

NXT – August 23, 2022: They're Still Here

NXT

Date: August 23, 2022

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Wade Barrett, Vic Joseph

We're done with Heatwave and now it is on to Worlds Collide. NXT UK's top names (and some others) have invaded and we are less than two weeks away from a bunch of showdowns between NXT and NXT UK, which does have potential. Odds are we get a lot of build towards this week so let's get to it.

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We open with a long recap of Heatwave and Tyler Bate appearing at the end of the show.

Here is Bron Breakker to get things going. He talks about his win over JD McDonagh last week and gets to the point: Tyler Bate needs to get out here right now. Bate comes to the ring and congratulates Breakker on a hard fought win last week. With that out of the way, Bate says he's the first and last United Kingdom Champion and with NXT Europe around the corner, he can think of nothing better than to unify these titles. Breakker is down and they hold up the titles, as tends to be the case.

Video on Gallus.

Fallon Henley had to be held back from Lash Legend in the back. Why would you want to be near her?

NXT UK Tag Team Titles: Brooks Jensen/Josh Briggs vs. Gallus

Wolfgang and Mark Coffey are challenging for Gallus, with Joe Coffey and Fallon Henley as the seconds. Briggs gets taken

into the corner to start the beating fast but it's quickly off of Jensen to pick up the pace. Jensen gets pummeled by Mark though and his mouth is busted, even as Wolfgang snapmares him over for two. The champs are in trouble as we take a break.

Back with Mark taking Jensen down and grabbing a front facelock to keep him down. That's broken up and the hot tag brings in Briggs to clean house. Cue Lash Legend to jump Henley, with Pretty Deadly joining in. The champs go after Pretty Deadly and get counted out at 8:45.

Rating: C. That's a surprise as I would have expected Gallus to get the win here and move on towards the title match with the Creeds. For now though, it seems that they might be setting up some kind of multi team match, which might be the more interesting way to go. Briggs and Jensen are still in over their heads, but at least they didn't get squashed here.

Post match Diamond Mine runs in to go after Gallus and everyone has to be separated.

It's time for Chase U, with special guest instructor Charlie Dempsey. A volunteer gets taken down and stretched with ease, before doing the same to Bodie Hayward, complete with some nose ripping. Andre Chase has to call him off because Dempsey doesn't seem to get the point. Dempsey calls the class soft and leaves. I could go for more Dempsey around here.

Here is Grayson Waller for the debut of his Grayson Waller Effect talk show. After hyping up his Instagram, we get to the guest, with APOLLO...Crews. We get some seat adjustment from Crews before Waller asks what happened to Crews' accent. Crews brings the accent back, but he's still a Nigerian warrior with or without it. He won the Intercontinental Title at Wrestlemania XXXVII but Waller would rather talk about Crews' abilities to see the future (or whatever it has been in recent weeks).

Waller asks about Crews seeing Diamond Mine laid out and

thinks he had something to do with it, which has Crews on his feet. We have a question from Grayson from Australia: what is going to happen when Crews gets run out of NXT? Apollo from Orlando has a question for Waller: how does it feel to be a low budget Miz? Waller brings up Crews' kids, so Crews promises to win a title around here soon and punches him out. Crews is right about the low rent Miz, but this was some of Crews' best talking to date as he sounded confident and like a normal person.

Pretty Deadly and Gallus have to be separated again backstage.

Video on Tyler Bate.

Mr. Stone and Von Wagner are ready to hurt Tyler Bate.

Javier Bernal vs. Cameron Grimes

Last week, Bernal annoyed a security guard, who wasn't pleased. Schism is watching from the platform and wishes Grimes luck. Bernal claims an early poke to the eye to jump Grimes, earning himself a kick to the gut. Some more shots from Bernal are shrugged off and Grimes almost drops him on his head with a faceplant. The Cave In, plus a glare at Schism, finishes for Grimes at 2:31.

Video on Blair Davenport.

Video on Alba Fyre.

Blair Davenport vs. Indi Hartwell

Hartwell grabs an early headlock takeover and grinds away before being sent to the apron. A dropkick knocks Hartwell to the floor but she blocks a posting. Back in and a neckbreaker sets up a cobra clutch on Hartwell, before Davenport jumps on her back for a sleeper. With that broken up, Hartwell spinebusters her for two but Davenport pulls her off the top and hits something like a Snowplow for the pin at 3:46.

Rating: C-. This wasn't exactly good as they were rather sloppy in multiple parts, especially the ending. What matters here is that Davenport got a win, even if Hartwell isn't in the best place around NXT. Davenport seemed ready to break through in NXT UK and it wouldn't surprise me to see her in the title picture here soon.

Post match Davenport says that she was #1 contender to the NXT UK Women's Title so she'll take the NXT Women's Title instead. Cue Mandy Rose, who wants some respect on her name. Cue Meiko Satomura to say she's the real champion instead of Rose. The challenge seems to be on but Davenport wants in on this. Satomura: "TRIPLE THREAT MATCH!"

Tiffany Stratton wants the winner of the triple threat match after she takes out Wendy Choo tonight.

Tony D'Angelo tells Legado del Fantasma that things are starting over tonight, even though they don't look happy.

JD McDonagh, hanging upside down, seems ready to bounce back.

Wes Lee is creeped out by McDonagh but for now he'd rather talk to Kayden Carter and Katana Chance. They're ready to face anyone and Lee is pleased.

Indi Hartwell is still sitting on the apron and says this is what rock bottom feels like. The problem isn't Blair Davenport but Indi herself. She took a long look at herself but now she is right here four months later in the same position after Stand & Deliver. All she is doing is saying words...but here is Dexter Lumis.

We get the big hug, followed by a slightly less bigger hug. Dexter crawls to the floor and carries her out like he did in the old days. Wade Barrett is nearly sick as Dexter carries her to the door of the arena. Dexter hands her a letter, then walks outside and is arrested. The letter says "Goodbye Indi (for now). I (picture of a heart) love you)." That was so out

there and nutty that it made me forget that it was Index.

Cora Jade insists that she is still better than Roxanne Perez.

Dyad vs. Legado del Fantasma

Everyone else you would expect is at ringside and Cameron Grimes is watching from the platform. Legado sends them outside to start but doesn't like Tony D'Angelo. Back in and the Dyad hits something like Poetry in Motion to take over on Del Toro. An enziguri allows the hot tag back to Wilde as everything breaks down. What looked to be the Dyad's former Ticket To Ride is broken up, only to have the second attempt connect for the pin on Wilde at 4:57.

Rating: C-. This wasn't exactly working and that is often the case with two of the least interesting gimmicks on the NXT roster. Legado being annoyed at D'Angelo has been done to death and Schism is dull in general. Hopefully they're kept apart, as the match wasn't very good on top of making me grown when I saw the teams.

Javier Bernal is upset by his loss until he runs into a woman. The security guard (also known as Hank Walker from NXT LVL Up) tells him to respect women. Walker is really bad so I'm not looking forward to this.

Legado del Fantasma goes to the parking lot where Santos Escobar is waiting for them in the car. Family stays together, so they get in and leave with him.

Von Wagner vs. Tyler Bate

Mr. Stone is here with Wagner. Bate gets powered down to start and there's the gorilla press drop to leave him laying. The chinlock goes on for a bit before Bate fights up, only to have the Tyler Driver broken up. Wagner gets sent outside for a dive from Bate though and Bate hammers away back inside. A clothesline drops Bate again but he comes back with a

clothesline of his own. The rebound lariat is blocked so Bate goes with Bop and Bang. A rolling capo kick sets up a t-bone suplex and the Spinal Tap finishes Wagner at 6:08.

Rating: C. I'm not sure I get why Wagner got in so much offense on the new #1 contender as you would think Bate would be pushed stronger. Bate did win though so it isn't some great tragedy, even if he didn't get to do his big move. Wagner continues to be just another big guy around here and thankfully he didn't do anything more than take a loss here.

Diamond Mine is ready for Gallus next week but Roderick Strong isn't included as the Creeds don't trust him. Josh Briggs and Brooks Jensen come in and a champions vs. champions match seems likely.

