

# NXT LVL Up – June 14, 2024: The Power Of Your Mind

## NXT LVL Up

Date: June 14, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Blake Howard, Byron Saxton

We're done with Battleground and that means absolutely nothing when it comes to this show. NXT is starting to do some interesting things but LVL Up continues to chug along with its usual middle of the show shows and I have no reason to believe that is going to change this week. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

## D'Angelo Family vs. Shiloh Hill/Jasper Troy

Riz is here with the Family. The rather large Troy throws Stacks around to start so it's off to Crusifino to grab an armbar on Hill. Crusifino cranks on the arm before dropping him ribs first across the top. Hill fights up and grabs a headlock of all things before Stacks comes in with a middle rope shoulder.

Everything breaks down and a double dropkick hits Troy. Stacks tries a rollup on Hill but Troy comes in off a blind tag and hits a big side slam. A splash in the corner crushes Stacks and Troy shoves him into another corner. Hill's belly to back suplex drops Stacks again but he gets over to Crusifino for the rather necessary tag. Everything breaks down again and a Shatter Machine finishes Hill at 5:53.

**Rating:** C. The match saw the Family having to fight back against a new power team but you could see that Hill and Troy

are still learning. They didn't look overly confident at times and made some odd decisions. The potential is there, but if they are this new into their careers, things could be far worse.

Kendal Grey is ready for Izzi Dame because it's a great opportunity.

### Kendal Grey vs. Izzi Dame

Dame powers her into the corner to start but Grey is back with a fireman's carry into an armbar. Back up and the much bigger Dame sends her hard into the corner before starting in on Grey's arm to even up the limb damage. Dame sends her hard over the corner and out to the floor, followed by a seated armbar back inside. Back up and Dame tries a backdrop but Grey reverses into a backslide for the fluke pin at 4:21.

**Rating:** C. Sure why not. Grey is one of the many new women around here who have little to make them stand out so maybe this can help her a bit. At the end of the day, it is hard to find something that makes them feel unique and giving someone a win might be the kind of a boost that she needs. Or it means nothing whatsoever because this is LVL Up.

Post match (yes there is a post match) Dame jumps her but Carlee Bright makes the save.

### Andre Chase vs. Lucien Price

Ridge Holland and Bronco Nima are here too. Chase strikes away at the legs to start but the much bigger Price (in his first ever singles match) runs him over. Back up and Chase kicks him out of the corner, setting up a middle rope hurricanrana to the floor. There's the big flip dive from the apron but Chase has to hold Holland back.

That lets Price drop him back first onto the apron and a backbreaker keeps Chase in trouble back inside. A release Rock

Bottom plants Chase and Price hits a rather hard clothesline in the corner. Chase fights out of a chinlock and strikes away, setting up the Russian legsweep and the spelling stomps. Back up and Chase runs into a nice superkick for two but Price misses a charge into the post. A high crossbody finishes for Chase at 5:48.

**Rating:** B-. I liked this one more than I was expecting as Chase doesn't get to have many singles matches. The thing that continues to amaze me is how far he has taken what should have been a rather silly, short term gimmick. Price looked good as a powerhouse show got outsmarted by the intelligent veteran and it worked well on both sides.

**Overall Rating:** C+. This show was one of the better that they have presented in a good while around here, with Chase and Price having a solid mach (at least for around here) and what could be at least a small angle after the women's match. I had a nice time with this and it's nice to have this be something other than filler for once.

### Results

D'Angelo Family b. Shiloh Hill/Jasper Troy – Shatter Machine to Hill

Kendal Grey b. Izzi Dame – Backslide

Andre Chase b. Lucien Price – High crossbody

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# NXT – June 18, 2024: He Appears

## NXT

Date: June 18, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Booker T.

It's time for another night all about the guest as we have a battle royal to crown the next #1 contender to Trick Williams and the NXT Title. The catch is that there will be wrestlers from other locker rooms, which likely means people from either the main roster or elsewhere. That opens up some possibilities so let's get to it.

