

On This Day: November 30, 2011 – NXT 2011: They've Only Just Begun. Heaven Help Us All.

NXT

Date: November 30, 2011

Location: Time Warner Cable Arena, Charlotte, North Carolina

Commentators: Josh Matthews, Matt Striker

Time for another week of this. We're almost in December of a show that started in early March. We're also approaching the wedding of Maxine and Bateman, which I think is scheduled for late January. This show really is going to last an entire year isn't it? I was kidding when I suggested that at first. I guess we're supposed to ignore that all three guys have appeared on Smackdown in the past few weeks right? Let's get to it.

The song saying that they have just begun scares me.

No Regal this week???

The main event is a triple threat with the rookies and the winner gets a match on Smackdown.

Tyler Reks vs. Percy Watson

Watson has an annoying spoken part before his song now. I'm sorry but he really isn't on the level that he deserves that yet. Hawkins sits in on commentary. Fast paced start with Watson flying around the place but he walks into a Downward Spiral into the middle buckle for two. Striker says that the money here is way better in the NFL. If my math is right, the minimum salary in the NFL is about a quarter million dollars a

year. Methinks Matt is lying.

Watson starts his comeback and hammers away. The fans actually seem to care for him here as a cross body gets two. Hawkins gets up and plays ugly cheerleader, allowing Reks to get in a shot to break the momentum again. Reks goes up for what appears to be a double axe off the top but jumps into a dropkick for the pin at 3:20.

Rating: C-. Just a match here for the most part. It wasn't bad or anything but it's kind of hard to get interested in a match like this where there's no reason at all to see them fight. They're not fighting for anything but pride so it doesn't really add up to anything. Watson is fun to watch when he jumps though.

Curtis is hitting on Kaitlyn when Maxine comes up. He has good taste. Kaitlyn is invited back to his bus which Maxine says doesn't exist. Kaitlyn leaves and Maxine yells because that's insulting to her to go from Maxine to someone like Kaitlyn. Maxine talks to Curtis and they're about to kiss but he kisses his fingers and puts them to her lips. She isn't happy. He leaves and Bateman comes up so she kisses him hard....with his mother next to him. Bateman leaves and Mama Bateman threatens her with violence if she hurts Bateman.

Yoshi Tatsu/Trent Barretta vs. Tyson Kidd/Johnny Curtis

We get a High Fliers reference from Striker, who swears some people know who he's talking about. Tatsu vs. Curtis gets us going and there isn't much going on so they both tag out. Trent winds up in the corner as the announcers aren't all that interested in the match. Kidd gets two off a kick to the head and hooks in a chinlock. They go up to the corner and Trent mostly misses what we would kind of call a Whisper in the Wind. That sets up the hot tag to Tatsu who beats up ever heel in sight. He tries to fire up the crowd and it doesn't work at all. The top rope spinwheel kick misses and Curtis hits a

sitout brainbuster for the pin at 4:30.

Rating: D. Just dull again here as Curtis is as uninteresting of a guy as I've seen in years. A sitout brainbuster isn't an interesting move at all and that fits perfectly. At least with the diving legdrop it looked ok. Nothing to see here and for the life of me I don't get why he keeps a job, especially with some of the other people they could put on this show.

We get the entire Piper's Pit from Monday. It still doesn't quite work as the fans didn't boo Cena. It eats up about 10 minutes though which is ten minutes of NXT stuff I don't have to watch.

Maxine vs. Alicia Fox

Matthews asks Striker to compare the offensive styles here...and somehow he does it. For the life of me I don't get why the Divas are on TV all the time. Alicia uses a lot of moves involving her flexibility which get her nowhere. Bateman and Mama Bateman come out to watch. Maxine sees them and panics a bit, allowing Alicia to hit the Axe Kick for the win at 2:24.

Derrick Bateman vs. Titus O'Neil vs. Darren Young

Young waits on the floor as Titus beats Bateman up. He slides in and chops away (W00) so Titus pounds him down also. Young continues his Flair impersonation and is slammed off the top for two. After a break for a bad Cena movie, the heels are double teaming Titus. As is custom, they get in a fight of their own, allowing Titus to fight back. Young hits a clothesline for two on O'Neil.

