem is that when you have so many of the same regulars every so often, it gets into a funk quickly. The different things they throw in there can help, but there comes a point where it's the minor league developmental show. How far is this stuff really supposed to go?

### Results

Xyon Quinn b. Tank Ledger – Running forearm

Elektra Lopez b. Amari Miller – Electric Shock

Damon Kemp b. Dante Chen – Swinging Rock Bottom

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# NXT – November 22, 2022: Halftime Switch

## NXT

Date: November 22, 2022

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Booker T.

We're on the way to Deadline and that means we need to add some people to the card. There are five spots each for the Iron Survivor matches and all of them need to be filled. Other than that, we could use some matches of any kind and that is where we probably start tonight. Let's get to it.

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

Opening recap.

Here is Toxic Attraction for a chat. Mandy Rose brags about keeping the Women's Title last week, saying another one bit the dust. Now NXT has to set up this Iron Survivor Challenge to find a new contender for her title and she'll be watching closely. Rose brags about their success but here are Kayden Carter and Katana Chance to interrupt. Carter mocks the idea of Rose doing everything herself and suggests that Jacy Jayne and Gigi Dolin will bail as soon as Rose loses the title. That's enough for the fight to be on with Toxic Attraction dominating due to the numbers advantage.

Earlier today, Wes Lee arrived when Tony D'Angelo pulled up in his car. D'Angelo suggests revenge over Lee hurting him but Lee says D'Angelo knows where to find him.

Grayson Waller comes up to Duke Hudson and says Hudson isn't the flag waving rah rah guy. Hudson says he is, because he's a dedicated student.

## Cora Jade vs. Wendy Choo

Choo takes her down by the arm to start and Jade has to beg off into the ropes. Jade sends her throat first into the ropes and hits a running elbow to the back to take over. Back up and Choo hits a running boot in the corner, only to miss the sleeping elbow. Choo avoids a springboard stomp and sends Jade outside as we take a break.

Back with Choo hitting a flipping forearm in the corner for two so Jade grade the stick. Choo takes it away so the referee takes it from her, allowing Jade to throw Choo's drink into her eyes. A double arm DDT finishes Choo at 9:04. The referee being confused by the liquid on the mat while counting away seems a bit shenanigansy but he didn't see anything.

**Rating:** C. Choo has been toned down a bit in recent months and that is a bit better. I'm not sure what is next for her but getting rid of a lot of the over the top stuff has made her a lot easier to watch. The push of Jade continues and she is starting to thrive in this role. You can tell she's someone WWE sees something in and it is starting to work rather well.

Choo cries post match.

Apollo Crews is ready for Bron Breakker and the NXT Title at Deadline. He has had all kinds of title matches but this is the one that he wakes up thinking about. This time, his vision is holding the NXT Title.

Kiana James is ready for revenge on Ivy Nile.

Javier Bernal has a 1,347 name list of people he wants to challenge, starting with Axiom, who is still hurt. #14 is Elon Musk because Bernal isn't paying \$8 for a check mark. McKenzie Mitchell: "How many followers do you have?" Bernal: "Two thousand. Million." Drake (the rapper, not Maverick) is on the list, plus some unnamed wrestler who is retired. If Mitchell doesn't lighten up, she'll be the one he fights. This is the



different kind of promo that made things feel a little different, which is quite welcome.

Chase U, now with several new students, are interrupted by Pretty Deadly, They wonder when Duke Hudson is going to be his usual self and a fight breaks out. Hudson holds his own against both of them until referees break it up.

### Ivy Nile vs. Kiana James

Tatum Paxley is here with Nile. James grabs a headlock to start before muscling her up for an over the shoulder backbreaker. A drop to the knees makes it even worse for Nile and a belly to back suplex gives James two. Back up and Nile cranks on the arm before firing off some kicks. A running hurricanrana drops James to the floor, where Fallon Henley pops up to prevent an escape attempt. Back in and the Diamond Chain Lock finishes James at 4:39.

**Rating:** C-. Not the best match here but Nile getting away from LVL Up is a good thing. She is more than good enough to hang in there with the main NXT stars and I'm not sure why she hasn't gotten the chance. James continues to be a decent character who needs some more ring time, but she did ok enough here.

Post match the Creed Brothers come in to brag about Nile's win before saying Indus Sher isn't making their name off the two of them. They're ready to fight anytime.

Isla Dawn brags about what she did to Alba Fyre last week and reveals she has been behind some of the recent tech glitches (nice little loose thread being tied up). She and Fyre will have so much fun together.

A banged up Duke Hudson comes in to see Andre Chase and says he got in a fight with Pretty Deadly. Chase: "Who?" Hudson says they were talking trash about the university and the repercussion is.....a Tag Team Title match tonight (the fans are

REALLY happy with that one)! The student Chase was talking to is very happy so Chase asks him what the \*\*\*\* is he still doing here. It's time to prepare!

### Scripts vs. Guru Raaj

Scripts walks around the barricade on the way to the ring and given his size and flipping ability, I would bet pretty heavily on that being Reggie/Reginald. The REGGIE chants would seem to back that up. Scripts flips away from a charge and hammers away, setting up a Molly Go Round for the pin at 1:21. Nice job on the surprise and if Reggie has trained himself up a bit more, good for him to use that crazy athleticism again. That being said, the mask is awful and looked more goofy than anything else.

