

# NXT – July 16, 2024: All That Without All That

## NXT

Date: July 16, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Booker T.

The big story coming out of last week was the return of Joe Hendry, who showed up in the main event and teamed with Trick Williams to beat Shawn Spears and Ethan Page. That could be something that continues this week, though Hendry isn't someone who appears on every show. Other than that, we need to start getting ready for the Great American Bash so let's get to it.

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The Rascalz are ready for Gallus.

Gallus is ready for the Rascalz.

## Rascalz vs. Gallus

The fans are rather happy to see the Rascalz. Mark shoves Miguel down to start as Booker makes sure Vic doesn't say Joe Hendry's name. Wentz comes in but gets forearmed straight into the corner as the villains take over. That's broken up so Lee comes in for a headlock, only to get his head taken off with a clothesline. Booker says he hasn't seen a trio like Gallus since the Freebirds, making me wonder how Booker has a job talking about wrestling. Someone says Hendry's name and he appears, joining commentary as we take a break.

Back with Lee avoiding a charge in the corner and bringing Wentz in with a missile dropkick. Everything breaks down and Miguel's Lightning Spiral (similar to a Paige Turner) hits

Mark with Wolfgang making the save. A triple dropkick puts Wolfgang on the floor and the dives connect (Hendry approves) and it's a top rope double stomp to pin Mark at 12:05.

**Rating:** B-. As usual, the Rascalz are a lot of things, with exciting being at the top of the list. They wrestle a fast paced style and fly around the ring so quickly that it is hard to not get interested in what they're doing. That makes for some very entertaining matches and I had a good time here.

Hendry says Gallus might have won if they had believed a bit more.

We get a Hendry narrated video on last week's tag team main event, with Hendry pinning Shawn Spears for the win.

Chase U has a big night as Duke Hudson is ready to win the North American Title.

Roxanne Perez is walking to the back and Thea Hail has to be held back from jumping her.

NXT Champion Ethan Page comes in to see Ava and says this is an unsafe work environment. Oro Mensah storms in and wants a title shot. Ava says no because Mensah keeps attacking him. Ava gives Mensah a match tonight while Page will face....Dante Chen (his choice)!

Here is Roxanne Perez for a chat. She's tired of the lack of respect while everyone is looking at greatness when they see her. Perez is on pace to shatter all of the records but everyone is talking about how Giulia or Stephanie Vaquer is going to run her over. That's just wrong, but her next opponent is Thea Hail, who is a joke. Cue Hail to say she has beaten all kinds of people she was never supposed to beat so let her rewrite the history books. Perez laughs her off and brings up Andre Chase throwing in the towel before calling Hail a little girl. The fight is on and the Kimura makes Perez tap, with referees breaking it up.

Kelani Jordan is ready for her next challenges when Wendy Choo comes in for some staring. Jordan: "That was weird right?"

We take a quick look at the Brooks Jensen incidents.

Lola Vice gave it her all but she's ready for next time. Fallon Henley, Jacy Jayne and Jazmyn Nyx come in to mock her, saying Vice should go back to MMA. A match with Henley is made.

### Brooks Jensen vs. Je'Von Evans

Josh Briggs is here as Jensen's chaperon. Evans starts fast and knocks him out to the floor, where Jensen drops Evans onto the barricade. A quick moonsault drops Jensen though and spinning kick to the face gives Evans two back inside. They go back outside where Jensen drops him onto the announcers' table (Jensen: "That boy's bouncy!") and we take a break.

Back with Jensen kneeling him down to stay on the bad ribs. The reverse chinlock goes on but Evans is back up with a super hurricanrana. A springboard high crossbody gives Evans two but Jensen Neutralizes him for the same. Cue Shawn Spears, only for Jensen to go outside and call Briggs off. Evans uses the distraction to hit a big dive, setting up the top rope cutter for the pin at 9:00.

**Rating:** C+. I'm not sure I quit get what they're doing with Jensen as he had all kinds of hype but then gets beaten here. It's a weird way to go but it does feel like there is more to it than what we've gotten so far. He still has a long way to go to get around the fact that he's Brooks Jensen though, and I'm not sure if he can pull that off.