The heels fight a bit more and I'm trying to care. I mean I really am trying, but it's just not going to happen at all. Bateman goes up and gets crotchted and it's a TOWER OF DOOM!!! They actually call it that and it's a wicked one too. Titus can't get the pin on Young so he grabs the rope like Batista

and yells a lot. Young and O'Neil fight to the apron and Young takes him down with a neckbreaker. Bateman grabs O'Neil as he comes back in for the pin at 8:49.

Rating: C-. Pretty dull stuff here and my goodness why would it be Bateman? I mean, it couldn't be clearer that O'Neil is the class of this group but instead their answer is try to make it seem like a competition. I don't know who thinks this is interesting to watch, but it's really not working at all. Boring match to end a boring show.

Post match Bateman wants Maxine to come out but he gets JTG and Tamina instead. They say she left with Curtis. Oh joy.

Overall Rating: D. It was an hour long and it was the Derrick Bateman Show tonight. I have no idea why they're choosing to push him but that's all they seem to think is the right idea. Titus is a guy that could be an interesting character on one of the big shows but it just isn't happening here. Bad show.

Results

Percy Watson b. Tyler Reks – Dropkick

Tyson Kidd/Johnny Curtis b. Yoshi Tatsu/Trent Barretta – Sitout Brainbuster to Tatsu

Alicia Fox b. Maxine – Axe Kick

Derrick Bateman b. Titus O'Neil and Darren Young – Pinned O'Neil after a neckbreaker from Young

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Smackdown – August 23, 2013: Randy Orton Is A Pretty Man

Smackdown

Date: August 23, 2013

Location: Rabobank Arena, Bakersfield, California

Commentators: Michael Cole, John Bradshaw Layfield

It's an interesting time in WWE as we have our first heel super stable in several years and they can do whatever the like because "we own the place." The two questions at the moment are what will Daniel Bryan do to fight these guys off and who will step up to help him in the war. Odds are we won't find out until Monday. Let's get to it.

We get clips from the main events of Summerslam.

Theme song.

Here's Vickie Guerrero to open us up. She's cleared the air with HHH and brings out Randy Orton, actually pronouncing the T for a change. Orton talks about being a role model and about how he didn't lie at all during this whole thing. He said he would be cashing in MITB very soon and that's exactly what he did. No one should have been surprised when he won the title on Sunday. The only person who should have been surprised was Orton himself, as he didn't expect HHH to do what he did, even though he didn't need the help. Orton says he's the face of the WWE but here's Bryan to disagree.

Before Bryan addresses the face of the WWE, he wants to say what he was trying to say on Raw: thank you John Cena for giving him the chance at Summerslam and for wrestling with a torn tricep. That one chance let him

know what it feels like to be WWE Champion. As for the face of the WWE, it's already time for that face to change. Bryan doesn't look like Randy Orton. Orton is tall, chiseled and just pretty.

Bryan sees why HHH likes him so much, but Orton is also arrogant. He's been handed every opportunity because he's a third generation wrestler and it's been his Golden Ticket. Bryan can't get over how pretty Orton is and asks the fans to cheer for Orton because of it. Randy is so pretty that it makes Daniel want to kick him in the face.

Bryan has had to work his way up through the high school gyms wrestling on infected mats to get where he is today because he isn't tall and isn't pretty. However, he can wrestle and beat Orton for the WWE Championship. Bryan is entitled to a rematch and he wants it tonight. Say it along with Orton and I: Wait until the pay per view. They stare at each other and Orton tries an RKO, only to be dropkicked to the floor. Solid segment here with Bryan sounding like a natural rival to Orton and laying out the basic story. Orton saying he didn't know HHH was going to help him is interesting as well.

Vickie rants about Bryan on the phone and says someone needs to teach him a lesson. Wade Barrett comes in and says he doesn't like Bryan either, so he'd be willing to take care of him tonight. Vickie says ok and makes it a no holds barred match. No make it extreme rules. Or inside a cage. Wasn't Vickie supposed to be all mega evil this time or something?