Post match Scripts leaves a card with his name on it on Raaj's chest.

Here is Schism for a chat, with all of them sitting in chair, albeit with the one in the middle missing. Joe Gacy says it is their duty to reinforce the idea of having something to be thankful for. Ava Raine talks about how families are torn apart by Thanksgiving. Blood relatives cannot be counted on, but Schism certainly can be.

Raine goes outside to look at the crowd as we hear about how Thanksgiving has lost its intent. Raine gets a fan out of the crowd and lets him sit in the empty chair. Gacy talks about how their table is bare so new traditions can be forged. Then they sacrifice him with a release Rock Bottom through the table. Schism continues to be a thing that exists for reasons I don't understand.

Trick Williams says Carmelo Hayes is ready, so Wes Lee comes in to say that means Williams doesn't need to be out there for tonight's title match. Williams eventually agrees, even if he doesn't seem to do it on purpose. Nice little mind game here.

Video on Bron Breakker going on a boat for some fishing, which is his happy place. He's ready for Apollo Crews but needs to get away at times. These little personal pieces can go a long way for anyone, including Breakker.

### Sol Ruca vs. Zoey Stark

Ruca flips around to start so Stark superkicks her down for two. Stark sends her to the floor but Ruca gets tied up in the ring skirt, setting up the chinlock back inside. That's broken up and Ruca hits a dropkick into a backdrop for two. A sunset flip gets the same and a flipping splash in the corner hits Stark as well. Ruca hits a powerslam but misses a dropkick, setting up the running knee to give Stark the pin at 4:20.

**Rating:** C. Not much to see here again, as we have a bit of a running theme this week. Ruca has the same criticisms she has had so far: she's athletic, she's in great shape and that's the extent of anything that stands out about her. Stark is still just kind of there, likely setting up a showdown with Nikkita Lyons at Deadline.

Post match, Nikkita Lyons runs in to clear out Stark.

Edris Enofe and Malik Blade get beaten up by Von Wagner in the parking lot.

Charlie Dempsey trains old school like Billy Robinson and Karl Gotch. Some clips of the legends are nice to see.

### Tag Team Titles: Pretty Deadly vs. Chase U

Chase U, with Thea Hail, is challenging. Wilson runs Chase over to start but Chase is back up with a crawl through the legs into a cartwheel. Chase takes both champs down on his own before Hudson comes in to help him do the same. Back with Wilson keeping Chase in trouble in the corner and Hudson being lured to the floor.

Hudson accidentally runs Hail over but gets the hot tag a few

seconds later. Everything breaks down and Hudson loads up the Fratliner. That doesn't work though and it's Hudson accidentally Kicking Chase in the face. With Hudson on the floor, Spilled Milk to Chase is enough to retain the titles at 11:49.

**Rating:** B-. Chase U continues to be one of the most over things in all of NXT but they still haven't gotten that big win to give them some kind of an accomplishment. I get not wanting to give them the titles here, but Chase losing again is a bit hard to take. We're probably heading to Hudson vs. Chase at some point in the future, but Chase winning something of note would be nice to see.

At a live event, Indi Hartwell and Roxanne Perez got in an argument as Elektra Lopez filmed everything.

Kayden Carter and Katana Chance recruit Nikkita Lyons (who has changed clothes since chasing off Stark) to go after Toxic Attraction.

Next week: Shawn Michaels reveals everyone in both Iron Survival Challenges.

North American Title: Carmelo Hayes vs. Wes Lee

Lee is defending (and has to jump over a rock during his entrance) and there is no Trick Williams here. They lock up to start with Hayes getting the better of things. That earns him a tackle and some right hands to the face, with Lee hammering him out to the floor. Back in and Lee misses a basement dropkick but dodges a springboard dive. Stereo kicks to the face put them both down and we take a break.

We come back with Lee fighting out of a chinlock but getting caught with a springboard spinning clothesline. Lee fights back and sends him into the corner for a running forearm, only to have Hayes come back with something close to La Mistica for two. Nothing But Net misses for Hayes and a running Meteora

gives Lee two. Cue Williams for a distraction so Lee hits him with a running flip dive. Back in and Lee hits a backflip kick to the head Hayes again, setting up a Michinoku Driver for the pin to retain at 12:56.

**Rating:** B. That's a good win for Lee, as Hayes has been around the North American Title for a long time now and beating him is something Lee had to do to be taken seriously as a champion. Lee still feels like he is in a bit over his head but he can work his way out of that with a few wins. Solid match too and having Lee take out Williams and Hayes at once makes him look that much better.

Post match Dijak (yes Dijak) is back and hits Feast Your Eyes to knock Lee silly to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C+. This was a show that picked up near the end but the first half was only so good. They had something with the Chase U stuff throughout most of the show and the Scrypts/Dijak returns were nice surprises. The wrestling didn't work so well in the first half but the last two matches made up for it well enough. It seems like we're getting the start of the Deadline build next week, even if you can see a lot of the card from here. Pretty good show, which could have been a lot better if the first hour hadn't dragged it down.