Post match Jensen jumps Evans but Briggs pulls him off.

The D'Angelo Family is playing cards when Charlie Dempsey comes in to mention putting someone (presumably Damon Kemp) in the trunk last week. Dempsey asks what happens if someone saw

them, with Tony D'Angelo suggesting that Dempsey kill them too. It's a woman though, which makes it more complicated.

Dante Chen is ready for his title shot.

Trick Williams is on the phone with Ilja Dragunov and talks about needing the title back. Dragunov tells him to go do it. Williams runs into Pete Dunne and asks for some advice, with Dunne saying figure it out.

### NXT Title: Dante Chen vs. Ethan Page

Page is defending and shoulders Chen down to start. Chen grabs a quick rollup for two and a low superkick gets the same. Page sends him outside for a shoulder from the apron, setting up a powerslam for two back inside. Chen is sent to the apron but comes back in with a sunset flip for two. The double chop gets the same but a springboard something misses for Chen. Page kicks him down and hits the Ego's Edge to retain at 4:16.

**Rating:** C+. They didn't waste time on this and they shouldn't have. Chen isn't the biggest name and there is no reason to let him make the new champion look bad. Page isn't likely going to be champion long term but giving him a relatively easy win like this is a good thing. Let him get built up a bit, especially over someone who isn't a major threat.

Post match Oro Mensah comes in to take Page down and counts his own three count.

Video on Duke Hudson vs. Oba Femi.

Gallus is annoyed at Joe Hendry, who appears to say he's sticking around here. Maybe NXT would think of Gallus when they hear about Scotland if they believed a bit more.

### Izzi Dame vs. Tatum Paxley

Paxley starts fast but her hurricanrana is cut off. A kick to the face gives Paxley two but Dame whips her into the corner a

few times. Dame's backbreaker gets two and we hit an over the shoulder backbreaker. Cue Wendy Choo for a distraction, allowing Paxley to get in a knee to the ribs. Dame's charge hits post and the Psycho Trap gives Paxley the pin at 4:05.

**Rating:** C. The important thing here is the fact that this was a match (if not a feud) that has nothing to do with a title but got some TV time. It's nice to have something other than everything being about a title and shows you just how far ahead the NXT women's division is by comparison. It's great to see for a change, even if the match was just ok.

Post match Choo hands Paxley a doll.

Chase U fires up Duke Hudson.

Cedric Alexander and Ashante Thee Adonis talk to Jakara Jackson and Lash Legend but Oro Mensah isn't having this.

### Jacy Jayne vs. Lola Vice

Jazmyn Nyx is here with Jayne, who runs Vice over and dances a bit. A low superkick lets Jayne go after the bad hand but Vice is back up with the rapid fire kicks. Jayne kicks her in the face, only to get caught with the spinning backfist for the fast pin at 2:46.

Post match Fallon Henley jumps Vice until Sol Ruca and Karmen Petrovic run in for the save.

Kelani Jordan runs into Tatum Paxley, who has the doll. Jordan isn't interested in playing, but Paxley pulls out what looks like a Jordan doll.

Ethan Page goes to leave but insists that nothing is bothering him, including Oro Mensah.

### OTM vs. OC

Mixed six person tag. It's a brawl to start with Michin

hammering away on Parker in the corner but getting sent into the post. Parker gets two off a spinebuster but it's off to Gallows to kick Price in the face. Price hits a running corner clothesline so Nima comes in to choke on the ropes. The neck crank goes on but Gallows is back up with a fireman's carry flapjack. Michin comes back in to suplex Parker, who snaps off a German suplex. Anderson's middle rope neckbreaker gets two on Price and the Magic Killer finishes Nima at 6:00.

**Rating:** C+. This feud has been going on for a few weeks now and I'm still not sure why I'm supposed to be interested. The OC is a team that has some star power but they are only so interesting. OTM feels like they have potential but that is only going to get them so far if they keep losing. Wrap this feud up already.