Cody Rhodes vs. Curtis Axel

Non-title. Feeling out process to start with Cody tripping Axel down to the mat. Curtis comes back with a great dropkick but Cody heads to the apron for a springboard dropkick of his own. Curtis rolls outside but moves before Cody can dive on him. Cody's back is rammed into the apron as we take a break.

Back with Curtis dropping elbows for two before hitting a Hennig necksnap

for the same. We hit the chinlock for a bit but Cody avoids a middle rope fist a few seconds later. The Disaster Kick misses but Cody gets two off a sunset flip out of the corner. Heyman's distraction breaks up the moonsault press and Axel hits his neckbreaker into a faceplant for the pin at 3:55 shown of 6:55.

Rating: D+. So we build Cody up for weeks and then have him lose in less than seven minutes with the title not even on the line. To be fair though, Cody had almost a month of wins under his belt so it was long past time to bring him back to earth. He might jump to TNA or the UFC or Hollywood and we wouldn't want to make money off of him while we could right?

Post match Heyman wants to talk about CM Punk. He talks about being in emotional pain along with his physical pain because he made Punk the best in the world and then was betrayed. Punk lost to Lesnar at Summerslam and now Punk is in a downward spiral. Under Heyman's leadership, Axel has notched victory after victory and no one has been able to take the title from him. Axel challenges Punk to an Intercontinental Title match on Raw because he can't lose with Heyman in his corner.

Dolph Ziggler vs. Big E. Langston

Langston jumps Ziggy before the bell and throws him around the ring with ease. The bell rings and Dolph avoids a charge in the corner, only to be slammed down for two. Langston gets two off a splash and we hit the chinlock. Dolph fights up and sends Big E. into the post before taking him down with a neckbreaker. A dropkick drops Big E. again and Ziggler counters a powerbomb into an X-Factor for two. AJ gets in a cheap shot on Ziggler and Langston runs him over for two. The Big Ending is escaped and Ziggler hits the Zig Zag for the pin at 2:01. Langston loses with a pre-match advantage and interference. So much for him.

Christian vs. Alberto Del Rio

Non-title here. Del Rio pounds away in the corner to start but gets backdropped out to the floor. Christian sends him into the barricade and Del Rio walks up the aisle as we take a break. Back with Del Rio kicking away in the corner but getting punched in the face to give Christian a breather. Christian is shoved to the floor to counter a tornado DDT, possibly injuring the shoulder that made him give up on Sunday.

Back in and the champion cranks on the arm before getting two off a tilt-a-whirl backbreaker. Alberto misses a charge into the ropes and gets dropkicked out to the floor. Christian pounds away back inside the ring but misses a high cross body, allowing Alberto to dropkick him in the face for two. Christian's spinning sunset flip out of the corner gets two more but Del Rio avoids a middle rope dropkick and tries the armbreaker.

The Canadian rolls out and hits a tornado DDT out of the corner for two in a nice sequence. Alberto bails to the floor to avoid the spear and catches Christian with the running enziguri for two back inside. Christian blocks the low superkick and tries the Killswitch, only to have Del Rio send him shoulder first into the post. Alberto goes to the middle rope and rolls Christian into the armbreaker for the submission at 8:17 shown of 12:57.

Rating: B-. Another good match from these two and now the series is at 2-2. I'm guessing we're supposed to ignore the two losses by Del Rio because he won the next two, though I don't think many fans see it that way. The match itself was good stuff though with both guys building on spots they've used in their previous few matches.

Post match Del Rio talks about how awesome he is and how everyone else is a peasant. Is Del Rio being rich even a thing anymore? Del Rio says to follow him to greatness but Ricardo interrupts him. He says no one is going to lead him to greatness but now he's hanging out with RVD. Rob comes to the ring and Christian dropkicks Del Rio down, allowing Rob to hit Rolling Thunder. That was a pretty non-good guy move there from Christian.

We recap the opening segment of the show.