### Results

Cora Jade b. Wendy Choo – Double arm DDT

Ivy Nile b. Kiana James – Diamond Chain Lock

Scrypts b. Guru Raaj – Molly Go Round

Zoey Stark b. Sol Ruca – Running knee

Pretty Deadly b. Chase U – Spilled Milk to Chase

Wes Lee b. Carmelo Hayes – Michinoku Driver

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# NXT LVL Up – November 18, 2022: HIM???

## NXT LVL Up

Date: November 18, 2022

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Sudu Shah, Byron Saxton

We are on the way to Survivor Series and for once there was something a little different here last week. Granted it was just a six man tag but after the months of the same formula, a little change was nice to see. There is no reason to believe that will stick this week, but at least they made things better once. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Thea Hail vs. Dani Palmer

The rest of Chase U is here with Hail and this is Palmer's debut. Palmer even shakes hands with Chase U to start so she

seems rather nice. They fight over arm control to start, with Hail getting the better of things off an armbar. A springboard wristdrag keeps Palmer in trouble before we get the armbar sequel. Back up and Palmer flips her over to set up a standoff in a bit of a surprise. Palmer manages to grab an abdominal stretch, which Hail breaks away from to start the comeback. A neckbreaker spun into a faceplant gives Hail the pin at 4:41.

**Rating:** C. This was a nice to meet you match from Palmer, who is another gymnast who can do her stuff well enough already but has nothing to suggest that she is ready as a wrestler whatsoever. That being said, a fair few WWE stars have started out as gymnasts and done well in wrestling, so maybe that is where we are going here. Granted there is no way of knowing where Palmer is after less than five minutes, so this is hardly the definitive note on her career.

Oba Femi, a rather large man from Nigeria and the University of Alabama is ready for his debut and wants to make his family proud.

#### Oba Femi vs. Dante Chen

Commentary talks about Femi's power records at the Performance Center so he seems to have something behind him. Femi powers Chen to the ropes to start but can't get out of a headlock. An uppercut drops Chen and Femi launches him into the corner, setting up a one armed sideslam for two.

The bearhug goes on, followed by another uppercut for another two, and a second bearhug as Femi doesn't have the most varied offense so far. Chen manages to power out of the bearhug and Femi misses an elbow. A missed charge into the corner doesn't do much for Chen, who is right back with a top rope chop to the head for two. The double chop finishes Femi at 5:33.

**Rating:** D. What the...IT'S DANTE CHEN! You have this guy who looks great, gets hyped up, has his power game praised, and DANTE CHEN beats him? Chen has languished for so long in the

depths of NXT that I don't think many people remember he works here. You can't have Femi grab a bearhug or a powerslam and pin him? Femi doesn't need to become the next Bobby Lashley right now, but what the heck was the point in having him lose?

### Oro Mensah vs. Stacks

Tony D'Angelo is on commentary. Stacks takes him down by the arm to start but Mensah comes up and cranks away on the arm right back. Some armdrags have Stacks bailing to the floor, followed by a running crotch attack on the ropes. Back in and Stacks takes him down before going after the arm, including a Fujiwara armbar.

Mensah slips out so Stacks grabs another armbar. That one is broken up as well and Mensah strikes away, setting up a springboard missile dropkick. D'Angelo offers a distraction though, including a crutch shot to the neck. A running knee to the back of the head (basically a Stomp with the knee) finishes Mensah at 5:40.

**Rating:** C. I'm not sure what happened to Mensah but he came in hot and then went pretty cold a few weeks later, to the point where he is stuck on this show instead of doing anything else. Stacks is a bigger deal than Mensah and should have won, but it's still weird seeing Mensah fall pretty quickly. If nothing else, D'Angelo should be healthy soon and that should open up some more doors for both of them.

**Overall Rating:** D+. Well this was incredibly frustrating and that is because of one match. NXT has a history of doing things like this with people who look great, even if it is on a show that has no meaning whatsoever. Anyway, the show was the usual style, though I do like having some NXT midcarders show up as the main event. It gives the show a bigger feeling, though apparently not at that DANTE CHEN level. Annoying show, and all because of one not so bright decision.

### Results



Thea Hail b. Dani Palmer – Neckbreaker into a faceplant  
Dante Chen b. Oba Femi – Double chop  
Stacks b. Oro Mensah – Running knee to the back of the head

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# NXT LVL Up – November 11, 2022: Something Else

## NXT LVL Up

Date: November 11, 2022

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Sudu Shah, Byron Saxton

For once we're actually coming off of a decent show, mainly because there were some slightly bigger stars. It also helps when the matches are laid out a bit better, as it seems like more effort is included. There is only so much time on this show so you have to take what you can get. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

### Ivy Nile/Tatum Paxley vs. Lash Legend/Jakara Jackson

Legend hammers on Nile to start but Nile kicks her in the head to break that up. Jackson comes in and gets suplexed down, allowing Paxley to come in for a standing twisting moonsault. Something like a reverse X Factor plants Jackson again but she takes Paxley over for the tag to Legend. The beating continues until Jackson works on a backbreaker before switching to the leg. That works so badly that Paxley slips over for the tag off to Nile so house can be cleaned. Nile sends the villains together so Paxley can dive on Legend. That leaves Nile to flip into the Diamond Chain Lock and finish Jackson at 4:46.