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

## Battle Royal

Shawn Spears, Je'Von Evans, Tank Ledger, Angel, Berto, Joe Coffey, Tyler Bate, Frankie Kazarian, Ridge Holland, Dragon Lee, Lexis King, Tony D'Angelo, Damon Kemp, Myles Borne, Apollo Crews, Eddy Thorpe, Edris Enofe, Malik Blade, Charlie Dempsey, Tavion Heights, Joe Hendry, Ethan Page, Nathan Frazer, Oro Mensah, Dante Chen

For the next shot at Trick Williams and the NXT Title. I think that's everyone and we have two TNA entrants, with Frankie Kazarian and my goodness Joe Hendry, who gets a heck of a reaction. He gives his usual speech about being 252 pounds of

pure motivation and just let him sign with NXT already as they would be crazy to not take him the second they could.

The bell rings and we get a Page vs. Hendry showdown but Mensah (I think he's in at least) tackles Page and they fall through the ropes for a brawl to the back. Everyone else brawls and Hendry is out in about twenty seconds. The fans are not happy and Enofe is tossed soon after him. Thorpe misses a big boot and gets tossed out by Spears. Kemp gets rid of Blade but eliminates Dempsey at the same time, seemingly by mistake. Kazarian takes advantage of the arguing and tosses Kemp and Borne at the same time.

Crews is out and we take a break. Back with Heights and Chen fighting on the apron until Holland gets rid of both of them. King saves Berto and Angel before tossing the former on his own. Angel throws out King but gets tossed as well, leaving Bate to hit a heck of an airplane spin to Ledger. That's enough to get rid of Ledger, followed by Frazer kicking D'Angelo out. Frazer and Lee fight on the apron with Lee kneeing him out. Bate and Lee knock Holland out as we're down to Evans, Kazarian, Bate, Spears and Lee (Page went through the ropes but hasn't been seen since and I'm still not sure if Mensah was ever in).

Spears knocks Bate out and tries to toss Kazarian, who manages to get back in. Evans throws Kazarian out instead and we're down to Evans vs. Lee, with Spears on the floor but not out. They trade snap German suplexes but Spears breaks up a springboard to get rid of Lee. Evans slips out of a C4 attempt and clotheslines Spears to the apron but Spears is back in. A kick to the face lets Evans get rid of Spears for the win at 16:32.

**Rating:** B-. This went a bit long and I'm somewhat confused about Hendry being out so early, but the important thing is getting a fresh star into the main event scene. NXT is clearly very high on Evans and that could make for some interesting

twists going forward. I can't imagine him winning the title, but just getting a shot so soon on this big of a stage is impressive.

Fallon Henley doesn't think much of Carlee Bright, who calls her out for losing at Battleground. Henley yells at most of the locker room.

Roxanne Perez accuses Lola Vice of coming for her title but Vice says she isn't...yet. They're in a tag match tonight.

Chase U consoles Ridge Holland over his loss and give him his official shirt. The OC come in to mock Holland and a tag match is made, with Thea Hail having to be held back.

Meta Four vs. Jacy Jayne/Jazmyn Nyx vs. Lola Vice/Roxanne Perez

Perez, Jackson and Jayne start things off and they trade rollups for two each. Legend comes in and picks up Perez and Jayne for some stereo throttling. Nyx comes in to kick Legend and everything breaks down, with Perez diving onto Jackson as we take a break. Back with Perez cleaning house with a DDT/Russian legsweep combination. Vice comes in and kicks away at Jackson, setting up the running hip attacks. Legend isn't having that and suplexes Vice and Jayne at the same time. Back up and Vice backfists Jackson, only to have Perez tag herself in and grab Pop Rox for the pin at 9:58.