Wendy Choo vs. Tiffany Stratton

Lights Out meaning anything goes and Choo has to get out of bed. The lights are dimmed and the brawl is on, with Choo taking her outside for some rams into the corner. Back in and Choo hits a running shot in the corner before they go back outside for shots from...I can't tell actually, and neither can commentary. Stratton gets in another shot to take over and we go to a break.

Back with Stratton missing a moonsault onto a chair onto Choo, who is back up with a suplex onto the chair. Choo puts on a reverse chinlock with a wrench over Stratton's mouth but Stratton pulls hairspray from her purse to spray her way to freedom. A powerbomb onto a trashcan gives Stratton two and they both need a breather.

Back up and Choo hits her with a pillow, which is full of...Legos. Stratton hits a fall away slam in the general vicinity of the Legos, followed by a toss to send her straight into the Legos for a better crash. Choo kicks some makeup powder into Stratton's face though and a slam off the apron sends her through Choo's bed. A top rope Vader Bomb gives Choo

the pin at 13:02.

Rating: C+. I'm not wild on the result but they only did a few goofy things here and nothing that was too far out there. It was a bunch of different weapons and some of the spots were a bit more creative, so this could have been a heck of a lot worse. If nothing else, the feud seems to have been finally good so it's nice to get done with this once and for all, even with Stratton losing.

Bron Breaker, Tyler Bate, Meiko Satomura, Mandy Rose and Blair Davenport all sign their contracts for Worlds Collide to end the show.

Overall Rating: C. I was only getting into this one a little bit as it was kind of an off week for the show. The NXT UK people being around doesn't have the same impact when they're just being moved over from a dead show but at least Worlds Collide is looking good. I'm not sure where they go after that show is set, but this could have been a better built towards the bit card. Not their best show and pretty firmly in the middle.

Results

Gallus b. Brooks Jensen/Josh Briggs via countout

Cameron Grimes b. Javier Bernal – Cave In

Blair Davenport b. Indi Hartwell – Snowplow

Dyad b. Legado del Fantasma – Ticket To Ride to Wilde

Wendy Choo b. Tiffany Stratton – Top rope Vader Bomb

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NXT UK – August 11, 2022: Their Run Of The Mill Style

NXT UK

Date: August 11, 2022

Location: BT Sports Studio, London, England

Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Andy Shepherd

We're in a new world around here as the United Kingdom Title is vacant and that means it is time for a tournament to crown a new one. Other than that, we have the usual issues to deal with, likely meaning an NXT guest star and some stuff in the pretty decent women's division. Let's get to it.

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Opening sequence.

We recap Ilja Dragunov getting injured and the need for a title tournament.

United Kingdom Title Tournament First Round: Oliver Carter vs. Charlie Dempsey

The rest of Die Familie is here with Dempsey and Carter is coming in with a banged up knee. Both of them get inset promos

promising to win. Carter isn't having any of this Die Familie posing before the bell and jumps Dempsey to start fast. A clothesline puts Dempsey on the floor and there's the slingshot dive, with the knee holding up well enough. Back in and Dempsey sends him hard into the corner so the leg hits the ropes.

Dempsey takes him down by the leg for some rather painful looking cranking. Carter fights up and tries a springboard, only to hurt his leg again. Of course Dempsey is fine with going after an injured limb, setting up a northern lights suplex for two. Carter kicks out of a kneebar attempt so Dempsey ties up the leg again and fires off some forearms to the chest.

A leg trap dragon suplex gets two on Carter but that's escaped as well. Some forearms stagger Dempsey to start Carter's comeback but his knee gives out again. A Rock Bottom gives Carter two so he tries the superkick, only to have his knee fail one more time. Another dragon screw legwhip sets up a half crab...which Carter reverses into a cradle for the pin at 9:11.

Rating: C+. Carter has come a long way and it is nice to see him getting a chance like this. He has no chance of winning the title but he got a win here and gets to keep going for one more match. It's also weird seeing Dempsey get pinned, but he is the kind of guy who is going to be able to have a spot for as long as he wants as there is always room for a technical star.

After last week's #1 contenders main event ended in a mess, Blair Davenport, Eliza Alexander, Amale and Isla Dawn had to be separated.

Tyler Bate is ready to be United Kingdom Champion again.

Eliza Alexander vs. Thea Hail

Alexander fires off forearms to start but gets flipped into the corner for her efforts. Back up and Hail hits a quick dropkick but gets sent hard into the corner. There's a hair toss to start working on the hair and a camel clutch to work on Hail's....camels? Hail powers up and hits an enziguri but a standing moonsault hits raised knees. Alexander hits a running kick to the face for the pin at 4:14.

Rating: C-. Hail has a lot of energy and her charisma in the Chase U segments are great, but the matches aren't quite clicking yet. It's also a little weird to see her lose here when she's treated as something of a project, especially to Xia Brookside's enforcer. Not much of a match, with something of an odd result.

Amale is immediately interrupted by Nina Samuels, who calls Amale no hope to the French whatsoever. Amale rants in French before switching to English to say she'll go through anyone to become champion, including Samuels.

Andre Chase finishes explaining why we don't have a U in the word "color" but Eddie Dennis comes in to besmirch this university. Chase: "WHO THE F*** DO YOU THINK YOU ARE???" This is a TEACHABLE MOMENT and somehow Dennis gets a match with...Saxton Huxley? Dennis vs. Chase is as obvious of a path as you can get around here.

Teoman vs. Sam Gradwell

Rohan Raja is here with Teoman. Gradwell grinds away on a headlock to start but Teoman is back with a slap to the face. This goes as well as expected as Gradwell punches him in the face a few times, followed by a clothesline out to the floor. A Raja distraction lets Teoman sweep the leg on the apron though and we hit the chinlock back inside.

Gradwell powers up and tosses him away, with Teoman coming up holding his ankle. Even Gradwell doesn't buy this but Raja grabs him from behind for a neck snap across the top. Teoman's

sliding forearm gets two so Gradwell fights up and slugs away. Raja gets caught pulling Gradwell off the ropes though and that's an ejection. The distraction lets Gradwell hit a Samoan driver for the pin at 5:45.

Rating: C. Commentary was putting over how far Gradwell has come and that is absolutely right. He has gone from little more than another person without much of a personality to being the one who stands up to evildoers. That is the kind of spot that could serve him well as he is intense enough to make it work, which is exactly what he is doing.

Mark Coffey is in Sid Scala's office when Noam Dar comes in, saying they need to talk. Dar wants a rematch and that's fine with Coffey, who tells Scala to make a rubber match. Scala will get on that.

United Kingdom Title Tournament First Round: Wolfgang vs. Trent Seven

They take their time to start until Wolfgang shoulders him down. An armdrag into an armbar has Seven in more trouble, followed by some shoulders driven into his shoulders. Wolfgang runs him over again and they head outside with Seven being whipped into the barricade. Seven cuts off a dive from the barricade though and the beating is on back inside.

We hit the chinlock with a knee in Wolfgang's back until he powers up, only to have his ribs give out. The ribs are fine enough for a release German suplex, setting up a basement shoulder for a double breather. A suplex into a cutter gives Wolfgang two and a fireman's carry gutbuster gets the same. Wolfgang knocks him off the top but the Howling only hits raised knees. The Birmingham finishes for Seven at 8:56.

Rating: C+. Nice stuff here, as Seven gets a win to continue his run. He isn't likely to win the title either but he is in a better spot than Wolfgang, who just lost his title shot. The match was good enough too, with Wolfgang getting to dominate

until Seven caught him in the end.

Overall Rating: C+. The good thing about having a tournament is that you can have a good idea of how long it is going to run. Odds are this one is going to last for probably a month, which should give us some nice action and drama. Other than that, we had the usual nice show with a bit of everything mixed in. In other words, it was your run of the mill NXT UK.