**Rating:** C. I still don't get why Nile isn't getting more of a chance on the main NXT show as she is far better than just about anyone on this show. Legend has settled into a point where she is just bad instead of being a disaster, while Jackson is just the latest person on the roster, which doesn't exactly make her mean much so far.

Javier Bernal isn't worried about Ikemen Jiro and promises to beat him up.

### Ikemen Jiro vs. Javier Bernal

Bernal isn't having any of this handshake stuff to start so he shoves Jiro down. That doesn't go so well as Jiro armdrags him, only to get kicked backwards. Jiro is sent to the apron and a hard forearm knocks him down again. Back in and a slam into some elbows get two on Jiro, setting up the chinlock. Jiro fights up but gets taken down with a clothesline as this is one sided so far. A dragon screw legwhip gets Jiro out of trouble and he fires off the jacket punches. There's the Tarantula to Jiro but the Ikemen Slash misses, allowing Bernal to roll him up (with trunks) for the pin at 5:11.

**Rating:** C. This was almost a squash until Jiro's comeback

didn't work out so well. That isn't a surprise either as Bernal has been featured on NXT a bit more lately, meaning he isn't going to be losing to someone who has been around here for such a long time. Bernal is starting to figure out his heel stuff too and if that works out, good for him.

### Edris Enofe/Malik Blade/Odyssey Jones vs. Xyon Quinn/Lucien Price/Bronco Nima

That's a different kind of main event around here. Price shoves Odyssey on the apron to start so Enofe headlock takeovers Price down. The rather large Price shoves him into the corner and hands it off to Nima. A dropkick cuts Nima off and it's Blade coming in, only to get sent into the corner. Quinn comes in but Blade rolls over to Jones for the showdown.

Everything breaks down and the good guys clean house until Quinn gets in a cheap shot on Jones. That doesn't get him very far though and it's Nima coming in to beat up Enofe instead. Quinn splashes Enofe for two but a dive through the legs allows the hot tag off to Jones for the house cleaning. Everything breaks down (again) and Blade's splash off of Jones' shoulders finishes Price at 6:40.

**Rating:** C+. This was a fun match with the good guys working well together and having some people to beat up, albeit after breaking a sweat. What matters most here is that it felt like something different on this show after doing the same things over and over. Just mix it up a bit and see how much more fun the show can be.

**Overall Rating:** C. I had enough fun with this show for it to be ok and that's all you can ask for with something like this. The main event was enough of a change of pace to make things better and after the months of the same formula, that is really nice to have for once. I have no reason to believe it is going to last, but one night of ok is better than nothing.

### Results

Ivy Nile/Tatum Paxley b. Lash Legend/Jakara Jackson – Diamond Chain Lock to Jackson

Javier Bernal b. Ikemen Jiro – Rollup with trunks

Odyssey Jones/Malik Blade/Edris Enofe b. Xyon Quinn/Lucien Price/Bronco Nima – Splash to Price

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# NXT – November 15, 2022: Title Time

## NXT

Date: November 15, 2022

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Booker T.

Deadline is in less than a month but we have a big night to get through first. This week will see two title matches, as the NXT Title and NXT Women's Titles will both be defended. Those are going to make for some major matches and there is going to be some other big stuff included as well. Let's get

to it.

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

NXT Title: Von Wagner vs. Bron Breaker

Wagner, with Mr. Stone, is challenging. Stone offers an early distraction so Wagner can jump Breaker to start. Breaker's arm is snapped over the top rope and some shoulders to the arm make it even worse. Back up and Breaker snaps off a suplex as we take an early break. We come back with Wagner fighting out of a chinlock and taking Breaker to the floor for a spinebuster onto the steps.

Breaker manages a top rope clothesline though and the comeback is on, including the powerslam. The Steiner Bulldog plants Wagner again but Wagner grabs a Fireman's carry flipped into a neckbreaker. Breaker tries the gorilla press but his back gives out, leaving him to escape another fireman's carry. The spear retains the title at 12:42.

**Rating:** C+. There was no reason to believe that the title was changing hands here but this got Breaker in the ring and let him get a win under his belt. Wagner is still a pretty generic monster but now that he is out of the way, Breaker can move on to something more important/interesting. For a one off title match, it went just fine.

Video on Alba Fyre vs. Mandy Rose.

Bron Breaker gets to the back where JD McDonagh congratulates him.

Here is Zoey Stark to say her back feels better now that she isn't carrying Nikkita Lyons anymore. Stark came back from a nine month layoff and gets told that she's going to be teaming with Lyons in the tournament for the WWE Women's Tag Team Titles. Then Stark got hurt, but Lyons said that she wasn't mad at her.

Stark didn't get hurt doing something stupid, but rather while she was in the ring. Then they lost the Tag Team Title match and was tired of the apologies. We see Stark turning on Lyons last week and Starks is very happy with her new attitude. She blames the people and says it is now about her because she is UNDENIABLE. She is the hunter and everyone back there is the prey. As was the case last week: this would have more impact if they had five matches together as a team.

