

# NXT – May 24, 2022: Out Of The House

## NXT

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Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Wade Barrett, Vic Joseph

We are less than two weeks away from In Your House and the show has already started to come together. There are still a few matches to be set up for the card but at least we already have the main event set. Unfortunately that match is another Joe Gacy title shot against Bron Breakker. Let's get to it.

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Tony D'Angelo and company want to get their hands on Legado del Fantasma again.

### Stacks/Two Dimes vs. Malik Blade/Edris Enofe

Stacks elbows Enofe down to start but a dropkick gets him out of trouble. That's not enough for a real comeback though as Stacks takes Enofe down again and grabs a seated abdominal stretch. We cut to Legado watching in the back, but now they're heading to the ring. Enofe fights up and knocks Two Dimes over enough to make the tag to Blade, meaning house can be cleared. A high crossbody gives Blade two but the goons take him down in a hurry. Cue Legado as Stacks and Two Dimes hit stereo right hands for the pin at 6:08.

**Rating:** C. Pretty meh opener here and that's not like NXT. Then again it might have something to do with D'Angelo's boys not exactly being interesting as they are little more than muscle guys (who aren't that muscular). Blade and Enofe losing again is annoying too, as they seem like a team who could work well as the new pretty boy team.

Post match Legado comes to the ring and the fight is on.

Wes Lee, with his ribs taped up, isn't regretting challenging Sanga and he'll prove himself tonight.

### Sanga vs. Wes Lee

The much bigger Sanga headbutts him down and hits a splash to the back. The slow beating begins with Sanga staying on the ribs. Lee manages to kick him to the floor though and a slingshot stomp...doesn't actually put Sanga down. Instead Lee tries a running dropkick into the steps, only to have Sanga chop him down again. Back in and Lee comes off the top but gets knocked away, allowing Sanga to hit a chokeslam for the pin at 3:09.

**Rating:** C. Quick match here as Lee loses again, though I guess it's better than sitting in catering. Sanga is the latest monster, but in this case he wasn't exactly a mean one. This was more about Sanga beating up Lee to get rid of him, which isn't quite the same thing as mauling various people like a giant eats villagers.

Post match Xyon Quinn goes after Lee, but Sanga makes the save. Great. Another big/little man team, though Sanga is better than he was as Grayson Waller's bodyguard.

Cora Jade gives Roxanne Perez a pep talk about her match with Lash Legend tonight. They also don't like Elektra Lopez and Jade implies interference. Of all the segments NXT has had, this might have sounded the most fake.

Bron Breaker is told Joe Gacy is looking for him. He goes in the locker room and finds a picture of...I think Rick Steiner and his kids (including Breaker). Breaker says it is from twenty years ago.

### Alba Fyre vs. Elektra Lopez

Cora Jade is here. Fyre takes her into the corner to start and

hits a running clothesline for two. Back up and Fyre misses an elbow in the corner, allowing Fyre to hit a superkick. Lopez takes her down by the arm though and gets a breather. That's not enough for Fyre though as she kicks Lopez in the face and hits a Swanton for the pin at 2:53.

Post match Jade laughs at Lopez so she knocks the popcorn out of Jade's hand.

Damon Kemp tells the Creeds that their match is off because Roderick Strong hurt his ankle. The Creeds aren't cool with that but Kemp says he's just following orders and relaying information.

Due to an injury to Nikkita Lyons, Fallon Henley is in the finals of the Breakout Tournament. Tiffany Stratton pops in and mocks Henley for getting the bye. That's too far, and the new semifinals match is on.

#### Women's Breakout Tournament Semifinals: Roxanne Perez vs. Lash Legend

No entrance for Legend. Perez goes for a waistlock to start but Legend powers her up without much trouble. That means it's time for Perez to be thrown around but she manages to take Legend down and hammer away. Some running elbows in the corner look to set up a Russian legsweep but Legend sweeps the leg to take her down. A powerbomb is countered into Pop Rox to give Perez the pin at 3:20.

**Rating:** C+. I'm very happy to have been wrong about this one as I would have bet on Legend vs. Lyons in the finals. This is a nice surprise, as Perez has all kinds of potential and can hang with a lot of people in the ring from here. Legend is a very long term project and while there are pieces there, she isn't ready for that kind of success just yet.