Results

Oliver Carter b. Charlie Dempsey – Rollup

Eliza Alexander b. Thea Hail – Running kick to the face

Sam Gradwell b. Teoman – Samoan driver

Trent Seven b. Wolfgang – Birminghammer

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NXT UK – August 4, 2022: And

Then Things Changed

NXT UK

Date: August 4, 2022

Location: BT Sports Studios, London, England

Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Andy Shepherd

Things should be getting a bit more energized around here as we had the big showdown for the United Kingdom Title last week. Ilja Dragunov is going to need a fresh opponent after dispatching Wolfgang and a bigger one would be nice. This week is a title week also, as we have Meiko Satomura defending the Women's Title against Sarray. Let's get to it.

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Opening sequence.

Here is United Kingdom Champion Ilja Dragunov for a chat...and he's on crutches. Dragunov says he suffered a severe ankle injury during his title defense last week (insert clip here) and that means he cannot defend his title. Therefore it has to be vacated, but he isn't going to talk about how hard this is for him.

Everyone back there is fighting hard every day and there is nothing special about him. He doesn't regret anything he did in the ring and when he looks around the ring, there are bits of his soul all around the canvas. All he wanted to do was show that he could do this and the only person who defeats him is himself. Dragunov promises to come back for his title before laying the belt in the ring and walking away. Gah that's frustrating, as I was curious to see how they were going to get the title off of him otherwise.

Chase University has come to London and see the sights, with Bodie Hayward wanting to stay at the Tower Of London. Then they go to the important place: the NXT UK Performance Center,

where they find Sha Samuels basically destitute outside. Hayward has this one and thinks Shaw could make it into Chase U. This sends Shaw into a rant and we might have a match, partially due to Hayward being called a "stupid mark". Hayward to Chase: "That guy works here?"

Johnny Saint and Sid Scala announce an eight man tournament for the vacant United Kingdom Title, with participants being announced later tonight.

Oliver Carter vs. Rohan Raja

The rest of Die Familie is here with Raja. Carter doesn't waste time and starts striking away, including a running dropkick to put Raja outside. A quick Charlie Dempsey distraction breaks that up though and Carter gets stomped down on the floor. Back in and a hard whip into the corner keeps Carter in trouble and we hit the abdominal stretch.

That's switched into the same thing from Carter, which is broken up without much trouble. What looks to be a fall away slam is countered with a knee to Raja's head and a springboard moonsault scores for Carter. There's a dive to take out the rest of Die Familie, followed by the running spinwheel kick in the corner to finish Raja at 5:23.

Rating: C. Carter getting to shine while his partner is on the shelf is a good sign for his future and I'm curious to see what he gets to do until Ashton Smith gets back. Die Familie continues its up and down success, but they were never presented as some top team so the losses don't have quite the same sting. This one didn't change much, but Carter fighting against Die Familie is something for him to do.

Post match Die Familie comes in to beat Carter down.

Thea Hail is happy to be here but Eliza Alexander doesn't like her. A match seems imminent.

Teoman is happy with what happened to Oliver Carter, because that was a win. Sam Gradwell comes in and implies he doesn't like bullies.

Sha Samuels vs. Bodie Hayward

The rest of Chase U is here too. Samuels is so broke that he has all of his possessions in a bindle. He also apparently smells bad as Hayward shoves him into the corner. The fans want Samuels to take a shower as he gets hiptossed and clotheslined. A neck snap across the top gets Samuels out of trouble and he elbows Hayward in the face. There's a kick to Hayward's back but he's back up with the running shoulders to Samuels' legs. The splash gives Hayward two but he misses a charge into the corner, setting up a spinebuster to give Samuels the pin at 4:45.

Rating: C. Another just kind of there match, though I'm not sure I get why Samuels would win here. He is so down on his luck that losing to a student would make sense, though at least he might be able to get somewhere with a win. The down on his luck story is a fun way to go, even if Samuels isn't that interesting in the first place.

Samuels is REALLY happy with his win.

Oliver Carter is banged up, but Sid Scala comes in to say he's in the title tournament, with his first round match coming up next week. Carter is banged up but he can go with that.

We recap Ilja Dragunov vacating the title (in a full video package, which is all the more impressive/unnecessary when it was both on this show and earlier in the same show). Here are the tournament brackets:

Trent Seven

Wolfgang

Charlie Dempsey

Oliver Carter

Mark Andrews

Joe Coffey

Tyler Bate

Kenny Williams

Women's Title: Meiko Satomura vs. Sarray

Satomura is defending, but hold on because here is Blair Davenport to interrupt. Apparently Satomura and Sarray aren't here for some non-apparent reason. Davenport says Satomura keeps ducking her and the title reign is due to Davenport breaking her ankle months ago. Cue Amale to say hold on, with Eliza Alexander cutting them both off to complain about not getting the title shot. Davenport doesn't want to hear this but Isla Dawn pops up behind her and says it's her shot. Sid Scala says we still need a main event tonight so it's Davenport vs. Dawn for the #1 contendership.

Blair Davenport vs. Isla Dawn

Dawn kicks her down to start and cranks on the ankle early on. Back up and Davenport manages some kicks into the corner, setting up the required leg choke. Davenport sends her to the corner where Dawn gets in a knee to the face for two, allowing her to flap her arms a bit.

A running knee to the face gives Dawn two more and we hit the chinlock. That's broken up and they slug it out with Davenport getting the better of things. A basement dropkick gives Davenport two of her own but Dawn is back with a hard belly to back suplex for two more. Dawn hits a top rope Meteora for two, but Eliza Alexander pulls her out for the DQ at 7:12.

Rating: C+. This was one of Dawn's better matches but they telegraphed that finish way too hard. It didn't make sense for Alexander and Amale to just be ok with this being for the

future title shot so having Alexander interfered at least makes sense. Then again Dawn won via DQ so she should get the title shot, but you know that isn't where this is going. Anyway, best thing on the show so far, false advertising aside.

Post match Amale beats up Davenport and the huge melee has to be broken up to end the show.

Overall Rating: C. I'm going to assume that everything was turned upside down by Dragunov's injury and a lot of this was the fallout. The main event was a bait and switch but maybe they're waiting for a show later in the taping cycle. This wasn't a good show, but at least they had an excuse thanks to the Dragunov injury.

Results

Oliver Carter b. Rohan Raja – Running spinwheel kick in the corner

Sha Samuels b. Bodie Hayward – Spinebuster

Isla Dawn b. Blair Davenport via DQ when Eliza Alexander interfered

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NXT UK – July 28, 2022: It's Still Holding Up

NXT UK

Date: July 28, 2022

Location: BT Sports Studios, London, England

Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Andy Shepherd

It's title time again this week as Ilja Dragunov remembers that he is the United Kingdom Champion and defends against Wolfgang. Gallus has been doing better in recent weeks with Mark Coffey winning the Heritage Cup so maybe we are in for some more of their momentum. Other than that, I'm sure it will be the usual random assortment around here. Let's get to it.

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

The opening video runs down tonight's card.

Opening sequence.

Tag Team Titles; Josh Briggs/Brooks Jensen vs. Wild Boar/Mark Andrews

Boar and Andrews, who commentary says have been friends for years, are challenging. Boar cranks on Jensen's arm to start and Andrews comes in to work on the knee. A blind tag brings Briggs in though and a double shoulder runs Boar over. It's back to Andrews, who gets planted with an assisted powerslam and the chinlock goes on.

Briggs comes back in for a chinlock of his own but throws Andrews into a Stundog Millionaire on Jensen. The tag brings Boar back in to clean house, including the Boar splash to crush Jensen for two. Another Stundog Millionaire hits Briggs

but Fall To Pieces lands on raised knees. Jensen hits the sliding lariat for the pin at 11:12.

Rating: C. Briggs and Jensen aren't a great team but they fill in a role rather well. They have the size and the gimmick where you know exactly what you are getting and they do a nice job with it. Boar and Andrews aren't some big time challengers but for a one off title defense, they filled in the spot well enough.

Respect is shown post match.

Sam Gradwell is coming for Trent Seven.

Meiko Satomura and Sarray had a very respectful press conference and are both ready to win in their title match next week.

Amale vs. Blair Davenport

Davenport's headlock seems to annoy Amale to start but Davenport sends her outside. Amale misses a running boot and crashes into the barricade to make it even worse. Back in and some shoulders set up a cobra clutch on Amale, who has to fight up. The comeback is on with some shots to Davenport's face but she kicks Amale in the face for two. A running knee to the face sets up a Falcon Arrow to finish Amale at 5:50.