**Rating:** C+. This was a bit of a different way to go and Vice has been pretty clear as the next big challenger for a long time now. We certainly seem to be on the way there and that ending should get them along the right path. Other than that, Legend continues to feel like a star, and if she can get more polished, she could be ready to break through to the next level rather quickly.

Post match Perez drops Vice.

Ava congratulates Je'Von Evans on his win but Ethan Page comes in to complain about never being eliminated. A match is made for later tonight.

Sol Ruca gives Kelani Jordan a pep talk.

### Women's North American Title: Kelani Jordan vs. Michin

Michin is challenging and they show respect to start. Jordan grabs a rollup to start as the OC comes out to watch. Michin misses a charge and falls out to the floor, allowing Jordan to hit a dive as we take a break. Back with Michin Pouncing Jordan down for two and grabbing the bearhug. Jordan gets in a crossbody and they're both down for a breather.

Michin's German suplex gets two but Jordan gets in another shot. Michin catches her on top but gets caught with a poisonrana for two. The split legged moonsault misses and Michin hits Sittin Pretty for two...as OTM comes out for a distraction. Cue Jaida Parker to shove Michin off the top and Jordan hits the split legged moonsault for the pin at 9:58.

**Rating:** C. This match showed exactly why winning a title, especially an inaugural title, in a ladder match is a bad move. I spent the whole match trying to care about the title or the wrestlers involved and I never got there because Jordan doesn't feel like she really won anything. Yeah she won the ladder match, but she didn't pin anyone to win the title. Why should I be invested in her when she hasn't shown that she is the best when it comes to what the title is about?

Ethan Page says he's still in the battle royal and he wants the NXT Title, but he's also going to take out Oro Mensah.

Video on Izzi Dame, who is a former professional volleyball player and better than you.

Axiom isn't happy with Nathan Frazer being in the battle royal because he thinks Frazer wants gold for himself. Luca

Crusifino comes in with a contract for a Heritage Cup shot...and Frazer snatches it from him and instantly signs. Luca: "That's not a bad signature." Axiom: "Unbelievable."

We look at Tatum Paxley showing up at TNA Against All Odds and losing to Knockouts Champion Jordynne Grace.

Here is Oba Femi to brag about retaining the North American Title. He beat up Joe Coffey and Wes Lee at Battleground because there is no one like him. Cue Lee to interrupt, saying Femi never pinned him. Lee wants his title back (as the fans are distracted by what might be a fight in the stands) and tells a leaving Femi to not turn his back on him. Femi gives him the title shot, but it's his first and last chance.

Hank Walker tells Tank Ledger that he is back from his shoulder injury. Next up: the New Catch Republic.

Tavion Heights is in the back with the No Quarter Catch Crew, with Charlie Dempsey offering him a spot. If Heights wins next week, he's on the team.

Gallus is mad about Wes Lee getting another title shot when Tyriek Igwe and Tyson DuPont jump them.

### Fallon Henley vs. Carlee Bright

Kendal Grey is here with Bright. Henley grabs a headlock to start as commentary argues about Curt Hennig. Bright fights up and snaps off a headscissors but Henley powers her into the corner. Henley puts on an armbar but Bright is back up with a sleeper. That's broken up as Wendy Choo comes to ringside and chokes Grey out. Bright hits a dropkick but gets faceplanted down, setting up the Shining Wizard to give Henley the pin at 4:18.

**Rating:** C. Henley's heel turn has been ok and she looks like a star, but there is very little about her that makes her stand out in the ring. She's more or less just an evil cowgirl at



this point and that isn't much to go on. Maybe she can adjust that a bit as there is something to her, but it's not clicking so far.

Eddy Thorpe had a good run in the battle royal but wants to keep going. Maybe for a title.

Trick Williams congratulates Je'Von Evans and tells him to end Ethan Page tonight.