Big Show/Mark Henry vs. 3MB

Slater gets to start with Big Show and is launched into the corner before it's off to Henry. A big boot puts Slater down but Heath avoids a seated senton and brings in McIntyre for some stomping. Mahal comes in for the same but Slater is tagged in and run over by a BIG shoulder block. Big Show comes in and cleans house but Slater breaks up the pin after a chokeslam to McIntyre. JBL: "Dumb, dumb move." The World's Strongest Slam ends Slater and the WMD is good for the pin on Drew at 3:11.

Rating: D. The match was nothing and you can't complain about it too much. It did its job, though either monster could have done the same thing in the same amount of time. It would help to have some midcard tag teams for Henry and Show to beat but there's just not enough depth in the division to do that.

Post match Shield asks if beating 3MB is supposed to mean something. Seth says they're going to have fun knocking Show down again. Reigns will never respect Mark Henry and Rollins adds that they're just better than the monsters. BELIEVE IN THE SHIELD, even though Ambrose wasn't in this interview.

Antonio Cesaro vs. Darren Young

Young gets taken down seconds into the match and Cesaro pounds him into the corner. There's the gutwrench suplex but Cesaro charges into a boot in the corner. Antonio comes right back with the standing chinlock and a clothesline for two. Darren comes back with right hands and an overhead belly to belly followed by a northern lights suplex for two. A hot shot and the Gut Check are good for the pin at 2:31. Nothing match as Young's push continues.

Ryback signs an autograph for a fan's son but the fan doesn't know what his name is. Ryback rips up the picture he signed as a result. I'm with Ryback here. How did the fan not know his name when it's in big red letters on the front of his vest?

Punk has accepted the match with Axel for Raw.

The cage is lowered.

Daniel Bryan vs. Wade Barrett

Barrett pounds him into the corner to start but Bryan blocks a ram into the steel. Daniel pounds right hands in the corner but charges into a boot to the jaw. Now the ram into the cage works but Barrett can only get a two count. Bryan comes back with a backdrop into the cage and Daniel fires off kicks in the corner. There's the backflip over Barrett in the corner but the running clothesline is countered into the Winds of Change for two.

We take a break and come back with Barrett kicking Bryan's head into the cage. Now it's Barrett having the back of his head rammed into the steel and Bryan adds the running dropkick to crush Barrett even more. A missile dropkick gets two and Bryan fires off the kicks to Wade's chest. The big one to the head misses and Barrett sends him into the cage before clotheslining him inside out for a close two.

Wasteland is blocked via a grab of the ropes but Bryan gets caught in an electric chair for two. Barrett goes up the cage but Bryan makes a save. He can't German superplex Wade down and gets kicked to the mat, only to charge up the corner and pull Barrett back inside. Bryan hits a rolling powerbomb to bring Wade back to the mat and the running knee to the face is good for the pin at 8:58 shown of 11:58.

Rating: B. Good match here with Barrett looking like he could hang with

the big boys. It's amazing how far he fell while being Intercontinental Champion because when he has a good opponent he can put on an entertaining match. Bryan was his usual good stuff here and the fans are still into him after Summerslam. Hopefully that holds up.

Post match Bryan celebrates on the floor but walks into an RK0.

Overall Rating: B. This was a really solid show as WWE continues their roll. We had good matches throughout the show with the bad stuff being pretty short. I'm not wild on the ending though. That's three times now that Orton has stood tall over Bryan in three shows and that's going to catch up with them. Bryan doesn't need to beat Orton down or anything, but he needs to be standing when a show ends soon. It's still very early in the story though so it's not like it's already dead or anything. Good show tonight.

Results

Curtis Axel b. Cody Rhodes – Neckbreaker into a faceplant

Dolph Ziggler b. Big E. Langston – Zig Zag

Alberto Del Rio b. Christian – Cross Armbreaker

Big Show/Mark Henry b. 3MB – WMD to McIntyre

Darren Young b. Antonio Cesaro – Gut Check

Daniel Bryan b. Wade Barrett – Running knee to the head

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Darren Young Comes Out As Gay, First Openly Gay WWE Wrestler

That's rather cool. It takes a lot of guts to do this in a sport like wrestling.