Rating: C. You can probably pencil in Davenport as the next challenger to the Women's Title and it is pretty easy to see why. She has the look and attitude to make her feel like a big deal and that is often all you need. It seemed like she was ready to take the title from Satomura before the injury and maybe they are just picking up where things got delayed. Amale seems to have cooled off, which is kind of a shame as she seemed ready to move up.

Oliver Carter seems to have broken into Die Familie's apartment and helped himself to their stuff.

Sha Samuels is now giving away his clothes to pay off his gambling losses.

United Kingdom Title: Ilja Dragunov vs. Wolfgang

Wolfgang is challenging and we get the Big Match Intros. Dragunov gets powered into the corner to start but is right back with some headlock takeovers. An exchange of shoulders goes to Wolfgang but he charges into another headlock takeover. Dragunov picks him up but seems to hurt his back. That works for Wolfgang, who puts a knee in the back while grabbing a chinlock.

A whip into the corner lets Wolfgang pose, which doesn't seem to be the best idea at the moment. There's an elbow drop on the back, which gives out again as Dragunov tries to pick him up. The enziguri misses for Dragunov and Wolfgang hits him in the back, only to have the enziguri connect on the second attempt. A middle rope knee connects for Dragunov and a backsplash does the same, only to hurt his own back.

Wolfgang grabs a torture rack and drops Dragunov back first onto his knee for two. One heck of a forearm gives Dragunov two more and he has to pull himself to the top for the backsplash, leaving him screaming in pain and not covering. Wolfgang is back with the suplex faceplant for two but the slingshot spear is cut off with a knee. Somehow Dragunov manages a slam and the Torpedo (minus Moscow) retains the title at 15:58.

Rating: B-. I wasn't nearly as into this one as I was most Dragunov matches, but was anyone buying Wolfgang as a threat to the title? He felt like someone who was built up for a few weeks for the sole purpose of losing here, though he has turned it up a bit himself in recent weeks. Dragunov needs a new big bad though and I'm not sure who that is going to be at the moment.

Respect is shown to end the show.

Overall Rating: C+. This show was stacked with a pair of title matches, but nothing really broke through to that next level. What matters is having some star power though, as it has been lacking in recent weeks. NXT UK has lost some a good bit of its momentum but even their weaker shows are still an easy hourish watch. That will do for now, but they need to find something to get another fire going.

Results

Josh Briggs/Brooks Jensen b. Wild Boar/Mark Andrews – Sliding lariat to Andrews

Blair Davenport b. Amale – Falcon Arrow

Ilja Dragunov b. Wolfgang – Torpedo

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NXT UK – July 21, 2022: Fix This Stuff

NXT UK

Date: July 21, 2022

Location: BT Sports Studios, London, England

Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Andy Shepherd

We're coming off of a title change last week as Mark Coffey FINALLY took the Heritage Cup from Noam Dar, ending his record reign. After the match, Joe Coffey made his return to celebrate with his brother as things seem to be going well for Gallus for a change. Let's get to it.

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

We open with a recap of Mark Coffey's win last week.

Opening sequence.

Isla Dawn vs. Fallon Henley

Henley forearms away to start and hits an elbow to the face before armdragging her into the ropes. That means a forearm to the face but Dawn sends her into the corner to take over. A running kick to the chest gives Dawn two and we hit the cross arm choke. Henley fights up and drives her into the corner for the break, only to get kicked in the head. Dawn hits a half nelson slam for the pin at 5:13.

Rating: C-. I continue to have no idea what is going on with the bottom half of the women's division as Dawn gets a win after seemingly not winning anything for the better part of ever. At the same time, you would think that Henley would be one of the more protected stars from NXT, though it does at least give Dawn a win with some value. That isn't likely to go anywhere, but at least she got something.

Sarray is happy to be here but stops to ask Meiko Satomura for a match. Satomura is down for a change, but tells Sarray to be prepared.

We look back at Amale beating Stevie Turner but not impressing Blair Davenport.

Amale goes to find Blair Davenport and says she's keeping her anger for whenever they get in the ring.

Josh Morrell vs. Dave Mastiff

Morrell has both shoulders taped up. Mastiff grabs a headlock to start and takes it to the mat, where Morrell hand walks his way to freedom. A wristlock has about the same luck as Morrell spins out, leaving Mastiff frustrated. Instead of the holds Mastiff tries the power, with a hard shoulder and belly to back suplex to drop Morrell for the first time. The slow pounding begins, with Mastiff forearming him down and putting on the nerve hold.

Back up and an overhead belly to belly sends Morrell flying for two in a good looking crash. Morrell can't get a sunset flip but he can hit a dropkick, setting up a corkscrew moonsault for two. Another dropkick puts Mastiff on the floor, setting up a big running flip dive. Back in and Mastiff snaps off a powerbomb into a Regal Roll for two. Another Regal Roll sets up a backplash to finish Morrell at 7:01.

Rating: C. So you have Morrell get a win a few weeks ago and then he gets beaten down here in a near squash. I'm not sure what the logic is there, as Morrell seems to have something that might be worth giving a small shot. Mastiff winning is fine enough, but why have Morrell lose after building him up recently?

Respect is shown post match.

Sha Samuels and Noam Dar are having some trouble paying off

the gambling debts from last week's Heritage Cup loss. They can't even afford a paper or booze so Dar leaves. Two hours later, Johnny Saint showed up to get his money, sending Dar running off.

Josh Briggs and Brooks Jensen are fired up to be champions and they're down for a title defense against Wild Boar/Mark Andrews.

Nina Samuels vs. Emilia McKenzie

They fight over a lockup to start until McKenzie gets up the ropes for a quick hurricanrana. Samuels gets taken into the corner for some kicks to the leg but sends McKenzie face first into the ropes. A dropkick to the back puts McKenzie in trouble and she gets tossed around the ring without much trouble.

The comeback is cut off with a forearm to the face for a delayed two before Samuels puts her on top. That's fine with McKenzie, who pounds her down for a crash outside. Back in and a faceplant drops Samuels for two but McKenzie misses a charge into the corner to give Samuels two of her own. That doesn't seem to matter as McKenzie hits a spear for the pin at 4:57.

Rating: C. They're building to something with McKenzie, as she isn't happy with Meiko Satomura paying more attention to Sarray. A win here gives her a bit of momentum and it wouldn't shock me to see her get involved in the upcoming Sarray vs. Satomura match. That's a way to go, as McKenzie is certainly talented enough to go somewhere if given a chance.

We get a face to face showdown between Ilja Dragunov and Wolfgang before Dragunov's United Kingdom Title defense next week. Wolfgang has wanted to be champion since 2017 and wants to take it from Dragunov. That's cool with Dragunov, who says Wolfgang is the kind of person who helped him get to the title in the first place.

Wolfgang wants to win the title, but Dragunov talks about Wolfgang being stuck in the shadow of Gallus. Next week, Dragunov wants to fight Wolfgang one on one, not a member of Gallus. Wolfgang is ready to do Dragunov a favor by taking the champion's burden away, but Dragunov doesn't think so. Simple and to the point here, but it's a little hard to buy Wolfgang as a major threat to Dragunov.

Trent Seven vs. Sam Gradwell

Seven is sent outside with Gradwell hitting a suicide dive eleven seconds in. Gradwell knocks him around ringside before pulling Seven off the apron to keep him in trouble. They get up to the apron, with Seven nailing a hard lariat to drop Gradwell for a needed breather. Back in and a suplex drops Gradwell, allowing Seven to kick away at the chest. That just wakes Gradwell up so he fires off forearms to the face and a belly to belly suplex for a bonus.

A running clothesline puts Seven on the floor again but he's right back in for a hard suicide dive to knock Gradwell into the barricade. Back in and Gradwell catches him on top for a top rope butterfly suplex (and a heck of a crash). That's enough for Seven to run, which is enough of a ruse to let Seven send Gradwell knee first into the steps. They get back in and it's time to stay on Gradwell's knee, with the brace being ripped off.