### Chase U vs. OC

Thea Hail, Ridge Holland and Michin are here too. Chase hiptosses Anderson down to start and there's a hiptoss to do it again. Hudson comes in to stay on the arm and an elbow drop gives Chase two. It's off to Gallows for a boot to the face and some rather hard slams. We hit the chinlock but Chase fights up and rolls over for the tag off to Hudson. House is quickly cleaned, including a super hurricanrana to Anderson. Everything breaks down and Hudson rolls Anderson up, with an assist from Holland, for the pin at 5:06.

**Rating:** C. I will absolutely take the OC losing again as I do not get why I'm supposed to be interested in anything they do. Chase U needs a few wins to get back on their feet and even if it takes some cheating, this was a step in the right direction. Other than that, not much of a match, but I like the result.

Kelani Jordan is interrupted by Arianna Grace, who accepts an offer for a North American Title shot. There wasn't an actual offer, as Jordan was thinking Sol Ruca. Ava makes Grace vs. Ruca for next week.

Andre Chase accuses Duke Hudson of cheating but he and Ridge Holland don't know anything.

Fallon Henley, Jazmyn Nyx and Jacy Jayne aren't happy with how things are going around here.

Here's what's coming on next week's show.

### Je'Von Evans vs. Ethan Page

Trick Williams is on commentary. Evans, with his ribs taped up, slugs away in the corner but Page goes after the ribs in a logical move. Some shoulders to the ribs and a reverse fisherman's suplex give Page two before he stays on the ribs. Evans is dropped ribs first onto the top rope but manages a superkick to the floor as we take a break.

Back with Page cranking on the ribs again and grabbing a powerslam for two. The half grab goes on, with Evans bailing over to the rope. Evans fights up and bounces off the ropes for a kick to the face, setting up a clothesline for two. Page sidesteps the springboard cutter but gets caught with a spinning DDT. Back up and Page drops him hard onto the corner, setting up the Ego's Edge for the pin at 10:28.

**Rating:** C+. They stuck to the point here, but it continued to show that Page is only so good in the first place. There is only so much that he does to stand out in the slightest in the ring and until that changes, I'm not sure how much higher he is going to go. Evans losing after having a much longer match earlier is a good way to start, but this felt like a way to set up a multi-man title match at Heatwave.

Page comes out to stare at Williams as Shawn Spears runs in to beat on Evans. Williams comes in but gets beaten down as well, with Evans making the save to leave everyone down to end the show (with the title in the middle of the ring to really hammer the idea home).

**Overall Rating:** C+. This wasn't their strongest show but it felt like they were trying something with a few new stories. A four way title match at Heatwave could be a better way to go and Perez vs. Vice seems all but guaranteed. It's hard to imagine we've seen the last of Joe Hendry either, which could be interesting for another one off. Not the best show here,

but points for trying to do something new in a few areas.

### Results

Je'Von Evans won a battle royal last eliminating Shawn Spears  
Lola Vice/Roxanne Perez b. Meta Four and Jacy Jayne/Jazmyn Nyx  
– Pop Rox to Jackson

Kelani Jordan b. Michin – Split legged moonsault

Fallon Henley b. Carlee Bright – Shining Wizard

Chase U b. OC – Assisted rollup to Anderson

Ethan Page b. Je'Von Evans – Ego's Edge

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# **NXT LVL Up – May 31, 2024: Back To Three**

### NXT LVL Up

Date: May 31, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Byron Saxton, Blake Howard

We're still on the road to Battleground and in this case we're back to the full length version of the show. In this case that only means about half an hour with three matches, though the level of quality may vary. That's the story of LVL Up and has been for a long time now. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Uriah Connors vs. Cutler James

James throws him away to start and then grabs a headlock to keep Connors closer. A few slams set up a gorilla press drop to put Connors down but he avoids a charge into the post. Connors works on the arm with an it bar but Connors fights back up. The running shoulders in the corner have Connors down and a torture rack drop gives James two. Connors is back up with a rollup through the ropes (cool) into a suicide dive, followed by a top rope elbow for the pin at 5:35.