By the way, do not post any homophobic/gay bashing comments on this. I'll delete them immediately.

NXT – May 24, 2011 – Anti-Bullying PSA Of The Week

NXT

Date: May 24, 2011

Location: Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena, Spokane, Washington

Commentators: Todd Grisham, William Regal

It's week like 12 or so but we're FINALLY down to five people. Hopefully tonight we'll get the announcement that we're going to go down to four in the near future. If nothing else it's almost a guarantee that we're going to get the Savage video again which is going to be more entertaining than anything else we've seen this entire season. Anyway there isn't much else to say so let's get to it.

Titus vs. Darren tonight, AGAIN. This time it's No DQ though so it's all ok right?

Here's Saxton to blame Yoshi for various faults he has and saying he doesn't need him anymore. Saxton declares independence from Yoshi and says he's now to be known as Big League Byron Saxton. Isn't that chewing gum? Anyway Maryse comes out in a dress shorter than her legs. She hosts this show, not him. Maryse introduces the show and says that tonight it's Yoshi/Saxton vs. Kidd/Cannon. The second elimination is next week. YES!!!

Tyson Kidd/Lucky Cannon vs. Yoshi Tatsu/Byron Saxton

Yoshi is far more fired up this week than last and starts vs. Cannon here. Kidd comes in and the beatdown is on. Kidd gets sent down as we take a break. Back with Cannon hammering on Tatsu as apparently during the break Kidd injured Yoshi's arm. Time for the arm work which makes sense here. Nice to see it making sense rather than just being thrown on in a vain attempt to look smart.

Cannon hammers away on the arm as there's a nice little story here of Saxton not coming in, which I'd assume is going to be the final point of the match. Armbar goes on by Cannon as the fans cheer for Yoshi. Superplex attempt is blocked and Yoshi gets a top rope spinwheel kick to take both him and Lucky down. Yoshi STILL won't tag and it's off to Kidd. Big kick gets two for Yoshi and Byron tags himself in, only to get grabbed into a Sharpshooter by Kidd for the tap as Yoshi won't help. Match ran 8:55.

Rating: C+. Not as bad as you would think here as there were a few stories going on in there and yet they managed to hold it together and get a not bad match out of it. The whole idea of Saxton running his mouth and having it come back to bite him is a nice touch but I'm not entirely sure I get Yoshi's

reasoning behind not tagging in, other than maybe to teach Byron a lesson.

Byron yells at Yoshi post match and gets his head kicked off.

Raw ReBound is about Big Show having his leg injured by Ricardo and Alberto. That's an interesting story and I'm curious as to where it goes.

We recap Young and Titus and Horny's situation over the last few weeks, namely Horny being adult with a beard that can speak at times but later lost the ability to for no apparent reason and lives under the ring in a town or something and is treated like a kid-napped. We see Young and Chavo beating on him and yeah, there it is. This is about bullying.

Chavo says he'll be watching tonight and that's about it.

JTG vs. Conor O'Brian

Regal is all ticked off that JTG is still here which is kind of funny. We take a break to shill That's What I Am some more before O'Brian's entrance. We get a clip of the dance off from last week which Regal says reminds him of a night with Arn Anderson. I honestly do not want to know if I want to hear that story or not. JTG sends him to the floor after a brief run by O'Brian started us off.

That more or less ends my level of interest in the match as O'Brian's lack of anything resembling interest or uniqueness or anything noteworthy at all. JTG takes over and Regal says he might have to eat some of his words. And of course O'Brian rolls JTG up just a few seconds later and we're done at 3:54.

Rating: F. This is biased beyond belief but more or less Conor O'Brian is officially a failure no matter what he does out there. Naturally with this win he's going to stick around again so that Saxton can be sent home for rebelling or

something stupid like that while the BULLY is allowed to stay too because while we hate bullies, we have no problem with tolerating them and paying them right?

JTG beats him down post match and Vlad makes the save.

Titus can't find Horny again but he's hiding in a travel bag. Darren and Chavo are bullies don't you know.

Ad for WWE All-Stars. Isn't that game like three months old?