Duke Hudson comes up to see Andre Chase, who wants to know why Hudson threw in the towel last week. Hudson says it was because he values Chase's health and if Charlie Dempsey had hurt him last week, the entire University would have been on the shelf. If people accuse him of loving the university too much, then he is guilty as charged. Thea Hail comes in and Hudson leaves rather abruptly. Hail says Hudson is growing on her.

Apollo Crews comes up to Bron Breakker and suggests he's coming for the title.

#### Indus Sher vs. George Cannon/Ariel Dominguez

Sanga slams Cannon face first into the mat to start and drops him throat first across the top. Veer comes in to run Cannon over and some big slams drop the tiny Dominguez. A running big boot and corner splash rock Dominguez again, setting up a side slam/middle rope elbow to give Mahaan the pin at 3:26.

**Rating:** D+. Just a squash here but Sher didn't exactly do anything to make themselves more interesting. They did a fine imitation of the Authors of Pain or the Viking Raiders as the latest power monsters and that's about it. I'm sure they'll be fine as they look the part, but this is far from original or any kind of a novel take on the concept of big monsters.

Post match Indus Sher says they're ready to crush the Creed Brothers.

Diamond Mine is ready to fight but Ivy Nile tells them to cool it.

Wendy Choo calls Cora Jade a salty and petulant child who will never change. At the same time though, she said some things that Choo hasn't heard since high school. Next week, she'll give Jade two black eyes.

### JD McDonagh vs. Apollo Crews

They stare at each other to start until Crews armdrags him into an armbar. Back up and McDonagh does the same thing back to Crews, only to get reversed into a headscissors. Crews grabs a backdrop and shoulders him out to the floor in a heap. That's fine with Crews, who goes after him for a drop onto the announcers' table as we take a break.

Back with Crews dropping backwards onto McDonagh off the middle rope, only to get caught in a sleeper. A belly to back suplex puts Crews down but he sends McDonagh outside, setting up the apron moonsault. They get back inside with a sitout powerbomb giving Crews two, meaning it's time to go up top. McDonagh pulls him back down in a crash but Crews gets in a hard whip into the corner.

Crews misses a charge and cashes out to the floor, where McDonagh hits a good looking Asai moonsault. Back in and Crews catches him on top, this time with a super Angle Slam for a double knockdown. They trade small packages for two each until an exchange of shots to the face staggers them both. McDonagh gets two off a sunset flip and goes up top, only to miss a moonsault. A high angle spinebuster gives Crews the pin at 13:55.

**Rating:** B. That's quite the surprise ending as I would have bet on McDonagh winning again to set up another title match down the line. The interesting thing here is that Crews finally gets a win that feels like it matters after a few months of just kind of being there. He'll probably lose to

someone in his next big match, but he has to win something to maintain some credibility.

Mandy Rose is ready to beat Alba Fyre because she is a superstar.

Javier Bernal is ready to face Axiom, ignoring that he is injured. With Axiom out of action, what about Ilja Dragunov? Eh he's out too, so maybe anyone from Gallus? Oh yeah they're all suspended. Well find him someone then! This was actually somewhat funny so I'll go with shocked at Bernal being moderately entertaining for a change.

Here is Booker T. to moderate the contract signing between Wes Lee and Carmelo Hayes, with Trick Williams. Hayes is proud to be in Booker's Fave Five, but Booker isn't sure about that. Lee says Hayes isn't the A Champion anymore but Hayes says the fifteen minutes of fame end next week. Lee is ready for his first title defense because he is ready to prove himself again. They both sign and Williams talks some trash with Lee but Booker isn't going to let violence ensue.

T-Bar is still ready to come back.

Odyssey Jones hypes up Malik Blade and Edris Enofe, but he isn't wild on Blade's sweater. Blade talks about how it is a tribute to his father, who wanted him to look nice.

### Brooks Jensen/Josh Briggs vs. Dyad

Fallon Henley and the rest of Schism is here too. Fowler slugs away on Jensen to start but gets taken down with a running faceplant. Briggs comes in for a flying shoulder and it's quickly back to Jensen. Everything breaks down and Jensen gets knocked off the apron, leaving Reed to suicide dive him into the announcers' table in a nasty crash. Briggs is right back up to clean house, including throwing Reid into the ropes on the floor, with Briggs clotheslining him out of the air. Cue Kiana James to go after Henley, earning herself a slap. Back



inside and a double Codebreaker finishes Briggs at 4:10.

**Rating:** C. Well at least Schism didn't talk. Pushing the Dyad as a team is a fine enough idea, though it isn't going to matter until they actually win the titles. Kiana James as a thorn in the country boys'/Henley's side is interesting, but she'll need a team of her own to fight them at some point. For now though, costing them a win works well enough.

Shawn Michaels joins us for an announcement of a new match: the Iron Survivor Challenge. There will be a men's and women's match at Deadline with five entrants each. Two wrestlers will start and every five minutes, a new one will be added until all five are in. You win with the most falls in 25 minutes, with falls coming via pinfall, submission or DQ. If you win a fall, you get a point, but the person who loses the fall is put in a penalty match for 90 seconds. The winner is the new #1 contender, with entrants being announced in the coming weeks. So it's a gauntlet Iron Man Penalty Box match? That's quite a few things combined.