**Rating:** C+. I wasn't expecting this to work, if nothing else just because I barely remember either of these two showing up around here. James is a big guy with some energy to him but he is going to need some more seasoning. At the same time Connors is going to probably get a chance due to his heritage, but a name change won't hurt him.

Tyson DuPont and Tyriek Igwe are ready to keep things going against the No Quarter Catch Crew.

Kendal Grey vs. Stevie Turner

Turner grabs the hair to escape a waistlock to start but gets taken down into an armbar. Grey switches to a headlock and cranks away but Turner grabs a neckbreaker for two instead. The seated cobra clutch doesn't last long as Grey fights up and hits some running forearms. A middle rope crossbody misses

though and Turner hits a Stroke for the pin at 4:16.

**Rating:** C. This was the match to get Turner back in the ring before she likely gets wrecked by Jordynne Grace next week on regular NXT. Turner is still someone who feels like she should have gotten a lot further so far but it just never came together. Other than that, Grey is quite the athlete who is still getting her feet wet around here, so there is only so much she is going to be able to do.

### Tyriek Igwe/Tyson DuPont vs. No Quarter Catch Crew

Charlie Dempsey and Myles Borne for the Crew (Damon Kemp on the floor) with the latter starting against Igwe. The fight over a lockup doesn't go well for Borne, who is sent into the corner for the tag to Dempsey. That's fine with Igwe, who slams him down and hands it off to DuPont for the heavy shoulder. DuPont grabs a waistlock on Borne, followed by a kick to the head for two. Dempsey makes a blind tag though and Borne takes DuPont down so the villains can start taking turns on him.

Dempsey's top rope stomp to the knee sets up a half crab, followed by Borne's cranking on the leg. The alternating ankle cranking continues until Dempsey gets kicked away, allowing the diving tag back to Igwe. Everything breaks down and a shoulderbreaker into a splash gets two on Dempsey with Borne making the save. Kemp grabs Igwe's foot though, allowing Dempsey to grab a bridging German suplex for the pin at 7:30.

**Rating:** C+. Igwe and DuPont seemed like they were starting to put something together on the main NXT but here they are, losing on the minor league minor league show. The Crew seems to be getting somewhere as well, but this is just a warmup for their likely next run at the Heritage Cup. This was a bigger match around here though, and I'll take that over more rookies who haven't done much of anything else.

**Overall Rating:** C+. The best thing I can say about this show

is that it didn't feel like the same things we've seen over and over. There is only so much that you can get out of this kind of a show but I'll take Connors and Grey getting some needed reps. Switching back to the three match version didn't make a ton of difference, but it isn't like much around here changes anything most of the time.

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## **NXT LVL Up – May 17, 2024: Rookie Night**

### **NXT LVL Up**

Date: May 17, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Byron Saxton, Blake Howard

We're back in Orlando and things have actually been getting a bit more interesting around here. There have been a few bigger names around here in recent weeks and that has helped quite a

bit. However, this is a bit different than most weeks as it is part of a double taping, meaning a shorter show. Let's get to it.

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

### Tavion Heights vs. Jasper Troy

Troy is 6'8 and 340lbs so we have a new big man. Heights gets caught in an early front facelock before going to an armbar to slow Troy down. Back up and Troy just runs him over with a shoulder but charges into a shot to the face. A big side slam plants Heights again and we hit the chinlock. Heights fights up and hits an overhead belly to belly but Troy powerslams him right back down. Not that it matters as Heights is back up with the spinning belly to belly for the pin at 5:16.

**Rating:** C. This worked fairly well as a big debut for Troy, who wrestled a nice enough big man match. He wrestles a bit slowly, but that can work for someone his size. Heights is still someone who feels like a project around here and his belly to belly is becoming a nice enough finisher. Not a great match, but they both looked decent.