Something close to a Figure Four has the knee in trouble, though Gradwell turns it over, with Seven getting straight to the rope. Gradwell hits a hard clothesline for two but Seven goes right back to the knee. The Seven Star Lariat gets two so Seven grabs the knee brace. A big swing misses, so Gradwell drops him with a discus forearm. Gradwell picks up the brace but gets it taken away, allowing Seven to kick him low (because he's a modern heel). Another Seven Star Lariat finishes Gradwell at 11:02.

Rating: C+. This was the same problem that Seven has had since his heel turn: he's only so good/interesting in the ring and his way out of trouble is a low blow. Other than the eventual match with Tyler Bate, I'm not sure how interesting he is going to be. As long as he isn't pushed as the next top heel or even a huge deal, it should work out, but I don't know what kind of legs he has in this role after the Bate showdown.

Post match Seven loads up another low blow but Tyler Bate returns and chases him off to end the show (with Seven giving a great "I've just seen a ghost" face).

Overall Rating: C-. Not their best effort of a show, as you can feel the energy draining out. Maybe things can get a bit better with a fresh taping cycle, but Dragunov vs. Wolfgang isn't exactly a top feud. I don't know if Seven vs. Bate is the big solution, but things have not been the most thrilling around here as of late. At least the NXT invasion seems to have gone away, though it isn't like things are great again. This wasn't a very interesting show and that needs to change in the coming weeks.

Results

Isla Dawn b. Fallon Henley – Half nelson slam

Dave Mastiff b. Josh Morrell – Backsplash

Emilia McKenzie b. Nina Samuels – Spear

Trent Seven b. Sam Gradwell – Seven Star Lariat

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NXT UK – July 14, 2022: They Used To Do It This Way

NXT UK

Date: July 14, 2022

Location: BT Sports Studios, London, England

Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Andy Shepherd

We are in for a big time title match this week as the Heritage Cup is on the line. Noam Dar has dominated the division for such a long time that he is starting to repeat challenges, which will be the case this week as Mark Coffey gets another shot. Other than that, we have the continuing adventures of just about everyone else around here. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Oliver Carter vs. Teoman

The rest of Die Familie is here with Teoman. They go technical to start until Teoman elbows him in the face. It's too early for a wristlock though (if that's possible) and Carter takes over on the arm instead. That's broken up as well and Teoman hits a neckbreaker onto the knee for two.

We hit the chinlock for a bit, followed by some slow stomping to keep Carter down. Carter fights up and hits a quick springboard moonsault to start the comeback, including an elbow to the face. Another neckbreaker cuts Carter down for two, only to have him kick Teoman in the face for a breather of his own. That means it's time for Carter to cut off Die Familie's interference, setting up the springboard missile dropkick. A running spinwheel kick in the corner gives Carter the pin at 7:27.

Rating: C. Carter is someone who could do something interesting on his own but odds are that is not going to be done for whenever Ashton Smith comes back. The good thing is that NXT UK has turned Carter and Smith from little more than a jobber team to stars and a team that means something. That is something WWE and NXT have struggled to do for a long time but they pulled it off here, so well done.

Post match Die Familie comes in and beats Carter down.

Trent Seven jumped Sam Gradwell at the Performance Center.

Fallon Henley is at the Performance Center when Isla Dawn comes up to freak her out. Well at least she tries to, as Henley doesn't seem impressed.

Dave Mastiff congratulates Josh Morrell on his win last week but says next week won't go so well when they meet. Morrell says he'll give it everything he has.

Wolfgang is kicking a soccer ball around and has heard that Ilja Dragunov respects him. That means something, but there is no animal more dangerous than Wolfgang. Why can't he take the United Kingdom Title?

Stevie Turner vs. Amale

Blair Davenport is on commentary. Turner grabs a headlock to start and runs Amale over, setting up the pose as Davenport

brags about her own awesomeness. Amale is back with a running neckbreaker into a running basement dropkick. That's too early for a comeback (assuming she was in enough trouble to count it as a comeback) though and Turner kicks her down again. A running boot to the face and a running knee lift get two on Amale as Davenport doesn't approve. Amale starts screaming a lot and hits a running bulldog for two, followed by the Hope Breaker for the pin at 4:16.

Rating: C-. Not much to see here, but the interesting thing is the fact that there are a few things going on in the women's division. This is impressive not just because things are going well, but also because there are enough people and stories to make an actual division for a change. It might not have been a great match but I'd kind of like to see where things go, and that is an improvement.

Sha Samuels can't accompany Noam Dar to the ring tonight.

Meiko Satomura and Sarray are happy with their win, but Satomura wants a match with her next week. Satomura doesn't say anything but leaves with Sarray. Emilia McKenzie isn't happy but is less thrilled with Nina Samuels coming up to ask how that makes her feel. McKenzie leaves as well, with Samuels finding this intriguing.

Mark Andrews and Wild Boar would like a Tag Team Title shot.

Sid Scala announces Ilja Dragunov vs. Wolfgang for the United Kingdom Title in two weeks.

Heritage Cup: Mark Coffey vs. Noam Dar

Dar is defending and has no Sha Samuels, who has put Coffey as a 100-1 underdog. Round One begins with a bit of a slow pace as they go for some grappling. The threat of an armbar sends Dar into the ropes, where he compliments Coffey on his intelligence. Coffey takes him to the mat before letting him back up for a running shoulder. The armbar has Dar in more

trouble as the round ends, with Dar seeming to sucker Coffey into an illegal cheap shot (the referee isn't pleased).

Round Two begins with the Nova Roller missing and Coffey grabbing the Gator Lock (kind of a Tazmission but with Coffey on the mat like he would be for a crossface) for a tap and a 1-0 lead at 16 seconds of the round and 3:56 overall. Round Three begins with Coffey going for an early rollup, followed by a quick middle rope bulldog. Dar is sent to the apron and manages to get up a kick to the face.

Another shot the face gives Dar two and it's time to start stomping on the arm. Coffey tries to fire up but gets kicked down for two more. A suplex is blocked but Dar can't hit the Nova Roller before the time runs out (leaving Samuels panicking even more in the back). Round Four begins with Coffey grabbing another rollup but getting kicked in the face for his efforts. The kneebar makes Coffey tap to tie it up at 40 seconds of the round and 9:01 overall.

Round Five begins with Dar hitting a running corner dropkick for two. Another kneebar is countered so Coffey can boot him in the face. Dar is back up with a guillotine choke, which is countered into a suplex for a double knockdown. They fight up against the ropes until Dar kicks the knee out. Dar goes up top but gets caught, setting up a superplex as time expires.

Round Six begins with another kneebar being blocked so Dar kicks him in the face. The Gator Lock goes on again, with Dar making it over to the rope in a hurry. They head outside with Dar taking him out but Coffey just beats the count. An elbow to the face gives Dar two but Coffey is back with a running clothesline. The sliding forearm gives Coffey the pin and the title at 2:58 of the round and 18:35.

Rating: B. These two beat each other up rather well and I was wanting to see just how much one of them could take before they gave out. Coffey got the big win that he has been waiting

on for a long time now and that opens up a bunch of doors going forward. If nothing else, Joe Coffey coming back could set up a heck of a showdown if that's where they go. Good main event here, and Dar should be in line for a shot at the United Kingdom Title after a run like this one.

Post match Samuels comes out, tears up his betting slips, and cries a lot as Dar comes over to him. A lot of the locker room comes out to celebrate with Coffey...and to get their money. With everyone else gone, Joe Coffey comes to the ring and celebrates with Mark to end the show.

Overall Rating: C+. The main event carried the show and they did a nice job of not having the NXT stars take over the show again. This felt like the old school NXT UK show and it was nice to have something like that around again. At its best, NXT UK can be a lot of fun and that is what they made work here. I don't quite believe the show will be back to where it was before, but I'll take it for a start.