Toxic Attraction doesn't like Indi Hartwell but Katana Chance and Kayden Carter jump them, with Mandy Rose escaping.

## Mandy Rose vs. Indi Hartwell

Non-title. Rose takes her down to start and gets an early two, meaning the trash talk can be on. That takes a bit too long though and Hartwell knocks her to the floor as we take a break. Back with Hartwell slugging away but her back gives out on a fireman's carry attempt. Something like a spinebuster gives Hartwell two but here are Katrina Chance/Kayden Carder/Toxic Attraction for the fight. They get in the ring and the distraction lets Rose hit the running knee for the pin at 9:15.

**Rating:** C-. Hartwell has fallen a long way and it wouldn't shock me to see her out of the company sooner rather than later. She wasn't all that interesting as part of the Way but at least she had some charm with Dexter Lumis. Now she's just another person on the roster and that isn't a great place to be.

Post match Wendy Choo runs out to jump Rose with a bag full of various types of balls. BECAUSE IT'S FUNNY YOU SEE!

Bron Breaker is shown a clip of one of his high school football games. His dad was supposed to be there, but he was in Japan instead.

Pretty Deadly is ready for the Creeds.

## Women's Breakout Tournament Semifinals: Fallon Henley vs. Tiffany Stratton

Stratton takes her down to start and hits a few elbows. A slingshot Swanton gives Stratton two and it's time to start cranking on the leg, complete with Stratton bridging back and blowing a kiss. With that broken up, Henley headbutts her into the corner but Henley's knee gives out. A slingshot dropkick in the corner connects and a slingshot corkscrew Vader Bomb finishes for Stratton at 4:56.

**Rating:** C. Stratton really does feel like a potential star and I can see pushing her forward here. Henley is fitting in perfectly well as the charming country girl and she'll be fine if she can have even a passable match on her personality alone. This worked for a quick one off match and I could see both of them being something better in the future.

Katana Chance and Kayden Carter want the Women's Tag Team Titles. Wendy Choo comes in and wants the Women's Title.

Video on Von Wagner.

Thea Hail is graduating from high school tomorrow and she's glad to be living her dream in NXT. Next week, she decides between college and NXT.

Duke Hudson comes up to Bron Breaker and insists he didn't do any of the things to him tonight. Hudson says he has nothing to lose, but Breaker grabs him by the throat. Hudson says someone was right about Breaker being predictable.

#### Von Wagner vs. Ikemen Jiro

Jiro charges in and strikes away before the opening bell. The match actually happens and Wagner knocks him out of the air to slow things down. Jiro uses the jacket punches and scores with an enziguri to the floor, setting up a middle rope DDT for two. That's enough for Wagner, who hits his Death Valley Driver neckbreaker for the pin at 4:16.

**Rating:** D. Well at least Jiro grabbed his jacket despite being so angry and thirsty for revenge. The match was just a squash but I still don't see it with either of these two. Wagner is a big guy who can do basic big guy stuff while Jiro can be funny at times (and certainly has charisma). That's not quite enough to make me all that interested though.

Post match Wagner goes after Jiro again but Josh Briggs makes the save. Sophia Cromwell won't let Wagner go after Briggs.

Tony D'Angelo and company want Legado del Fantasma at In Your House.

Von Wagner is ready to erupt but Sophia Cromwell says he'll get his revenge when he has the chance.

Toxic Attraction is down for the title matches at In Your House.

Carmelo Hayes and Trick Williams are at the barbershop and are ready for In Your House. He needs his title back so here is Cameron Grimes to mock him. Hayes says Grimes is a title holder instead of a champion like him. There is someone from NXT UK (meaning Nathan Frazer) who people are saying is faster and better than Hayes (which has Hayes' eyes shifting). That's why Grimes is facing Frazer next week.

In Your House rundown.

We get a promo from an unseen woman talking about the high life and how status is only bad thing to those who can't achieve it. She is from Italy and her name is Giovanni Vici.

