

NXT – April 26, 2011 – Could Maryse's Dresses Be Any Shorter?

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Somehow this is two months old already. Two months. How in the world has it only been two months? Anyway, we're done with the draft now so it's time to focus on the real important thing tonight: NXT!!! Please, someone tell me there's an elimination coming soon. I can't take these six guys on the show for another month. Let's get to it.

Maryse and Striker bring out the rookies and pros. It's time to play How Well Do You Know Your Pro. This is the game where the teams are given a question and have to match their answers. Is there a reason why the games are always the same and they NEVER come up with anything else?

First question is what is the one thing your rookie does better than any other rookie. Byron says he speaks better, Tatsu says just wrestle. Nice knowing you Yoshi. Connor, with mutton chops, says punish people, Kozlov says fire up. Young says he doesn't care what Chavo said and that he thinks he's a better wrestler than Chavo. Chavo's card says wrestle but it's not a match. Novak says he makes it look good, JTG says fly, which is apparently a match. Cannon says this is about him, Kidd says best attire. Titus says connect with the WWE Universe, Horny says bark. Novak is the only one with a point.

Question two is if you can't be a superstar, you should be

what. Regal talks about other jobs he used to have, such as working as a bouncer and wringing out sponges for a one armed window cleaner. Byron says news reporter and is wrong as I didn't see the card. Conor says fighter, Vlad says firefighter which isn't a match. Young says he doesn't care and Chavo says tax man. Since when does Chavo wear glasses?

Novak says there is no answer because he will be the next breakout star. JTG thinks hip hop MC. Cannon wants to know how many times Maryse threw up in her mouth after kissing Yoshi but Kidd says fashion designer. O'Neil says dogcatcher, Horny says bodyguard. This ate up ten minutes and managed to make this show even weaker. Regal again saves it, saying he understands why Cole left this show. Novak wins with the only correct answer out of ten total.

Darren Young vs. Titus O'Neil

Young is being all aggressive to start and we hit the floor with Young in control. Darren and Chavo are a weird pairing as they're kind of both heels and yet they're feuding. Horny plays cheerleader to get Titus out of a chinlock. Big old sideslam gets two. Titus has beaten Young twice this season already so this is billed as a rivalry. We're in North Carolina so Young throws on a Figure Four. Chavo won't help him though so Young walks into a Low Down to end this at approximately 3:30. My feed messed up so I missed a few parts but the match couldn't have been longer than four minutes.

Rating: C-. Decent little match here as Titus continues to be pushed to the moon. Ok maybe to outer space as I don't think you can get to the moon from NXT. Young arguing with Chavo is a nice little touch as it gives you a reason to pay attention to them, which is fine as Young is probably the best all around of these six. Having a talented pro helps a lot too so they're probably the best pairing.

Jacob Novak/JTG vs. Vladimir Kozlov/Conor O'Brian

The idea of putting a weak guy with a good guy is foreign on this show isn't it? Novak calls out Regal again as maybe my previous statement should be retracted. Novak says Regal's career is over which makes Regal stand up. Regal says he's over 40 and has lived 1000 lifetimes. However, if Novak thinks he's going to let a Muppet like Novak tell him what he's going to do, Novak is crazy. Regal wants a match RIGHT NOW. Novak of course says no because he's in the tag match but he'll take on Regal next week. I guess the big brawl of a feud is penciled in.

Novak and Kozlov start us off as Regal is eerily calm. O'Brian and Kozlov send Novak to the floor as we take a break. Regal calls JTG a waste of space and one of the worst people in the WWE. Preach it brother man. Back with JTG hitting a clothesline for two on O'Brian. O'Brian fights back but stops to hit Novak like a good man but JTG takes over again. Novak hammers on him a bit as Regal talks about lighting Novak on fire in the middle of winter and using his burning flesh to warm his hands. Vince....about that offer for help for any employee...

The rookies hit the mat as we hear about how impressive Novak has been lately. Regal takes credit for that which is saying a lot as I've become more and more bored by him week in and week out. Naturally the two guys that are joined at the hip this season get to work the majority of the match. O'Brian gets a DDT to break the momentum and it's off to Vlad. JTG gets involved and everything breaks down. Novak fights off a double team and hits a big boot to O'Brian to end this at 6:45.

Rating: D+. I know this is getting into a good bit of personal bias, but I do not care about these two anymore. Novak is

trying with the whole Regal thing but it's nothing. If they let Novak go over Regal it'll help him a bit but at the end of the day, Novak and O'Brian have no point being here and yet they're never thrown off and are even brought back. I don't get it at all. Match was just kind of there anyway.

Raw ReBound recaps the Draft of course.

Someone has destroyed Maryse's purse so she rants to Tatsu in French. She blames Lucky and goes off to check on her shoes. Tatsu comes up to Saxton and asks if he's seen Lucky. Saxton gets annoyed with Tatsu not being his pro and says Tatsu can come to the ring for his match with Cannon. Good to see Saxton showing some serious nature.

Byron Saxton vs. Lucky Cannon

Saxton takes over to start as we hit the floor. The crowd is SILENT. Do you know how hard it is to kill fans in North freaking Carolina??? Big boot gets two for Cannon. Triangle choke by Cannon gets him nowhere. We hit the chinlock as Todd talks about Tatsu and Kidd going to Smackdown along with Regal, meaning they can hang out together. Regal goes into a rather depressing speech about having no friends. Grisham says the two of them get along. Regal says in total deadpan that they don't. This was almost saddening.

Saxton makes his comeback and gets two off a shot from the middle rope. Rollup gets the same. We reference Gorgeous George and Chanel #10. Kidd breaks up a pin attempt so Yoshi takes him out. Cannon takes out Yoshi so he can tell Maryse he had nothing to do with this. Yoshi comes in for the DQ at 5:44. Saxton beats up Yoshi and gets beaten up by Cannon post match.

Rating: C-. Not terrible here but this was more or less the Maryse match rather than Cannon vs. Saxton. That being said,

it's hardly a bad thing as she's far more interesting and charismatic than both of them. Match was only there to set up the finish which is ok, but it gets annoying after awhile.

Maryse might be impressed by Cannon.

Overall Rating: D. This didn't do it for me at all. They seem like they're just going in circles at this point with nothing at all coming to help this show. O'Brian needs to go as he has nothing going on at all. Even Novak has something to do here. Still no mention of an elimination as I really think it's going to be one winner and no eliminations throughout the season. It's never been this far into a season without one so maybe that's what they're going with. Anyway, bad show here but there are at least some stories coming together, which would help this show a lot.

Results

Jacob Novak won the How Well Do You Know Your Pro Challenge

Titus O'Neil b. Darren Young – Sitout Spinebuster

JTG/Jacob Novak b. Conor O'Brian/Vladimir Kozlov – Big boot to O'Brian

Lucky Cannon b. Byron Saxton via DQ when Yoshi Tatsu interfered