Results

Oliver Carter b. Teoman – Running spinwheel kick in the corner

Amale b. Stevie Turner – Hope Breaker

Mark Coffey b. Noam Dar 2-1

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NXT UK – July 7, 2022: They're Getting Closer

NXT UK

Date: July 7, 2022

Location: BT Sports Studios, London, England

Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Andy Shepherd

Things need to pick up a bit around here and unfortunately that has been the case for a little while now. Between the influx of NXT stars and nothing major happening for a few weeks now, it hasn't been the most exciting place. Maybe that can be changed this week as Kenny Williams faces Tiger Turan. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Kenny Williams vs. Tiger Turan

Williams charges at him before the bell but settles for a lockup once we get going. That earns him an armbar from Turan without much effort, followed by a running shoulder for the knockdown. Turan goes back to the arm before dropkicking a frustrated Williams out to the floor. Back in and Turan does a headstand in the corner to avoid another charge before kicking Williams down again.

Williams finally gets smart by taking out the leg and a boot

scrape across the eyes makes it worse. The neck crank doesn't do much for Williams as Turan is back with a sunset flip for two. A tilt-a-whirl faceplant plants Williams but the Swanton hits raised knees. That lets Williams talk a bunch of trash (Williams: "I KNOW IT'S YOU!") but the distraction lets Turan grab a small package for the pin at 6:35.

Rating: C. This was a grudge match and the story is likely to continue. I'm not sure where it is going, though Amir Jordan being acknowledged last week has me curious. Why would you have name drop the person's name if he is supposed to be a surprise? Anyway, this story is interesting me more than I would have bet on so well done with the success.

Post match Williams goes after Turan and takes the mask off, revealing...a second mask. Referees have to drag Williams away from the ring. Nigel mentioned Amir Jordan as Turan's likely identity during the melee.

Video on Josh Briggs and Brooks Jensen winning the Tag Team Titles and being targeted by Pretty Deadly.

Trent Seven was held back by security when Sam Gradwell came in. Even Gradwell thinks what Seven did was low, but Seven storms off anyway.

Die Familie again wants Oliver Carter to join the team but he doesn't like Ashton Smith's name being invoked. The result is Carter vs. Teoman at some point in the future.

Josh Morrell vs. Primate

Primate drives him into the corner for some yelling to start but Morrell gets in a shove of his own to start the frustration. The test of strength actually puts Primate down but Morrell can't break his bridge. With that not working, Morrell goes up to the corner and gets German suplexed right back down for the big crash. A backdrop gives Primate two but Morrell low bridges him to the floor. Back in and Primate runs

him over again, setting up a clothesline to the apron. That's fine with Morrell, who grabs a sunset flip for the completely clean pin at 4:06.

Rating: C. This was an interesting way to go as Morrell got the clean win so he gets a boost, but the match felt more like Primate having trouble after dropping Eddie Dennis. That story can be advanced, but at the same time, Morrell finally gets a win that could move him up the ladder. Maybe it means nothing, but at least he is getting a start.

Blair Davenport is back and gets interrupted by Amale. Last week Davenport talked about crushing hope, which COULDN'T have been about her. Davenport laughs it off, but does threaten Amale if she ever tries anything else. With Davenport gone, Stevie Turner comes in and gets a match with Amale as a result.

Video on Ilja Dragunov and all of the people he has beaten. The big takeaway here: what happened to Rampage Brown? As for now though, Dragunov sees a lion called Wolfgang and is ready to face that lion.

Tate Mayfairs vs. Trent Seven

Seven chops him down to start and hits more chops to make it even worse. A DDT plants Mayfairs and another chop gets two. The trash talk takes a bit too long though and Mayfairs strikes away, only to get chopped back down. The Seven Star Lariat finishes Mayfairs at 4:07.

Rating: C-. I get the idea they're going for here, but at the end of the day, it is a little hard to get behind the idea of Seven as a huge threat. He is doing things right and feels like a villain, but Seven has never felt like some top star in the ring. It's hard to buy the idea of him being a threat to any top name other than Tyler Bate so this might be a one feud push. It still works, but I'm seeing a pretty firm ceiling.

Post match Seven grabs a leglock, drawing out Sam Gradwell for the save.

Noam Dar calls himself a victim of his own success because he has cleared out the entire Heritage Cup division. That's why Mark Coffey is getting another shot, because Mark is a lucky lucky boy. The fact that there is a ton of money on the line doesn't make it any harder.

Meiko Satomura/Sarray vs. Xia Brookside/Eliza Alexander

Brookside pulls Sarray's hair to start so Sarray cranks on the arm. That's reversed into some arm cranking from Brookside, which is reversed into some arm cranking from Sarray. Brookside has to headstand her way out of a headscissors and it's Alexander coming in for a shot to the ribs. Sarray bridges out of a near fall and hits a basement dropkick, allowing the tag off to Satomura.

House is quickly cleaned and it's already back to Sarray, who is clotheslined down in a hurry. Alexander hits a basement forearm for two and we hit the camel clutch. With that broken up, Sarray rolls her up and hits a double stomp to the chest for two. The real hot tag brings in Satomura to clean house, including a DDT and a frog splash for two on Alexander. Everything breaks down and Alexander pulls Brookside out of the way of a charging Sarray. Satomura is back up and Brookside gets knocked into the ropes for that SCARY running dropkick from Sarray. Scorpio Rising finishes Brookside at 9:28.

Rating: C+. The people involved alone here are going to make the match work but there is only so much that can be done when Satomura is going to come in and clean house like she did here. I'm sure we're coming up on Blair Davenport getting the title shot soon enough, so having Brookside and Alexander get beaten up is not that interesting. Best match on the show though, which shouldn't be a surprise.

Celebrating ends the show.

Overall Rating: C. I'm not sure what to think of this show. For one thing, they did have far less of a focus on the regular NXT stars, but what we got wasn't all that interesting. Things have cooled down a lot around here as of late, with the Turan vs. Williams stuff probably being the best story going. I'm not sure what is going on around here, but they need something to pick up the pace because this show has dropped in interest quite a bit.

Results

Tiger Turan b. Kenny Williams – Small package

Josh Morrell b. Primate – Sunset flip

Trent Seven b. Tate Mayfairs – Seven Star Lariat

Meiko Satomura/Sarray b. Xia Brookside/Eliza Alexander – Scorpio Rising to Brookside

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NXT UK – June 30, 2022: The Bad Invasion

NXT UK

Date: June 30, 2022

Location: BT Sports Studios, London, England

Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Andy Shepherd

We're back in England and the big story this week is the explanation from Trent Seven, even if it might seem pretty obvious why he turned on Tyler Bate. Other than that, we have Fallon Henley vs. Emilia McKenzie, as the NXT invasion continues. I'm sure this won't be anything that annoys long term NXT UK viewers so let's get to it.

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

We open with a recap of Ashton Smith and Oliver Carter vacating the NXT UK Tag Team Titles last week, with Josh Briggs and Brooks Jensen winning them in the show's main event.

Opening sequence.

Blair Davenport vs. Angel Hayze

This is Davenport's first match since injuring her ankle in November. Davenport throws her down to start but Hayze grabs a front facelock. That doesn't last long as Davenport hits a basement dropkick and we hit the chinlock. Some running knees give Davenport two as Nigel gets in a Chamber of Secrets reference. Hayze comes back with a running faceplant, only to get blasted with a middle rope dropkick. The Falcon Arrow is countered into a guillotine choke but the second attempt plants Hayze for the pin at 5:34.

Rating: C. Just a quick match here to get Davenport back in

the swing of things. Davenport is likely going to be taken right back to the title picture, as it seems that they are going to have Davenport vs. Meiko Satomura again. That isn't the worst idea, but five months is quite the hiatus before going straight back into the title picture.

Post match Davenport says she is here to crush our hope.

Kenny Williams is in Sid Scala's office (without permission) and thinks Tiger Turan is after him. Turan comes in and Williams wants the mask off before leaving. Of note: a paper Williams put on the wall says AMIR.

Noam Dar and Sha Samuels interrupt Mark Coffey's training session. They talk about the upcoming Heritage Cup title match, with Samuels offering 100-1 odds on Mark. Other wrestlers run in and can't wait to bet on it. Dar isn't pleased.