### Bron Breaker vs. Duke Hudson

Non-title and Joe Gacy, with the minions, is on the balcony. A quick Frankensteiner puts Hudson in early trouble but he chokes on the ropes to slow Breaker down. They go to the floor where Hudson hits a clothesline, followed by an overhead suplex back inside. Hudson even throws in some barking, which is enough for Breaker to take him down as we go to a break.

Back with Hudson sending him into the steps, setting up a failed Steiner Recliner attempt. Instead Breaker slips out but can't get his own version. With Joe Gacy and the minions watching at ringside, Breaker fights up but the minions get on the apron. The minions try to get in as Hudson picks up a chair. Breaker takes that away and swings at Gacy but turns around and hits Hudson for the DQ at 10:59.

**Rating:** C. Gacy vs. Breakker is a fine example of a feud that makes all the sense in the world on paper but isn't interesting. I have no desire to see Breakker beat Gacy up again and I have even less desire to see Gacy win the title. It's a feud that should have been wrapped up weeks ago but here we go again, because much like WWE, NXT can't help itself with these rematches.

Post match Gacy mocks Breakker for the DQ, because it's in his nature.

**Overall Rating:** C-. I couldn't get myself into this show and it wasn't their best work. I do like the tournament final being Perez vs. Stratton as I would have bet on Legend and/or Lyons being in there, so at least they're throwing in a surprise. As for the rest of the show, they are making In Your House look ok, though that Gacy vs. Breakker match is dragging it way down, much like NXT cranking up the Wendy Choo "comedy" again. Not their best this week, though it did have some nice moments.

### Results

Stacks/Two Dimes b. Malik Blade/Edris Enofe – Double punch to Blade

Sanga b. Wes Lee – Chokeslam

Alba Fyre b. Elektra Lopez – Swanton

Roxanne Perez b. Lash Legend – Pop Rox

Mandy Rose b. Indi Hartwell – Running knee

Tiffany Stratton b. Fallon Henley – Corkscrew Vader Bomb

Von Wagner b. Ikemen Jiro – Fireman's carry neckbreaker

Duke Hudson b. Bron Breakker via DQ when Breakker used a chair

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# **NXT – May 10, 2022: The Haves And The Have Nots**

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While things should have changed last week with NXT Champion Bron Breaker beating Joe Gacy at Spring Breakin, Gacy's minions beat Breaker down and kidnapped him. Since wins and losses don't matter around here, Gacy vs. Breaker continues while the women's Breakout Tournament begins. Let's get to it.

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

We open with a recap of last week's title match, plus the post show beatdown and Gacy and Company taking Breaker into a field with a sack of his head. They seem to leave him there as Gacy is all nutty.

Women's Tag Team Titles: Toxic Attraction vs. Roxanne



## Perez/Wendy Choo

Toxic Attraction is defending against the criminals. Choo dives in off the top from behind to take the champs down and it's Perez starting with Jayne. That's fine with the champ as Perez gets sent into the corner, allowing Jayne to do some of the most blatant spot calling I can remember (she grabbed Perez's head and talked to her).

Jayne makes the mistake of talking too much trash though and it's Choo coming in to clean house. Choo sends them outside and holds the ropes open so Perez can hit a double dive as we take a break. Back with Jayne taking Choo down but the tag off to Perez doesn't take that long. A Russian legsweep gets two on Dolin as everything breaks down. Mandy Rose gets in the ring so Choo goes after her, allowing Jayne to hit a superkick on Perez for the pin at 10:01.

**Rating:** C+. Choo's gimmick is still horrible but she can wrestle a somewhat exciting match. That kind of makes me wonder what in the world the point is in trying to have her be this goofy thing that is impossible to take seriously. If she was having matches like this in regular gear, she would be downright useful, but it is a little hard to buy her as anything important based on how she is dressed in the ring (and what she does out of it).

Post match Toxic Attraction beats Choo down.

Grayson Waller and Tiffany Stratton went shopping.

The Creed Brothers aren't happy with Roderick Strong interfering against the Viking Raiders last week. Strong says the win is what matters but next week the Creeds are going to face the Raiders again. That's cool with Strong, who is bringing in someone who has been wanting to join the team for a long time now: Damon Kemp. The Creeds say that new members are supposed to be a group decision, so they'll talk about this later.