Wren Sinclair wants to be part of the No Quarter Catch Crew in exchange for her silence. That isn't happening, and she almost gets into a fight with Miles Borne. She promises to get in somehow.

Lexis King interrupted Eddy Thorpe's DJing and got in a fight.

#### North American Title: Oba Femi vs. Duke Hudson

Hudson, with Chase U, is challenging. Femi powers out of a headlock to start and grabs one of his own. A hard shoulder drops Hudson, who takes the shirt off to get serious. Hudson hits a DDT into a running clothesline to the floor and we take a break. Back with Femi knocking him into the corner and getting two off a side slam.

Hudson fights up again and slugs away, including the Chase U elbow to the face. A German suplex gives Hudson two and a crucifix out of a fireman's carry gets the same. Femi is right back with a chokeslam for two and he puts Hudson up top, only to have him grab a sunset bomb. Femi knocks him outside and over the announcers' table, setting up the Fall From Grace to retain the title at 11:33.

**Rating:** B. This is exactly what it should have been, with Chase U's big guy slugging away at the really big champion. It made you wonder if Hudson could pull off the miracle and while the result was never really in doubt, they were certainly trying. Chase U knows how to get the crowd behind them and they made that happen again here. Good main event here, with Femi getting to look like the unstoppable monster again.

Josh Briggs and Brooks Jensen are leaving with Briggs yelling about how Jensen is lost. Jensen wants a No DQ match next week and leaves to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** B. This show pulled off an impressive trick by having an entertaining and engaging two hours without burning through a major story. The main event was for the midcard title, the Tag Team Champions were nowhere to be seen, the Women's Champion set up her match and the NXT Champion won a relatively easy match. To turn that into a good show is a very positive sign and they didn't touch anything important. Nice job here and another good show.

### Results

Rascalz b. Gallus – Top rope double stomp to Mark

Je'Von Evans b. Brooks Jensen – Top rope cutter

Ethan Page b. Dante Chen – Ego's Edge

Tatum Paxley b. Izzi Dame – Psycho Trap

Lola Vice b. Jacy Jayne – Spinning backfist

OC b. OTM – Magic Killer to Nima

Oba Femi b. Duke Hudson – Fall From Grace

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# NXT – July 9, 2024: The New Reality

## NXT

Date: July 9, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Booker T.

We're back stateside after Heatwave and the big story is that we have a new NXT Champion as Ethan Page accidentally won the title after being knocked out by Trick Williams. That sounds primed for a one on one rematch but stranger things have happened. For now though, we are about a month out from the Great American Bash so let's get to it.

[Here is Heatwave if you need a recap.](#)

Long Heatwave recap.

Here is Ethan Page to brag about his title win at Heatwave. It took a lot of talent, preparation and skill, but also a big EGO. The entire locker room hates him so he has extra security out here just in case. Cue Oro Mensah to try to jump Page but security cuts him off. Page, talking over the WHOOP THAT TRICK chants, talks about how he's going to fight off these outsiders because HE IS NXT.



It is no longer the Whoop That Era, but cue Trick Williams to interrupt and ask for a rematch. That isn't going to happen, but here is Shawn Sears to say Page owes him a thank you. He can't let Williams have a rematch either because Williams is going to the back of the line. Cue Je'Von Evans to interrupt and the fight is on with Williams and Evans clearing the ring. Everything made sense here and Page running from challengers is the right way to go for him. His promo was good too as he would brag exactly this way.

We recap Arianna Grace and Karmen Petrovic cheating to win on the Heatwave Kickoff Show, setting up a match between them tonight.

Lexis King is ready to take the Heritage Cup from Tony D'Angelo.

Tony D'Angelo isn't ready to let King take the Heritage Cup.

#### Karmen Petrovic vs. Arianna Grace

Grace shoulders her down to start and declares her better. Petrovic kicks away as Jacy Jayne and Jazmyn Nyx come out to watch. A middle rope elbow to the back of the head gives Grace two and we hit the chinlock. Back up and Petrovic sweeps the leg, setting up a spinning kick to the back for the pin at 2:38.