Brinley Reece and the debuting Layla Diggs are rather positive.

### Brinley Reece/Layla Diggs vs. Carlee Bright/Kendal Grey

This is Diggs', a former track star, in-ring debut. Grey and Diggs start things off with Diggs taking her down into a headscissors. Grey gets her over to the corner for the tag to Bright, who spins around a lot. Diggs drops down into the splits and pulls her into a front facelock, allowing the tag off to Reece. Bright tries to crawl to the corner so Reece grabs her by the legs and swings her into the corner for a basic yet clever counter. Everything breaks down and Reece hits a cartwheel DDT to pin Grey at 4:01.

**Rating:** C. This was short and much more about the getting the four relative newcomers into the ring. Reece is fairly far in front of the other three but is still pretty new herself. They were smart to keep things short and to the point here, as none of them are ready for a long match, but what we got was just ok enough.

Everyone poses together to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C. The show was only 18 minutes long and that makes it hard to get annoyed about some not so great matches. This show was about getting more newcomers into the ring for some ring time and it worked well enough. It's just a quick show and it did what it was supposed to so we'll call it right in the middle, as is often the case around here.

### Results

Tavion Heights b. Jasper Troy – Spinning belly to belly suplex  
Brinley Reece/Layla Diggs b. Carlee Bright/Kendal Grey –  
Cartwheel DDT to Grey

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# NXT LVL Up – May 3, 2024: They Really Did That

## NXT LVL Up

Date: May 3, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Blake Howard, Byron Saxton

It's back for more of this and I'm not sure what that is going to mean. The good thing is that we had some bigger names last time and, again, it helped a lot. It would be nice to see that continue here as it is the only thing that makes the show feel even slightly worthwhile. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

## Eddy Thorpe vs. Kale Dixon

Thorpe grabs a headlock takeover to start and then armdrags him into an armbar for some cranking. Back up and a jumping elbow to the face puts Dixon down again but he's back up with a tilt-a-whirl slam for two. Dixon hits his own elbow to the face to even things up a bit and another tilt-a-whirl slam gets two more. The chinlock goes on for a bit before Dixon chops him in the back, which just wakes Thorpe up. A German suplex into an elbow into the implant DDT finishes Dixon at 5:55.

**Rating:** C. As usual, Dixon is a perfectly fine hand in the ring who isn't likely to go anywhere beyond LVL Up. Thorpe on the other hand feels like someone NXT wants to move up but he has only gotten so far. It's nice seeing him on a bit of a winning streak, so hopefully he gets to keep it going and maybe into something a bit better.

Je'Von Evans is willing to go against anyone and that includes Riley Osborne tonight.

### Kendal Grey vs. Kelani Jordan

Carlee Bright is here with Grey. They fight over wrist control to start until Jordan takes him down by the arm. An exchange of leg trips lets Grey crank on the arm before a belly to belly gives Grey two. Back up and they trade rollups for two each until Jordan grabs a fireman's carry slam. The split legged moonsault gives Jordan the pin at 5:14.

**Rating:** C. Grey is the latest star on the roster in great shape with very little else to set her apart from the rest of the women's division. Jordan has the gymnastics background which allows her to do some impressive things, though she is only starting to feel like something of a player. Both of them need the ring time so this works as well as anything else.

### Riley Osborne vs. Je'Von Evans

Evans spins out of a wristlock to start and grabs one of his own. Back up and Evans snaps off a springboard hurricanrana to send Osborne to the floor. Osborne is fine enough to hit something like a 619 off the apron and we hit the reverse chinlock back inside. Evans fights up for a kick to the head into a springboard clothesline for the big knockdown. There's the big dive to the floor to drop Osborne again but he switches places and hits a dive of his own. Back in and they trade rollups until Evans grabs a sunset flip for the big upset at 5:52.