#### Indi Hartwell vs. Tatum Paxley

Ivy Nile is in Paxley's corner. Paxley sends her into the corner to start but Hartwell does the same. A hiptoss is broken up so Hartwell knocks her down with a shot to the face. The chinlock doesn't keep Paxley down very long as she makes the comeback, only to have Hartwell rip her mask off. Hartwell kicks her down and, after throwing the mask to Nile, hits a running forearm to the back of the head for the pin at 4:00.

**Rating:** C. Reheating Hartwell is a good idea and I'm curious to see just how far they'll take her. She hit rock bottom for a good while and was even a regular on LVL Up so there isn't much further she can fall. She didn't need to cheat to beat Paxley here so it could have been a lot worse. Paxley continues to be just kind of there, but at least she's getting on TV.

Scrypts was here but is already gone because he is too smart and fast to be caught. You'll see how smart he is next week so do you want to play a game? So he's Jigsaw?

Roxanne Perez congratulates Indi Hartwell on her win but wasn't it too far to rip off Tatum Paxley's mask? Hartwell doesn't care because she wants in the Iron Survivor Challenge. The heel turn continues to work.

### Women's Title: Mandy Rose vs. Alba Fyre

Mandy is defending in a Last Woman Standing match. Fyre starts fast and knocks her outside to start. Some rams into the barricade knock Rose sillier and Fyre grabs some weapons from underneath the ring. The delay lets Fyre grab a slam on the floor but she's right back with a half crab back inside.

We take a break and come back with Fyre hitting a dive off the top to take Rose out on the floor. Rose is back up with some ladder shots against the barricade to put Fyre in trouble but she's back with a trashcan shot. Rose barely beats the count and they fight into the crowd, with Rose knocking her off the barricade.

Fyre fights up and knocks a diving Rose out of the air. A Gory Bomb onto the apron lets Fyre put her on the announcers' table. Fyre goes up a ladder...and Isla Dawn pops up on the other side to send Fyre through the table. Rose beats the count at 11:56 to retain the title again.

**Rating:** B-. They had a good fight here, even with the screwy finish. What matters is keeping the title on Rose, which I wouldn't have bet on coming in. NXT needs someone who can take the title off of her and I'm not sure who that is at the moment. At least it wasn't Jayne or Dolin interfering in the end here, even if Fyre has to lose in another big match.

**Overall Rating:** B-. The main event felt big and Crews vs. McDonagh was a good match, which is enough to carry this week.

The rest of the show was pretty in the middle at best, but I'll take two rather good matches out of six on a weekly show. Other than that, they set up things for the future, though I'm not sure how well the Iron Survivor deal will go. For now though, nice week of TV as we are on the way to a bigger show next month.

### Results

Bron Breaker b. Von Wagner – Spear

Indus Sher b. George Cannon/Ariel Dominguez – Side slam/Middle rope elbow combination to Dominguez

Apollo Crews b. JD McDonagh – Spinebuster

Dyad b. Josh Briggs/Brooks Jensen – Double Codebreaker to Briggs

Indi Hartwell b. Tatum Paxley – Running forearm to the back of the head

Mandy Rose b. Alba Fyre when Fyre didn't answer the ten count

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# NXT – November 8, 2022: They Need To Figure That Out

## NXT

Date: November 8, 2022

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Booker T.

We are a little over a month away from Deadline and for reasons I don't quite grasp, Von Wagner is next in line for the NXT Title shot. The good thing is that match is set for next week so it won't drag down a major show, but we could be in for a rough two weeks. Hopefully the rest of the show can balance it out. Let's get to it.

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

## Joe Gacy vs. Cameron Grimes

Gacy, now in regular trunks instead of his full body gear, has the rest of Schism with him and gets knocked into the corner to start. Grimes fights his way out of some quick trouble and elbows Gacy in the face. Back up and Grimes slips out of a fireman's carry and knocks Gacy outside as we take a break.

We come back with Gacy stomping away (he likes doing that) and we hit the Crossface. That's broken up and Grimes gets in a knockdown. After stomping on Reid's hand at ringside, Grimes hits a high crossbody for two. Gacy bails to the floor and there's the big running flip dive to take out a bunch of Schism. Back in and an Ava Raine distraction lets Gacy hit the handspring lariat for the pin at 10:45.

**Rating:** C. It's amazing to see how things are getting so bad for Grimes. One might think that it's bad to feud with the lamest thing in all of NXT, as has been the case for Grimes for a long time now. Other than that, you had a pretty basic

good guy vs. bad guy match with lackeys interfering. What else was there to get out of this?

Nathan Frazer tells Axiom that he'll be out of action a bit longer due to his injuries. JD McDonagh comes in to say Frazer knows nothing about pain so Axiom mocks McDonagh for losing a lot. A match is made for later.

And now, to the Barber Shop with Carmelo Hayes not worrying about the haters saying he didn't get his North American Title back. He and Trick Williams aren't worried about Wes Lee and don't care for their barber being something of a fan. Apparently the contract signing is in two weeks.

Scripts is coming to watch NXT fall.

#### Sol Ruca vs. Elektra Lopez

Lopez gets knocked outside to start but she's right back with a heck of a clothesline to take over. Ruca tries to fight back with some shots to the face and manages to stagger Lopez, only to get slammed off the top. A chokebomb finishes for Lopez at 2:58. Not quite a squash but Lopez didn't feel like she was in danger.