Emilia McKenzie vs. Fallon Henley

McKenzie takes her down by the arm to start but Henley is right back up with an armbar of her own. Back up and we get a handshake before they trade rollups for two each. Henley knocks her into the corner and gives a tip of her non-existent hat. A neckbreaker drops Henley for two more though and the chinlock goes on.

Some rollups annoy McKenzie so she elbows Henley down and grabs the cobra clutch. Henley fights up and hits some forearms but a faceplant cuts her right back down. A jump out of the corner jams Henley's knee though and McKenzie spears the leg out for some extra aggression. That's fine with Henley, who is back with a sunset flip for the pin at 8:33.

Rating: C-. Again, the match was passable, but this was the latest example of a match that felt designed to get the NXT star over and if the NXT UK star is taken out in the process, so be it. I'm sure that isn't going to make a difference in

the long run, but hopefully the NXT stars get out of here soon enough because it's frustrating to see this treated as some divine group coming to the UK rather than more stars who are just ok at best.

Oliver Carter misses Ashton Smith but here is Die Familie to offer him a spot on the team. Carter doesn't say no.

Sarray is training but Xia Brookside and Eliza Alexander come up to mock her. Meiko Satomura comes in to not have any of this.

Sha Samuels vs. Wolfgang

Noam Dar is here with Samuels. Wolfgang throws Samuels out of the corner to start and we're already in the armbar. The lifting armbar cranks on the arm again and we're back to the armbar as commentary wonders about Samuels' gambling issues. Back up and the spear only hits buckle, allowing Samuels to take him down by the arm. Dar's distraction makes things even worse and Samuels snaps the arm across the top.

A middle rope elbow gives Samuels two but Wolfgang is back with a knee to the ribs. Some chops in the corner rock Samuels but he counters a top rope ax handle into a spinebuster. Wolfgang hits a quick spear for a double knockdown though and they get a breather. Back up and the arm is snapped across the top again, leaving Wolfgang crashing down. Samuels' top rope splash crazes Wolfgang's feet, setting up a buckshot spear for the pin on Samuels at 10:21.

Rating: C. This was a bit lengthy for something as simple as working on the arm, but wouldn't it make more sense to have this be Mark Coffey to set up his Heritage Cup Title match? Wolfgang can have a decent enough match, but he might want something other than that not great spear. Somehow this is the main event, and that's not a great way to go.

Here is Trent Seven for his big explanation. Since two weeks

ago, the question has been WHY TRENT WHY. We look at a still of Seven hitting Tyler Bate low to officially turn on him, which is the most important moment in British sports. The thing is, Seven did it for NXT UK. This place was dead and look at hoe energetic everyone is now!

Seven talks about how great Moustache Mountain and British Strong Style was, but then Bate was the one who changed. Now Bate is some tree hugging hippie and everyone knows that he isn't going to come back and fight Seven. That's because Seven IS British Strong Style and Moustache Mountain. Seven goes to leave but yells at a fan, who jumps the barricade and gets kicked low to end the show. Heel Seven is not a bad idea and he's laying into the character, but it's a bit hard to buy him as a threat to someone like Bate.

Overall Rating: D+. This show felt like another punt to next week, which has been the case too often lately. What was the big deal here? Seven explaining his attack on Bate? That's an explanation we needed in the first place? Other than that, you had three matches that were about the definition of meh and almost nothing happened. NXT UK has slowed down a lot and that seems to tie into the debut of all of the regular NXT stars. I'm not surprised by that for the most part, but could they at least pretend like NXT UK matters even a little bit?

Results

Blair Davenport b. Angel Hayze – Falcon Arrow

Fallon Henley b. Emilia McKenzie – Sunset flip

Wolfgang b. Sha Samuels – Spear

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NXT UK – February 3, 2022: 34

NXT UK

Date: February 3, 2022

Location: BT Sports Studios, London, England

Commentators: Andy Shepherd, Nigel McGuinness

It's the second title week in a row around here as we follow up last week's United Kingdom Title match with a Women's Title match as Meiko Satomura defends against Blair Davenport. At the same time, we have the finals of the #1 contenders tag team tournament, which could be a good one. I continue to have high hopes for this show and that isn't something you get to say very often these days. Let's get to it.

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

We open with a look at the Japanese street fight between Meiko Satomura and Blair Davenport.

Opening sequence.

Jack Starz/Dave Mastiff vs. Oliver Carter/Ashton Smith

The winners get a future Tag Team Title shot at Moustache Mountain, who is on commentary. Carter works on Starz's wrist but can't get very far as Starz takes him to the mat. An

armdrag into an armbar works a bit better on Starz as Nigel tries to drive some tensions among the champs over the Heritage Cup. Mastiff comes in for a big headlock on Smith but it's right back to Starz.

This time it's Carter headlocking him down but Starz isn't having that either. Instead Mastiff comes in and shrugs off some dropkicks before missing a springboard moonsault press. Everything breaks down and Carter/Smith clear the ring so Mastiff takes a breather on the floor. Back in and Starz dropkicks Smith twice before being backdropped outside.

Something like Private Party's Silly String into a moonsault gets two on Starz and Smith slams him down for the same. A Doomsday Device is loaded up but Starz fights his way off of Smith's shoulders (that's a new one). The hot tag brings in Mastiff to clean house but Starz already wants back in. Mastiff waves him off and hits a German suplex, only to miss the Cannonball. A shot to the face drops Mastiff and an assisted moonsault finishes for Carter at 12:32.

Rating: C+. The ending surprised me a bit as they had some out of nowhere issues between Starz and Mastiff. Starz seeming to want to prove himself to the much bigger Mastiff makes sense but they had been working very well together for a long time. That could be an interesting story, but what matters here is Carter/Smith. You need to build up some teams at some point and they are a good choice.

A-Kid is ready to team with Saxon Huxley but isn't sure about his mind. Therefore, we see a montage of A-Kid working with Huxley on mat, chess and manners. This goes very badly (Huxley ate a chess piece).

Video on Ilja Dragunov retaining the United Kingdom Title over Jordan Devlin last week.

Nathan Frazer's car won't start as he is leaving the Performance Center. As he checks on the engine, Die Familie

jumps him from behind.

Myla Grace vs. Isla Dawn

Dawn drives her into the corner to start but gets caught with a dropkick for a fast two. That doesn't work for Dawn, who chokes on the ropes and hits a running knee to the face. A headscissors gets Grace out of trouble though and it's a 619 to the ribs into a tornado DDT for two. Dawn is done with this though and hits a fireman's carry spun into a side slam for the pin at 2:58. Grace got to show off a bit here.

Amale's interview is turned into the Nina Samuels Show. That's not cool with Amale, so a match is set for later.

Sam Gradwell doesn't like Kenny Williams and violence seems to be implied.

Gallus tries to put a bet down on themselves with Sha Samuels but the store is closed at the moment.

Women's Title: Blair Davenport vs. Meiko Satomura

Satomura is defending in a street fight. Davenport's kendo stick is kicked away to start and they're on the floor early, with Davenport missing a chair toss. A whip sends Satomura into the barricade but Davenport talks too much trash. The distraction lets Satomura chair her in the ribs and whip out some nunchucks.

That's broken up so they head back outside for another whip to send Satomura into the barricade. A chain is pulled out but Satomura wraps it around her foot for a kick to the chest. Davenport canes her in the leg though (with Nigel getting in a Harry Potter reference by saying "Enemies of the heir beware" in regards to Davenport).

Back in and Davenport pulls out an extra turnbuckle, only to get pulled into a failed STF attempt. Some kendo stick shots to the back have Satomura in trouble so she makes the rope.

That doesn't make a difference, but Davenport lets her go anyway. Satomura goes to the apron and Davenport goes up for a double stomp, only to land on the floor awkwardly. That's enough for a referee stoppage to retain Satomura's title at 9:42.

Rating: B-. The ending aside (because it wasn't their fault), this was good but it was the second week in a row with some kind of violent, street fight style main event. There was more of a story here though and Davenport had brought the violence. I could go for Satomura fighting and winning in an environment that she didn't know, though they got cut off before they could really get there.

Davenport is taken out on a stretcher as Satomura quietly celebrates to end the show.