Titus O'Neil vs. Darren Young

No DQ here because even NXT gets that the same match four or five times in a season is stupid. Titus yells about being a bully the entire time to REALLY hammer the point home I guess. Modified abdominal stretch goes on as Titus hammers away. Gee a larger man picking on someone else because they don't like something about him. That couldn't POSSIBLY be considered bullying right?

Young gets a shot in as we've stayed in the ring the entire time so far. Horny is watching in the back as Titus sends Darren to the floor. Titus sends him into the post and table but that's it for the No DQ stuff because that stuff NEVER happens in a regular match right? Chavo interferes when the referee isn't looking because he couldn't do it when he was looking right? That takes us to a break.

Back with Young ramming Titus' back into the ring and then his face into it as well. It's a matched set now I guess. Back in the ring now as this needs to end rather quickly. Titus makes his comeback and runs Darren over a few times, adding a shoulderbreaker for two. Chavo comes in, finally realizing it's No DQ. Horny is watching in the back and freaks out when Chavo gets a chain. He puts a ninja bandana on as Chavo uses the chain. Here's Samurai Swoggle (I hate you Todd Grisham)

who Titus uses as a battering ram. Clash of Titus sets up the Tadpole Splash for the pin at 8:22.

Rating: C-. The match was surprisingly decent but the anti-bullying stuff just killed it. I mean they were YELLING it at each other the whole match. I'll spare you a long rant about why I cannot stand the anti-bullying movement and summarize it by saying I think the whole thing is one of the stupidest things that has been forced down our throats in a very long time. Anyway, that was the point of this match, so you better pay attention because your very soul depends on you NEVER being mean to anyone the slightest bit different than you in your entire life.

No Savage video. Are you kidding me?

Overall Rating: D+. This is probably the most wrestling there's been on NXT in months. That being said, we've seen these guys fight so many times over the same things that it was bound to lose any remaining interest it had a long time ago, and that's the point they've hit here. There is no reason for these people to fight anymore. Back in the older seasons this was remedied by guest stars but that has fallen off the table because that would imply people knowing this exists anymore. Not the worst show ever, but just completely uninteresting.

Results

Tyson Kidd/Lucky Cannon b. Byron Saxton/Yoshi Tatsu – Sharpshooter to Saxton

Conor O'Brian b. JTG – Small Package

Titus O'Neil b. Darren Young – Pin after a Tadpole Splash

NXT – May 3, 2011 – Worst Show of the Season By Far

NXT

Date: May 3, 2011

Location: Amway Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Todd Grisham, William Regal

We're here for week 9 I think of this season and tonight we get the blowoff (I guess) to one of the season's biggest angles (kind of) as Regal faces Novak. I'd bet on seeing a lot about last night's Raw and in particular the birthday party for Rock. Something tells me this is going to be more of the same stuff we've seen all season long, which means this show will just kind of be there. Let's get to it.

Theme song talks about the theme of the show in a musical format.

Darren Young vs. Chavo Guerrero

Horny is guest referee for no apparent reason. Titus is on commentary for no apparent reason. I'm having some connection issues here so there's a chance this is going to be spotty at times. I'll do my best though. Horny checks every bit of Young's attire including his hair. Apparently he has an illegal boot so Darren has to fight in one boot. Horny stomps on his foot and we're ready to go.

Titus and Regal debate the merits of wrestling barefoot which is just weird to hear from Titus. He has a VERY deep voice that almost makes him hard to understand but once you get used to that he's well spoken and makes some decent points. Chavo dominates to start with basic stuff and throws on an armbar.

And there goes my feed. Back with Chavo "hitting" a dive to the floor and by that I mean he mostly crashed and his leg hit Young. We take an actual break after that.

Back after maybe 10 seconds with another armbar by Chavo. We hit the floor again as my feed continues to be choppy. I'm sorry about this guys but we're having some weather issues here tonight. Young takes over and fires Chavo into the ring, only to get caught by right hands. Young gets a cover and Horny won't count at a regular speed for him. Regal is in wrestling gear at ringside.

