205 Live — December 24, 2021: What's So Merry About It?

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Date: December 24, 2021

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Vic Joseph

Just in case there are people watching the supplemental show for the minor league brand on Christmas Eve. Last week's show was one of the rougher watches I've had around here and I can only hope that this one is a bit better. Having more people ready for a slightly bigger stage than the Performance Center would help. Let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

Ivy Nile vs. Fallon Henley

Two weeks in a row for Henley and she gets a rather high energy entrance. Nile throws her down without much trouble to start but gets caught in an armbar. That's broken up as well so some forearms annoy Nile a bit. A bulldog takes Nile down but she's fine enough to power her way out of trouble.

There's a belly to back suplex and a running kick in the corner rocks Henley again. We hit the bearhug on Henley before Nile throws her down. The freedom is enough for Henley to grab a rollup for two and some kicks are good for the same. Nile isn't having that though and takes her down, setting up the dragon sleeper for the win at 3:14.

Rating: C. Henley got in a good bit before falling here, so they certainly see a little something in her. It is nice to see someone fresh in the division, but this was going to be about Nile getting a nice win. Nile is someone who could become a star in the division in a hurry, and this is the kind of step that she needs to take.

Andre Chase vs. Damon Kemp

The good sized Kemp is making his debut. Chase gets sent into the corner to start before Kemp rides him to the mat without much trouble. Back up and Chase sends him throat first into the ropes to take over, followed by some right hands on the mat. The letter shouting stomps get two and a Russian legsweep is good for the same. We hit the armbar so Kemp can fight up to make the clothesline comeback. Rolling Chaos Theory gives Kemp two but Chase goes for the shoe, setting up the Downward Spiral to finish Kemp at 5:32.

Rating: C-. I wouldn't have believed it but Chase has managed to turn into something pretty fun with this university stuff. It isn't something you would expect to pull off but well done for making it something that actually seems to fit. Granted it isn't going to get much higher, but he's doing a little something with it. Kemp looks like someone with a good bit of potential based on the amateur stuff alone, though that's a long term prospect to put it mildly.

<u>Solo Sikoa vs. Ru Feng</u>

They trade shoulders to start and neither can hit a strike to the face. Feng takes him down by the arm for a kick to the back but Sikoa blocks one to the chest. Back up and a running crossbody takes Feng down for two but he's back up with some more kicks. We hit the chinlock for a bit before they strike it out, with Sikoa getting the better of things. Three straight backsplashes give Sikoa two and it's a spinning backfist into the Superfly Splash to finish Feng at 4:50.

Rating: C. This was the best, or at least most impressive looking, showing from Feng to date. His kicks were looking like they could do damage and he made Sikoa work for a win. That being said, Sikoa is another guy that seems like he could be a breakout star pretty soon and he is looking a bit further

along than some of the other newcomers. Putting him in a match like this gives him some exposure, but I'm not sure how much he is getting out of it.

Overall Rating: C. It was a big upgrade over last week, though part of that is just due to not having a horrible match included. Giving these wrestlers a chance to get in the ring is a good thing, but at some point they need to have more than a four minute match. For now though, this show is a nice addition and something that lets some of these newer wrestlers actually get in front of people. You have to do that somehow, and since house shows are out, this is about as good as we're getting.

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205 Live — December 17, 2021: That Was Horrible

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Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Vic Joseph

It's almost the holiday season and the show continues to seem done with the cruiserweight theme. That doesn't seem to mean much around here, but it means we're stuck with some less than interesting matches from the NXT undercard. At least the main events tend to go well. Let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

Lash Legend vs. Sarray

Legend runs her over to start but Sarray bridges out of a cover in a hurry. Back up and Sarry fires off some running forearms until a faceplant cuts her off. An awkward looking elbow gives Lash two and a powerslam is good for the same. Legend misses another elbow though and Sarray fires off more forearms.

They get back up and Sarray charges into....I think it was supposed to be a front facelock but Legend spun her over into what wound up being a bad powerslam instead. Sarray hits a middle rope dropkick for two of her own but misses a running clothesline. They trade rollups with Legend not being able to hook the trunks, allowing Sarray to get the pin at 3:45.

Rating: D-. So word on the street is that this was the worst televised match of the year and had to be heavily edited. That means we were left seeing some bad spots, but egads just how bad could Legend have been otherwise? Legend looked lost out there and probably shouldn't be on TV, but since NXT doesn't have live events anymore, this is about as good as it could have been.

Post match, Legend kicks her in the face and hits a faceplant, because the Legend experiment MUST CONTINUE! Legend blames Sarray for what happened to her for lashing out and getting lashed in.

Valentina Feroz/Yulisa Leon vs. Erica Yan/Fallon Henley

Yan headlocks Feroz to start but gets taken over into the same thing. They go into a standoff so Henley comes in for her debut. Leon tags herself in for an assisted hurricanrana and an early near fall, followed by a northern lights suplex for the same. Henley comes back with a clothesline so Yan can come back in. A backbreaker and double shoulder get two and it's back to Henley for a backsplash. Feroz belly to back suplexes her way to freedom and the double tag brings in Leon to beat up Yan. Everything breaks down and an assisted crossbody finishes Yan at 6:09.

Rating: C-. Nothing much to see here but they made a bit of a deal out of Fallon Henley, who has some potential, but has the issue of being named Fallon Henley. Feroz and Leon are turning into a nice enough midcard team, though I'm not sure how far they are going to go when there isn't exactly a women's tag team division in the first place. That being said, this match was far easier to watch than the first so call it an upgrade.

The winners dance and respect is shown.

Legado del Fantasma vs. Ru Feng/Malik Blade

Elektra Lopez is here with Legado. Wilde shoves Blade into the ropes and dances a bit before taking him down by the arm. A hiptoss gets Blade out of trouble though and it's Feng coming in for an armbar. The wristlock puts Wilde in more trouble but he pulls Feng over for the tag to Mendoza. Feng slams him down for one but gets his throat snapped across the rope.

Legado picks up the pace with the running clotheslines in the corner before a double suplex drops Feng again. The neck crank doesn't last long so it's a double basement dropkick to give Mendoza two. We hit the chinlock as the fans are rather behind Legado. Feng fights out of a cobra clutch and backdrops his way over to Blade. House is cleaned for what must be a good four seconds until Blade is rammed into Feng. The Russian

legsweep/running big boot combination finishes Blade at 6:13.

Rating: C-. Completely watchable but also skippable tag match here with Legado never once feeling like they were in any jeopardy. That's how the match should have gone, though Blade is turning into a rather nice hand to have around. Feng continues to just kind of be there, but it isn't like he has had a chance to do much.

Overall Rating: D+. This was a pretty lame show and it got off to a terrible start with that Legend vs. Sarray match. Other than that, you had two ok at best tag matches and that isn't much of a use of thirty minutes. The good thing is that this show means so little that it doesn't exactly matter if the show is bad, but dang this was a pretty dull sit.

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