Post match Fallon Henley runs in to beat down Petrovic and tells Jayne and Nyx that she is sick of these rookies.

We get the sitdown interview between Brooks Jensen and Ava. Jensen apologizes for his actions and says he cracked under the pressure. Ava says she and Shawn Michaels were ready to release him but some people vouched for him. Jensen is sticking around, but he needs to remember that he is a WWE Superstar full time. He seems to get it.

#### Heritage Cup: Lexis King vs. Tony D'Angelo

D'Angelo is defending and the rest of the D'Angelo Family is here too, plus Eddy Thorpe is DJing, because this match needs a DJ. Round One begins with D'Angelo grabbing a headlock and then running him over with a shoulder. An armbar has King down for a bit, only to have him come up with some forearms in the corner. Another armbar is broken up so D'Angelo chops him in the corner. A Boston crab has King in more trouble and the round ends.

Round Two begins with Thorpe annoying King, allowing D'Angelo to grab Forget About It for the pin at 15 seconds of the round and 3:48 overall. We take a break and come back with D'Angelo suplexing King but walking into the Coronation to tie it up at 2:53 of the round and 8:07 overall. Round Four begins with King jumping him in the corner and stopping away but D'Angelo hits a hard clothesline. A belly to belly suplex puts King down again, only to have him come back with a middle rope DDT. Another Coronation is blocked and a spinebuster finishes King to retain the Cup at 2:22 of the round and 10:59.

**Rating:** C+. This was more about King vs. Thorpe, which is at least a feud for both of them, but it was a nice way to give D'Angelo a nice defense at the same time. That's the kind of smart booking that you do not get to see very often and it's nice to have that kind of efficiency. Nothing much to the match, but it was just a one off title defense without much of a story in the first place.

Brooks Jensen jumps Je'Von Evans, with Josh Briggs breaking it up, saying he stuck his neck out for Jensen and this is how Jensen thanks him.

Ridge Holland tries to make amends with Chase U and has gotten them some title matches. Duke Hudson gets a North American Title match against Oba Femi next week! Hudson: "...thanks Ridge."

Tyriek Igwe/Tyson DuPont vs. Gallus

It's a brawl before the bell with Igwe getting caught in the wrong corner before Mark Coffey can even get his jacket off. Igwe fights out and makes the tag off to DuPont to pick up the pace. Everything breaks down and Joe Coffey low bridges Igwe to the floor. That leaves DuPont to walk into the flapjack/big boot combination for the pin at 3:13.

**Rating:** C+. It was fun while it lasted but this was your normal Gallus numbers game win. It's something they've done for years now and you're only going to be able to get so much out of seeing it happen again. Igwe and DuPont have something to them but they need WAY more experience and something to make them stand out before it's going to matter.

Trick Williams is ready to fight on his own if Je'Von Evans is hurt, but maybe he should try to find a partner.

Here is a serious Wes Lee to address his future. Lee believed he could beat Oba Femi at Heatwave and get his North American title back. Getting his title back is what got him through rehab but that's not what happened. He isn't sure where to go from here, because this isn't like his normal losses.

We get the tease of him leaving and the required PLEASE DON'T GO chant...but here are TNA's Rascalz (Zachary Wentz (Lee's former partner in MSK) and Trey Miguel). He can't believe they're here and is proud of what they have become. Wentz and Miguel: "We know." It's time to get MSK back together and we get the big three way hug.

### Thea Hail vs. Izzi Dame

Chase U is here with Hail. They start fast with Dame kicking her down and getting two off a backbreaker. An STF has Hail in more trouble as Tatum Paxley, in Chase U red, comes out of the crowd. Hail goes after her but posts herself as a result. Hail makes the comeback and the Kimura makes Dame tap at 3:33.

**Rating:** C. Hail, and Chase U for that matter, getting a win is

nice to see and this should set Hail up for the Women's Title match that Ridge Holland promised her. Tatum Paxley being all insane and driving Dame nuts works well enough, as it's a good sign to see a feud going on that doesn't have anything to do with a title. The division needs more of that and this works well enough.