Overall Rating: B-. This show got in two big matches while also making Dawn feel like a bigger deal. They were coming off the big show last week and now we should be in for a pretty awesome tag match when they get around to it. Unfortunately the ending didn't get to the real ending, but hopefully Davenport is back on her feet sooner than later.

Results

Ashton Smith/Oliver Carter b. Dave Mastiff/Jack Starz – Assisted moonsault to Mastiff

Isla Dawn b. Myla Grace – Fireman's carry swung into a side slam

Meiko Satomura b. Blair Davenport via referee stoppage

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NXT UK – January 20, 2022: The Best WWE Show Going Today

NXT UK

Date: January 20, 2022

Location: BT Sports Studios, London, England

Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Andy Shepherd

We are officially in a new era now as Walter (er, Gunther) is officially gone from NXT UK. I'm not sure how much of a difference that is going to be, but we do have a big match around here this week. The Heritage Cup will be on the line this week as Noam Dar will be defending against former champion A-Kid. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

We see some clips of Sam Gradwell trying, and failing, to find a mystery partner to face Pretty Deadly. He even sent tweets to Steve Austin, Elon Musk and Paul McCartney. Gradwell also had to beat up Kenny Williams for laughing at him. This was

funny, as they just had some fun with the idea and went a little out of the box. Do more of that.

Pretty Deadly vs. Sam Gradwell/???

Gradwell does has a mystery partner in the form of....Saxton Huxley. Gradwell locks up with Howley to start but can't get very far. A shoulder sends Howley into the corner for some more success and it's Stoker tagging himself in for a cheap shot. Gradwell doesn't mind, as he grabs Stoker by the ear (ow) and slams him down. It's off to Huxley (with Shepherd getting in an accurate Berzerker comparison) to shoulder Stoker down as well.

A very long run of the ropes sets up a running elbow so Howley gets in a cheap shot. It's back to Howley to send Huxley into the post as we move into a new phase. Pretty Deadly starts taking turns on Huxley, including a double drop onto the top rope. Howley drops him again and we hit the abdominal stretch...which makes Nigel sing. That's broken up with straight power though and the hot tag brings in Gradwell to clean house.

Everything breaks down and Stoker BLASTS Gradwell with a forearm for the double knockdown. Cue Kenny Williams for a distraction though and Huxley is knocked off the apron. Williams runs him over on the floor, meaning there is no one for Gradwell to tag. Howley comes back in and it's Spilled Milk to finish Gradwell at 9:21.

Rating: C+. Pretty standard tag match, but the part that I like here is how old school the booking felt. Williams had a logical reason to want to mess with Gradwell after the pre-match stuff and now we probably have something to do after this match is over. That is something you don't get early often enough in WWE today and it was nice to see it happen again here.

Jinny doesn't see hope when she looks at Amale, but instead,

pity. The two of them are very different people, because Jinny doesn't exploit her past to get the fans to cheer for her. The fans are just like Amale: nothing. Now Amale wants to get famous off of Jinny and that isn't happening.

Video on Die Familie vs. Gallus, as the two teams are ready to destroy each other. Next week.

Blair Davenport unlocks a gate at what appears to be her family estate. She is the latest in a long line of Davenports and everyone who isn't one of them is an enemy. You can hate and reject her all you want, as long as you fear her. Meiko Satomura should fear her, because it is time for Davenport to show how she can be.

Emilia McKenzie vs. Isla Dawn

This is fallout from Dawn taking McKenzie's watch for her special box. McKenzie takes her down into a hammerlock to start and then cranks on a wristlock. That's broken up but Dawn blocks a sunset flip with a quick stomp to the chest. There's the Saito suplex to send McKenzie flying but she blocks a superplex attempt. A middle rope sunset flip gives McKenzie two and an enziguri staggers Dawn again. The spear gives McKenzie two so she sends Dawn outside for a big suicide dive. Back in and a high crossbody misses for McKenzie, allowing Dawn to hit a fireman's carry spun into a side slam for the pin at 5:32.

Rating: C. This started off a bit slowly and then picked up a lot for a little while. McKenzie put up a good fight before going down, though I'm curious to see where this whole thing is going with Dawn. She has been doing this for a little while now and it doesn't seem to be going anywhere. The good thing though is she is doing something with the witch stuff rather than just talking about it over and over. McKenzie put up a fight but lost, as she should.

Post match, Dawn returns McKenzie's watch, leaving McKenzie

rather confused.

Amale doesn't think much of Jinny and suggests bringing it.

Video on Ilja Dragunov vs. Jordan Devlin, with Dragunov being angry over everything Devlin has said. Devlin wants the title and Dragunov wants revenge, so next week it's an empty arena title match.

Heritage Cup: A-Kid vs. Noam Dar

Dar, with Sha Samuels, is defending. Round one begins with a feeling out process, including A-Kid taking him to the ropes, where Dar needs a breather. A headlock takeover works a bit better for Dar so it's time for some early grappling. Dar can't very far with his escape attempts and the round ends with A-Kid cranking away.

Round two begins with A-Kid grabbing a cravate and taking Dar down to the mat to crank away even more. Back up and Dar goes after the arm before grabbing a headlock of his own. Dar cranks him down by the arm again and puts on a reverse chinlock, only to get reversed into a European Clutch for two. A-Kid grabs a front facelock and cranks away until the round ends.

Round three begins with Dar striking away for a change and sending a charging A-Kid over the top. A kick to the face rocks A-Kid though and some knees to the face make it worse. The Nova Roller is blocked so Dar kicks the leg out instead. Now the Nova Roller can finish A-Kid for the first fall at 1:36 of the round and 8:32 overall.

Round four begins with Dar going right after him but getting pulled into an armbar. That's broken up and Dar hits him in the face, setting up a rollup with feet on the ropes for two, as the referee catches the nefarious cheating. Back up and A-Kid sends him outside, only to have Samuels break up a big dive.

They both beat the clock back in, where Dar elbows him in the face for two more. A-Kid fights back so Samuels gets on the apron, only to have A-Kid springboard up and hit a moonsault DDT to plant Dar for the tying pin at 2:34 of the round and 11:48. Samuels screams a lot though, as he just lost EVERYTHING because of his bets, even as Dar is barely able to stand.

Round five begins with A-Kid missing a charge and getting knocked down again. He's fine enough to catch Dar on top though and it's a butterfly superplex for two. They trade attempted armbars until A-Kid grabs a German suplex. Dar blocks another one though and pulls him into an armbar, only to be countered into a rollup for two. The kneebar doesn't work so Dar pulls him into a sleeper, which is flipped into a cradle for two. A running kick to the chest rocks Dar but the round ends before a count.

Round six (the last round) begins with a slugout as they're both pretty spent. A-Kid has to kick Dar off the apron before grabbing a kneebar. Dar is in the ropes in a hurry though, meaning it's time to kick him in the head instead. Back up and Dar hits his own kick to the face for a near fall and they're both down. The Nova Roller is cut off with a jumping superkick to give A-Kid two and it's time for another strike off with thirty seconds to go. Dar hits him in the face for two but gets pulled into the Omoplata as time expires to end round six at 19:00 overall, meaning Dar retains the cup.

Rating: B. This match did a great job of setting up the drama and making me want to see how this was going to play out. That's how this kind of drama is supposed to go and these two are rather good at the whole thing. Dar is one of those somewhat cowardly champions who manages to survive, but there are enough moments where he fights back to make him believable. I had a good time here and it felt like a showdown, with a rematch likely down the line.

Post match Samuels is crushed over being poor but celebrates with Dar to end the show.

Overall Rating: B+. The wrestling was good, but what made me happier here was how they continue to set things up for the future. There are stories on the show that have me wondering where they are going and that is not the case with even the midcard on most WWE shows. Throw in an intriguing main event and I have more and more fun with this show every week. Pretty awesome week here as NXT UK is the best thing going in WWE by a wide margin.

Results

Pretty Deadly b. Sam Gradwell/Saxon Huxley – Spilled Milk to Gradwell

Isla Dawn b. Emilia McKenzie – Fireman’s carry swinging side slam

A-Kid vs. Noam Dar went to a 1-1 draw

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