Here is Joe Gacy, with minions, for a chat. Gacy says that Bron Breaker has to take the next step in his journey all alone. He started his own journey here months ago and allowed anyone to be a part of real change. Two men, the minions, separated themselves from the pack and have proven their worth to him and themselves. Now Breaker can be a part of this change and receive eternal joy. Otherwise, affliction and hardship await those who resist. And that's it, because Gacy is just another cult leader that has been done time after time.

Sarray, a schoolgirl again, talks to Chase University and since Bodie Hayward speaks Japanese (Chase: "We got a foreign language department?"), he translates that Sarray wants to team with Chase in a mixed tag. Chase is in.

This week at the Performance Center, Ivy Nile had an exercise challenge, starting with pushups. More on this later as some participants drop out early.

Here are the eight Women's Breakout Tournament participants and we've got brackets:

Nikkita Lyons  
Arianna Grace

Fallon Henley  
Sloane Jacobs

Roxanne Perez  
Kiana James

Lash Legend  
Tatum Paxley

Everyone gets introduced with a quick bio graphic.

Women's Breakout Tournament First Round: Fallon Henley vs. Sloane Jacobs

Henley misses a charge in the corner to start, allowing Jacobs to try a dropkick that is left a big short, meaning Henley has to lean into it for the near fall to make sense. Cue Brooks Jensen and Josh Briggs to cheer Henley on as Jacobs kicks her in the face for two. Back up and Henley manages a clothesline for a double knockdown, setting up a running knee to finish Jacobs at 4:16.

**Rating:** C-. They did the right thing by having Henley go forward, but the brackets would suggest that she is going to get wrecked by Nikkita Lyons in the second round. Henley has fit in rather nicely with the country boys and that is a good starting point for her. Jacobs isn't even 20 years old yet so she has a long way to go, but at least the base seems to be there so far.

Respect is shown post match.

Legado del Fantasma doesn't feel bad about kidnapping AJ Galante last week. Now it's time to start the car again.

Cruz del Toro goes to start the car but Tony D'Angelo and company jump him and beat him down. Then they put him in another car trunk and drive off.

### Alba Fyre vs. Amari Miller

Fyre grabs a rollup to start as we go split screen to see Ivy Nile putting her contestants through burpees to get rid of even more. Miller comes back with a Regal Cutter for two but Fyre superkicks her for the same. Fyre plants her again with the Firebomb (Gory Bomb) and hits a Swanton for the pin at 3:38.

**Rating:** C. Fyre looked good here, but that isn't hard when you're one of the best in the world. I know WWE felt the need to change everything about her but at least the red hair is about as much of a trademark as you can get. It wasn't quite a squash as Miller has a bit of standing around here, though

Fyre should be either in the title scene or on the main roster like yesterday.

Solo Sikoa won't let Trick Williams and Carmelo Hayes in the building.

Cora Jade is ready for Natalya and isn't that little girl that Natalya remembers.

Here is Solo Sikoa for a chat. He likes what he did to Trick Williams and Carmelo Hayes and wants the North American Title. Cue Cameron Grimes to say that once he beats Hayes, Sikoa is next. That's cool with Sikoa, who walks away, but here are Hayes and Williams to beat Grimes down. Sikoa slowly leaves, then turns to look back and very eventually makes the save.

Legado del Fantasma calls Tony D'Angelo and company and threats are made. Santos Escobar throws in a "f\*\*\* you" to end the call and D'Angelo breaks things.

Nathan Frazer is excited to be here when Xyon Quinn comes in. Quinn says something Frazer doesn't understand when Wes Lee comes up too. Frazer says he thought it was some American thing and leaves, which seems to set up Lee vs. Quinn.

### Tiffany Stratton/Grayson Waller vs. Andre Chase/Sarray

Sarray transforms, but it also changes Bodhi Hayward into a schoolgirl and changes Chase's sweater to blue. The guys start things off with Waller working on the wristlock. A shot to the face annoys Chase so it's off to Stratton, who has to run away from Sarray. That lets Stratton get her into the ring for a forearm to the face, only to have Sarray take her down by the leg. The Muta Lock goes on, with Sarray having to grab the hair for the escape.