**Rating:** C+. That is a heck of an upset as Osborne has been treated as someone with a big future around here. It made for a good moment and Evans is instantly a bigger deal. I'm not sure how far he is going to go but at some point you need to just try something with someone new. Evans is getting that treatment and now we get to see where it goes.

**Overall Rating:** C+. That ending helped a lot and it was the first moment in a long time around here that felt like it could matter going forward. For now, the show itself wasn't much but I'm wanting to see what they'll do next with Evans. The fans are behind him and now he's getting an upgrade, which is kind of the point of this entire show. For once.

### Results

Eddy Thorpe b. Kale Dixon – Impaler DDT

Kelani Jordan b. Kendal Grey – Split legged moonsault

Je'Von Evans b. Riley Osborne – Sunset flip

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# **NXT LVL Up – April 12, 2024: They Did The Thing**

## NXT LVL Up

Date: April 12, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Blake Howard, Byron Saxton

We're done with Stand & Deliver and that means it is time to change pretty much nothing around here. Last week's show saw something of a grudge match between Je'Von Evans and Scrypts, albeit with some partners. Somehow that was only the second ever six man tag in the history of LVL Up, so maybe we can get another treat here. Let's get to it.

Opening sequence.

### Tavion Heights vs. Uriah Connors

The bigger Heights lips him into the corner to start and wrestles to the mat without much effort. Some shots to the face stagger Heights and Connors sends him outside for a crash. Back in and Connors stomps away, setting up an arm crank. Connors grabs a choke over the ropes, only to have Heights power up into an electric chair for the break. Back up and the spinning belly to belly gives Heights the pin at 5:03.

**Rating:** C. NXT needs to bring up some new people and Heights might as well be one of them. He has separated himself from the pack around here a little big and that suplex is a good finisher. Connors got in some offense of his own but this was more about Heights, which should be the case at the moment.

Kendal Grey and Carlee Bright are ready to try their best against Blair Davenport and Stevie Turner.

### Stevie Turner/Blair Davenport vs. Kendal Grey/Carlee Bright

Turner snapmares Bright down to start but Bright is right back up with a wristlock. Grey comes in to work on Davenport's arm but she gets taken into the villains' corner. Bright manages to flip over Davenport though and it's Grey coming in for an assisted top rope splash. That doesn't work for Davenport, who brings Grey into the corner for a Backstabber from Turner.

Davenport's backbreaker gets two on Grey and some forearms to

the back make it even worse. Grey quickly powers out of a half crab though and the tag brings Bright back in to clean house. Bright headscissors Davenport into a splash, only to have Davenport come right back with the Falcon Arrow for the pin at 6:14.

**Rating:** C. The biggest thing here was finding out that Turner was still employed. She has barely done anything in months and I'm not sure why. Her futuristic deal isn't that bad and she can hang in the ring, but it has never come close to clicking for her. Maybe that changes, but for now she was just Davenport's partner.

### Eddy Thorpe vs. Dion Lennox

They fight over wrist control to start (as is so often the case) before an exchange of shoulders goes nowhere. Lennox's dropkick lets him grab a headlock but Thorpe isn't having that. Back up and Thorpe hammers away before putting on an abdominal stretch. With that broken up, Lennox hammers away and hits a clothesline but Thorpe punches him in the face. The impaler DDT finishes for Thorpe at 5:11.

**Rating:** C. Thorpe didn't do much here until the end when he just grabbed his finisher for the win. That's not much of a match but it did make Lennox look good enough in defeat. At some point you have to try something new with someone and that's more or less what happened here. Lennox is going to need more than "he wears glasses to the ring" to stand out though and we seem pretty far off from that.

**Overall Rating:** C. Not their best effort here, with the women's tag probably standing out the most. This was a show where it didn't feel like they were trying and it made the show that much less interesting as a result. Like I've said far too many times, you can just tell when the effort isn't there from WWE (as opposed to the wrestlers, who were trying) and it showed again this week with a pretty lackluster show.