Post match Indi Hartwell runs in to brawl with Lopez.

Duke Hudson and Thea Hail want to take Charlie Dempsey apart. Hudson will be at ringside tonight against that BESMIRCHING (chuckle) Charlie Dempsey but only for support.

We get a video call between Toxic Attraction with Jacy Jayne being worried about showing up because Alba Fyre might hurt them. Then Fyre (who Jayne thought was a cop) pulls her out of the car and promises to come for Mandy Rose next week.

#### Charlie Dempsey vs. Andre Chase

The rest of Chase U is here too. Dempsey takes him to the mat to start but Chase is back up with a front facelock. Chase

can't get an armbar but he can hit the spelling stomps. That's broken up and Dempsey pulls him into a leglock, followed by an STF. That's enough for Duke Hudson to throw in the towel at 2:48, despite Chase being right next to the rope.

Kiana James and her assistant come into Fallon Henley's bar where Josh Briggs and Brooks Jensen are in lust. James is trying to buy the place (Wasn't she trying to do that to Chase U for about thirty seconds a month ago?) but Henley isn't interested. She has a lot of memories and isn't taking the deal, as James wants to build an apartment complex.

### Hank Walker vs. Stacks

Tony D'Angelo is here with Stacks. Walker gets taken down to start and hammered in the back as commentary talks about Logan Paul. A knee to the head gives Stacks two but Walker gets fires up and runs Stacks over. Stacks pokes him in the eye and gets two off a rollup before dropping Walker with a running knee to the back of the head for the pin at 3:11.

**Rating:** C-. What were you expecting here? Walker is a wrestling security guard and Stacks is a lackey to a Mafia boss. There was only so much to get out of something like this and they hit their ceiling pretty hard here. I still don't quite get the appeal of Walker, as he's a bit similar to Briggs and Jensen, but he's unique enough to have a spot, as long as it doesn't get much higher than this.

It's time for the Grayson Waller Effect with Von Wagner, with Mr. Stone, and Bron Breaker as guests. The fans writing in don't seem to like Wagner and he doesn't care what they think. Wagner brags about how great he is but Breaker says try jumping him face to face. Breaker lists off all of the people who have been impressed by him or taken out (Breaker: "Apollo Crews. There I said your name, you happy now?") and violence is teased but they just stare at each other instead. And yeah it's still Wagner so he still isn't interesting.

Wes Lee wanted to win the Tag Team Titles last week but he's ready to beat Carmelo Hayes next week.

Cora Jade isn't scared of Wendy Choo, who doesn't have any friends and no one cares about her.

Apollo Crews is in Nigeria as part of a WWE talent search but he hasn't forgot about Bron Breakker.

### JD McDonagh vs. Axiom

Axiom takes him down for an early double arm crank to start and McDonagh is looking frustrated early. McDonagh tries to fight up but can't get anywhere with him. A trip to the floor has McDonagh even more annoyed and we take an early break as seething ensues. Back with Axiom hitting a heck of a springboard moonsault to the floor but he comes up holding his knee.

Back in and McDonagh gets caught in an armbar and has to go to the ropes for the break. McDonagh starts going after the leg but Axiom is able to get back up with a shot to the head for a double knockdown. It's McDonagh up first anyway but his moonsault is pulled into a triangle choke.

That's broken up as well but Axiom's knee gives out on a superkick attempt. This time Axiom pulls him into a choke, which is reversed into a VERY bendy kneebar, which is enough for the referee to break the hold because Axiom is screaming so hard. Axiom begs him not to stop it but the doctors say it's over at 13:45.

**Rating:** B. This was a technical vs. high flier match and a lot of fun for the most part. That ending was nasty (though not quite as nasty as when it happened to A-Kid in NXT UK) and a good way to make McDonagh look dangerous. I don't need to see him get another title shot, but they are doing a great job of making him feel big.

## Brutus Creed vs. Damon Kemp

The rest of Diamond Mine is here and we have a five minute time limit. Brutus jumps Kemp in the aisle to start the fight fast before heading inside for the bell. The fight is on fast with Brutus knocking him around and then outside. Kemp gets pulled back to the floor and hammered onto the announcers' table before they head back inside. Brutus sends him shoulder first into the post before grabbing a chair. That's taken away though and Brutus blasts him for the DQ at 2:46.

Post match Creed hits him with the chair again but Veer and Sanga are looking at Diamond Mine from the balcony.

T-Bar is still coming back and promises his form of justice.

Roxanne Perez offers an ear to Indi Hartwell if anything is wrong but Hartwell says there are no friends in this business. It doesn't work that way.

## Women's Tag Team Titles: Nikkita Lyons/Zoey Stark vs. Kayden Carter/Katana Chance

Carter/Chance are defending. Chance takes Stark down to start but Stark sticks the landing on a monkey flip. Lyons comes in to work on Carter's arm but Carter is back up with a running dropkick to send Stark outside. We take a break and come back with Stark holding Chance in a Stretch Muffler. That's broken up and it's back to Carter, who hits a big dive to take out both challengers at once.