Chase and Sarray hit the spelling stomps and we take a break. Back with Waller beating on Chase until a suplex gets him out of trouble. Everything breaks down again and the Sunray

dropkick hits Waller. That leaves Sarray to get planted though and Stratton hits the twisting Vader Bomb...for two as Hayward blasts the air horn. Stratton dives on him (Stratton: "THAT'S A TEACHABLE MOMENT!") but gets rolled up by Sarray for the pin at 10:26.

**Rating:** C+. Chase U has rapidly become one of my favorite things in all of NXT and that is due to the efforts that Chase has put in. He has turned a totally dumb story into something I like to see every week and that is a rare thing to see. It is all in the performance for him and I could go for more of that and people like him. Waller and Stratton were fine here and Sarray winning...I just can't imagine it's going to stick this time. She has fallen too far and the still lame transformation stuff is making it worse.

Ivy Nile has people doing lunges.

Mr. Stone says if people step to Von Wagner, they are going to get hurt. Ikemen Jiro comes in and attacks him and they get separated.

Indi Hartwell is sad about Dexter Lumis (whose name we can't say) being gone when Toxic Attraction comes in. Mandy Rose talks about how she can't imagine what Indi is going through...because no one would ever leave her. Go find Wendy Choo and cry with her. Hartwell shakes her head a lot.

Women's Breakout Tournament First Round: Nikkita Lyons vs. Arianna Grace

Grace hits her in the face to start and manages to take Lyons down early on. Something like an Anaconda Vice has Lyons in trouble but she's back up with some superkicks. A release German suplex sends Grace flying and a spinning kick to the face drops her. The splits splash finishes for Lyons at 3:08.

**Rating:** C. They kept this one short with Grace getting in some offense before falling to the bigger star. There is nothing

wrong with pushing the heck out of Lyons as she has the physical gifts and intangibles to go a long way. Grace looked good in the short term, but you can only get so much out of her selling a lot in a three minute match.

Ivy Nile gets rid of more people with the battle ropes and pullups. Nile outlasts the one remaining person and doesn't look happy.

Video on Cora Jade vs. Natalya, and yes that really is the main event.

The Viking Raiders are in on a rematch against the Creeds.

### Natalya vs. Cora Jade

Feeling out process to start with Jade spinning out of a wristlock and taking Natalya down early. The threat of some kind of a hold has Jade slipping out, only to send Natalya to the floor. We take a break and come back with Jade escaping a surfboard, setting up a running knee in the ropes. A tornado DDT gets two on Natalya but she is fine enough to suplex Jade hard into the corner.

Jade's knee is crushed in the ropes so Natalya wraps it around the post. That allows Jade to pull her face first into the post and Sliced Bread gets two. With nothing else working, Jade grabs the Sharpshooter but Natalya powers out as Jade's knee can't hold up. Natalya grabs the Sharpshooter and Jade passes out at 14:06.

**Rating:** B. They were managing to pull me in here, and while I get the idea of Jade hanging in there to fall in the end, I'm not sure that's the best way to go. Is Natalya really important enough that Jade can't beat her? I know WWE seems to think of her as a legend and yeah I think I just answered my own question.

Post match Jade wakes up and Natalya helps her to her feet for

the big hug to end the show. Please, not another tag team.

**Overall Rating:** C+. The main event pulled this one over the line and while it took time, I'm glad it actually got there. NXT continues to push some rather uninteresting stars and characters though, from Choo to Gacy to D'Angelo and company to Sarray to Natalya and it doesn't help me through the show. There are good and interesting people on here who could use the TV time, but the bad names are bringing things WAY down and it's making parts of the show a chore rather than entertaining. Side note: has there ever been a full, regular show that has a woman in every match? That might be a first.

### Results

Toxic Attraction b. Roxanne Perez/Wendy Choo – Superkick to Perez

Fallon Henley b. Sloane Jacobs – Running knee

Alba Fyre b. Amari Miller – Swanton

Andre Chase/Sarray b. Tiffany Stratton/Grayson Waller – Rollup to Stratton

Nikkita Lyons b. Arianna Grace – Splits splash

Natalya b. Cora Jade via referee stoppage

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