## Results

Tavion Heights b. Uriah Connors – Belly to belly suplex  
Stevie Turner/Blair Davenport b. Carlee Bright/Kendal Grey –  
Falcon Arrow to Bright  
Eddy Thorpe b. Dion Lennox – Implant DDT

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# **NXT LVL Up – March 29, 2024: Great Continuity**

## **NXT LVL Up**

Date: March 29, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Byron Saxton, Blake Howard

I'm a bit behind on this thing and I'm not sure how much I missed it. In this case, the good thing is that there isn't exactly much in the way of continuity around here. What matters the most is the action and star power, as both of them

can come together to turn into something pretty decent. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Jakara Jackson/Lash Legend vs. Carlee Bright/Kendal Grey

Legend throws Bright down with no trouble to start and it's off to Jackson, who gets caught by the arm. Grey and Bright start some quick tags to stay on the arm but it's back to Legend for the pump kick. An elbow to the back gives Legend two and we hit the bearhug to stay on said back. Grey fights out but gets caught in a quick backbreaker to cut her off again. That doesn't last long and it's back to Bright to pick up the pace. Everything breaks down until Jackson hits an Edge-0-Matic. Bright is sent outside and the Alley Oop finishes for Jackson at 6:35.

**Rating:** C. They're turning Jackson and Legend into something of a thing, which is rather impressive as Legend has come a LONG way since her rather terrible earlier days. The team is getting somewhere and I could go for them being given a bigger chance. That might be coming, and hopefully they keep growing as a team.

Hank Walker and Tank Ledger are ready to finish their best of three series with Tyriek Igwe and Tyson DuPont. Cue Igwe and DuPont, who want to raise the stakes. Now on the line: a meatloaf recipe vs. shoes. Yeah.

Je'Von Evans vs. Scrypts

The rest of OTM is here with Scrypts. They take turns ducking the other to start until Evans gets two off a sunset flip. Back up and Scrypts elbows him in the face but Evans snaps off a headscissors. Scrypts takes him down again and hammers away, setting up the running spinwheel kick in the corner. The

chinlock goes on but Evans is back up with a springboard kick to the face. OTM offers a distraction though and Evans misses his spinning top rope splash. Not that it matters as Evans is right back with a small package for the pin at 4:57.

**Rating:** C+. They know what they've got with Evans, who is young and able to move rather quickly out there. That makes for some exciting moments as you get some fun high flying stuff. Scrypts can hang in that style as well, making for a nice acrobatic display. I have no idea how far Evans can go right now, but he's off to a fun start.

### Hank Walker/Tank Ledger vs. Tyriek Igwe/Tyson DuPont

Final match in a Best Of Three series. Walker powers Igwe into the corner to start but runs into an elbow. DuPont comes in to help with some strikes but it's quickly off to Ledger. That means a fall away slam can put Igwe down and a toss slam drops him again. The chinlock doesn't last long so Walker and Ledger hit stereo running standing splashes on Igwe.

Another chinlock is broken up in a hurry and Igwe gets over to DuPont to pick up the pace. DuPont's discus punch gets two on Walker as everything breaks down. Ledger is sent outside and the chokeslam/belly to back suplex combination connects, only for Ledger to make the save. Igwe and Walker collide and Walker falls on him for the fluke pin at 6:23.

**Rating:** C+. As has been the case around here before, it is amazing to see how much even some small stakes around here changes things. Granted I'm not overly interested in the shoes, though the idea of someone winning a meatloaf recipe had potential. It helped a good bit here, as I had no reason to care about either of these teams but it mattered just a bit, which is nice to see.

Respect is shown to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C+. I guess we can call this a show with some



continuity and I'll take that for a one off week. LVL Up is still not exactly must see stuff but you can tell when they are trying vs. the weeks when they aren't. This was one of the better shows, which says a lot given the names involved. Perfectly fine show, though that means nothing for the show's future.

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