Post match Oba Femi pops up to say he'll destroy Duke Hudson, who says don't underestimate him.

The Rascalz are happy to be back together but run into Gallus, who aren't sure what to call the team. Apparently just Wentz and Lee are MSK but the three of them are the Rascalz. Makes enough sense. Gallus almost summons Joe Hendry but thinks better of it.

OTM is ready for the OC.

Ava yells at Brooks Jensen, who gets Je'Von Evans next week, assuming Evans is ok. With Jensen gone, Briggs says he wants Shawn Spears next week.

### OTM vs. OC

Jaida Parker is here with OTM. Nima manages a rather impressive delayed vertical suplex on Gallows to start and it's off to Price for a double elbow to Anderson. A release Rock Bottom plants Anderson but he jawbreaks his way to freedom. It's back to Gallows for a jumping elbow as Michin comes out of the crowd to go after Parker. The distraction lets OTM hit the release Alabama Slam to pin Anderson for the big upset at 4:54.

**Rating:** C+. This is the kind of win that might let OTM go somewhere, which is exactly what they need. At some point it doesn't matter to have this much potential without getting some wins and thankfully the team is getting somewhere. On top of that, the OC losing, and hopefully falling even further down the card, is a good sign.

Fallon Henley wants the Women's North American Title and would have had a better showing against Sol Ruca. That doesn't work for Ruca, who says you can either work or complain.

The No Quarter Catch Crew imply they've knocked Damon Kemp off. Wren Sinclair pops in but says she didn't see anything.

### Sol Ruca vs. Fallon Henley

Ruca grabs a front facelock to start but has to do her hand walk. That's broken up with a kick to the ribs and Henley pulls her down by the arm. Back up and Ruca sends her into the corner for two but gets kicked in the arm for another near fall. The armbar is countered into a rollup for two but Henley breaks up a springboard. Ruca kicks away and hits the Sol Snatcher, only for Jacy Jayne and Jazmyn Nyx run in for the DQ at 5:01.

**Rating:** C. They didn't have much time here but I do like having Henley protected from the pin. While she was more or less dead to rights, she didn't actually get pinned, which is at least a bit better. The match itself was a bit messy, with more than a few points where they didn't seem to be clicking. The Sol Snatcher made up for some of it though, as that looked awesome.

Post match Ruca gets beaten down again.

Tatum Paxley talks to a doll and says she's going to play with Izzi Dame. Then she breaks the doll.

Cedric Alexander is in Ava's office and is officially in NXT. Mr. Stone comes in and welcomes Ashante Thee Adonis to NXT as well.

### Ethan Page/Shawn Spears vs. Trick Williams/???

Williams has a partner and it's...Joe Hendry, who the fans seem to like. Williams slugs away at Page to start as the fans say THEY BELIEVE. A running splash in the corner and a big right

hand rock Page and it's off to Hendry for an even louder WE BELIEVE chant. Hendry suplexes Page and clotheslines him to the floor, allowing Williams to hit a big dive.

We take a break and come back with Page kicking Hendry in the head and grabbing a DDT. Spears comes in to hammer away as well, allowing the villains to take turns chopping away in the corner. Page grabs the front facelock but Hendry suplexes his way to freedom. It's back to Williams to clean house, only to get Rock Bottomed by Page.

Spears grabs a neckbreaker and a double suplex gives Page a quick two. The C4 is countered though and Williams grabs a jumping neckbreaker to put Spears down. Cue Oro Mensah to chase Page into the crowd, leaving Williams to bring Hendry back in to clean house. Hendry hits his own DDT into the all away slam, setting up the Trick Shot. The Standing Ovation (high angle spinebuster) finishes Spears at 10:13.

**Rating:** B-. Hendry feels like the biggest star in the world right now and it wouldn't shock me to see him doing something bigger around here rather soon. The fans respond to him and that is one of the hardest things in the world to make work. Page running off from Mensah is a smart move, as he's already got a long list of people gunning for the title.