Darren gets in the face of Titus for a bit as Horny still won't count. Young keeps pounding away and we hit the chinlock. Chavo gets a sweet dropkick and a headscissors to take over a bit. Horny counts for him but gets knocked down on a reversed suplex so he can't count a Northern Lights Suplex for Young. And Horny bites Young on what's about eye level for him, setting up Three Amigos and the Frog Splash to end this at 9:15. I missed roughly a minute and a half of that if you're curious.

Rating: C-. What I saw of this was pretty dull as it was Young using his very basic offense on Chavo while Horny wouldn't count at all. Not much of a match but it was a god idea of course to have a guy like Chavo out there to help him as he's going to be fine out there with his basic stuff as always. That's what he did here and the majority of what this had is attributed to Chavo as Young is just dull overall.

We see O'Brian and Kozlov talking earlier today about Kozlov saying O'Brian needs special skills. Kozlov demonstrates his special skills by breaking a board over his head. O'Brian does the same but might need a doctor.

Conor O'Brian vs. Lucky Cannon

O'Brian grabs a headlock to start as it's a feeling out process. Let the boringness begin here as there's nothing of note going on. Cannon puts on a headscissor choke as we're just waiting to get to the end of the match. O'Brian is a guy that would do FAR better in an old school system as he could develop a character in indy companies and then come back to WWE a few years later. The problem is he has nothing at all that distinguishes him from any generic wrestler. Anyway, O'Brian makes a small comeback but Kidd interferes and the reverse FU/Death Valley Driver ends it at 4:11.

Rating: F+. Conor manages to bring down another decent guy on this show. I don't know what they see in him other than he's managing to be the dullest character of all time. Actually that would imply he has a character. The thing with him is his in ring stuff isn't terrible. It's not good but it's passable I guess. He has zero character or charisma though and I don't want to watch him in the slightest which is the worst thing you can say about a wrestler.

We recap the Kharma thing last night to explain why Maryse isn't here. Anything that lets me see Kelly in those shorts is a good thing.

Saxton comes up to Yoshi and apologizes for attacking him last week. He wants to fix their relationship but Yoshi cuts him off, saying he needs to check on Maryse. Saxton says that's enough and he's on his own now.

William Regal vs. Jacob Novak

It's 10:30 and this is your main event, meaning we're getting a LONG Rock video to end it. Striker is on commentary for

this. Novak tries to talk like JTG and my head hurts. He says that Regal is just an announcer so he means nothing. Novak is going to make him famous. Just...no. Regal calls JTG a Muppet so the match is switched.

William Regal vs. JTG

Oh joy. Basic match to start as Regal does what he can with the jobber heel (I guess?). Regal sends him to the floor and JTG stalls. Back in Novak cheats and it does nothing. About three minutes have passed already and there's just nothing to say about this match because there's almost no point to these two fighting. Regal gets the knee trembler and Novak runs in for the DQ at 6:00.

Rating: D-. I know I shortchanged this match but at the same time I just did not care. There's no reason for these two to fight and yet they did it anyway. The match was boring beyond belief the entire time and the ending just keeps this going even longer. Novak NEEDS a match with a guy like Regal because it's kind of interesting actually. Instead a jobber lost to Regal by DQ. Terrible main event to a terrible show.

We get a long recap video of last night's Raw set to a combination of I'm Coming Home by Diddy Dirty Money and Pitbull's song. We also see Cole getting beat up.

Overall Rating: F. This was the worst show this season and possibly this entire series has had ever. The matches were weak, the main event which has had a decent build didn't happen and nothing interesting happened in the slightest. This season just needs to end as nothing of note is going on here anymore at all. There's no sense of competition and there's no sense of this ending anytime soon. It's like we're on a treadmill with this show and that's really getting

annoying. I had zero desire to watch this after about five minutes in and that really does not happen to me when I'm watching wrestling. Terrible, terrible show.

Results

Chavo Guerrero b. Darren Young – Frog Splash

Lucky Cannon b. Conor O'Brian – Fireman's carry into a mat slam

William Regal b. JTG via disqualification when Jacob Novak interfered