Chance comes back in and kicks Lyons into the corner for the tag off to Stark. A suplex gets two on Chance, even with Lyons cutting Carter off from making a save. Chance Stundog Millionaires herself out of trouble and everything breaks down. Stark almost clothesline Lyons by mistake and Lyons even takes the bullet of a double superkick for her. A superkick drops Carter but the champs are back up and the 450/neckbreaker combination retains the titles at 11:04.



**Rating:** C. I'm still not sure what I'm supposed to see in Starks and Lyons as a team as they seemed to be nothing more than two women thrown together to have an NXT team in the Women's Tag Team Titles tournament. They're ok enough but it feels like you could sub someone else into either spot with little to no change.

Post match respect is shown but Stark hits Lyons with a title to split the team up. This would be one of those splits that is supposed to be a big deal but they've been a team for....have they even had five matches together on TV?

**Overall Rating:** C. As has been the case for a pretty long time now, there isn't anything that feels like a big deal right now. I'm sure there will be a new challenger for Breaker after he beats Wagner next week, and the way they are going, it wouldn't surprise me to see a multi-man match at Deadline. What we got here was another ok show, but it felt like it was setting up more stuff in the future. That has to happen sometimes, but it happens a lot in NXT these days.

### Results

Joe Gacy b. Cameron Grimes – Handspring lariat

Elektra Lopez b. Sol Ruca – Chokebomb

Charlie Dempsey b. Andre Chase when Duke Hudson threw in the towel

Stacks b. Hank Walker – Running knee to the back of the head

JD McDonagh b. Axiom via medical stoppage

Damon Kemp b. Brutus Creed via DQ when Creed used a chair

Kayden Carter/Katana Chance b. Zoey Stark/Nikkita Lyons – 450/neckbreaker combination to Stark

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# NXT LVL Up – November 4, 2022: What A Pleasant Experience

## NXT LVL Up

Date: November 4, 2022

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Sudu Shah, Matt Camp

It's a pay per view weekend and that means a grand total of very little on this show as Crown Jewel has no connection to NXT. LVL Up doesn't have much to offer most weeks but maybe we can get in a nice match to take up some of the time. The show is usually at least decent so let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

## Ivy Nile vs. Sol Ruca

The fans approve of Nile as she works on the wristlock to start. Ruca trips her down and Nile actually grins a bit, only to have it cut off by Ruca's headlock takeover. Nile is back up with a sunset flip but a jumpless X Factor gives Ruca two.

A rather muscular deadlift suplex gets two on Nile but she is back with an armbar in the corner. The arm is fine enough to hit a side slam and a flipping splash connects on Nile in the corner. Nile isn't having that and suplexes her over, setting up the Diamond Chain Lock (dragon sleeper) for the tap at 4:55.

**Rating:** C. I still like Nile a god bit and it is nice to see her getting wins, but almost all of her recent LVL Up matches have felt the same. You would think she would be ready for some far better competition on the main NXT show but for some reason she is stuck down here. Ruca continues to be the same thing: very athletic with nothing that makes me care about her as a wrestler.

Myles Borne is ready for Hank Walker, who he seems to like.

#### Myles Borne vs. Hank Walker

Borne takes him down by the arm to start as we hear about these two knowing each other as teenagers. A Pounce (with a Monty Brown reference from commentary) sends Borne outside but he comes back in to forearm in the corner. The armbar has Walker down but he gets a boot up to stop a diving something designed to land on a raised boot. The comeback is on but Borne snaps off a northern lights suplex. Back up and Walker runs him over with a flying shoulder for the pin at 4:16.

**Rating:** C. Walker has grown on me a bit and he's doing enough of a southern/country powerhouse deal to make it work. Borne has come a LONG way in a short time and is having better matches every time he's out there. That's what some ring time can do and while he isn't a big deal yet, he is at least getting better.

#### Oro Mensah vs. Xyon Quinn

Quinn powers him up against the rope to start but gets armdragged into an armbar. That works so well that Mensah does

it again but Quinn hits him in the back. Mensah is fine enough to send him outside for the slingshot dive but Quinn stays on the back with some rams into the apron. A backbreaker and knee to the back give Quinn two, followed by a swinging neckbreaker for the same. The bearhug stays on the back but Mensah breaks it up and hits a springboard moonsault press. Mensah's running spinwheel kick in the corner finishes Quinn off at 6:07.

**Rating:** C+. That might be a little high but it's cool to see a complete match like this one. They had a story, Quinn worked on the back to wear Mensah down, Mensah made a comeback, and the action was fine throughout. It's one of the better things I've seen around here in a good while and after some of the weaker efforts, I'll absolutely take that.

**Overall Rating:** C. That's one of the better LVL Up's I've seen in a bit with the main event being a very nice surprise. There is talent here, but it helps when they had some of the more developed LVL Up stars around here. Mensah has been on the regular NXT show since coming over and Nile has been ready for a serious NXT feud for a long time now. That made for a better show and I'll always take that kind of change.

### Results

Ivy Nile b. Sol Ruca – Diamond Chain Lock

Hank Walker b. Myles Borne – Flying shoulder

Oro Mensah b. Xyon Quinn – Running spinwheel kick in the corner

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