**Overall Rating:** B-. This show didn't have any major moment, but there was nothing overly bad and it helped establish where we are following Heatwave. At the same time, Hendry showing up at the end was a big boost to everything, as he is as big of a star as there is around here at the moment. I'm curious to see where some of these things go and there are already matches set for next week, as NXT continues to be a pretty well oiled machine.

### Results

Karmen Petrovic b. Arianna Grace – Spinning kick to the back  
Tony D'Angelo b. Lexis King 2-1

Gallus b. Tyriek Igwe/Tyson DuPont – Big boot/flapjack combination to Igwe  
Thea Hail b. Izzi Dame – Kimura  
OTM b. OC – Assisted Alabama Slam to Anderson  
Sol Ruca b. Fallon Henley via DQ when Jacy Jayne and Jazmyn Nyx interfered  
Joe Hendry/Trick Williams b. Ethan Page/Shawn Spears – Standing Ovation to Spears

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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.

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### 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 – June 11, 2024: The Champ Is Here

## NXT

Date: June 11, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Booker T.

Battleground has come and gone and the biggest story is Kelani Jordan winning the inaugural Women's North American Title. It wasn't the most eventful show but now we have less than a month before Heatwave. That means we're going to need to set things up rather quickly and odds are it starts tonight. Let's get to it.

[Here is Battleground if you need a recap.](#)

We open with a long Battleground recap.

Here is Kelani Jordan to say she is so proud of winning her first title. There is no legacy to this title so it is up to her to establish one. Cue Jaida Parker to interrupt, seemingly wanting to be the first challenger, after she beats Michin

that is. Cue Michin to jump her from behind and we're ready to go.

### Michin vs. Jaida Parker

They're immediately brawling to start, with Parker being knocked into the corner. Parker fights out of a choke and avoids a Cannonball in the corner, setting up a hip attack. We take a break and come back with Parker working on the arm and getting two off a running shoulder. Michin fights up and hits a running dropkick in the corner, setting up a running DDT. Parker's hip attack sends Michin outside and cue the OC to check on her. That doesn't work for Parker, who grabs a chair. The OC isn't letting that happen, which is enough for Michin to grab the rollup pin at 9:50.

**Rating:** C. I'm a bit surprised that Parker took a loss, as she had seemed to be coming up the ladder in recent weeks. It's a loss to a main roster star, but Michin is far from the most successful name on Smackdown. On top of that, the OC is still around and that is just downright unpleasant on a variety of levels.

We look at Gallus attacking Wes Lee at Battleground.

The New Catch Republic aren't going to let Gallus get away with that.

Chase U (with the classroom back) argues with Ridge Holland. Thea Hail: "WILL EVERYBODY SHUT THE F\*\*\* UP???" She reminds everyone of their flaws and says Chase U is about giving chances. No one is going to argue with that.

### Gallus vs. New Catch Republic/Wes Lee

Bate headscissors Mark down to start and it's off to Dunne to work on the arm. Dunne snaps the fingers and it's back to Bate for the airplane spin. The good guys stand tall and we take a break. Back with Wolfgang hitting a backplash for two on Bate



with Dunne making the save.

Bate fights up and hits his rebound lariat to Mark but Joe breaks up the tag attempt. Then Bate rolls over and makes the tag anyway, with Lee coming in to clean house. Everything breaks down and we hit dives so fast that the camera misses some of them. Lee's running Meteora gets two on Mark but Joe is back up with All The Best For The Bells and the pin at 9:47.

**Rating:** B-. That's the kind of win Gallus has been needing. They can go in and do all of the beatdowns and such that they want, but the team hasn't had a good win on their own in a while now. Beating a main roster team and a successful star like Lee makes the team look that much better and hopefully they can go somewhere else as a result.

Jaida Parker tells OTM that she's running Michin out of NXT.

Brinley Reece isn't worried about Wendy Choo, but Edris Enofe and Malik Blade aren't so sure.

We look at Sol Ruca training for Battleground, as well as getting her gear made.

### Wendy Choo vs. Brinley Reece

It's the evil version of Choo, complete with dark pajamas, a lot of makeup and the pillow. Choo charges at her to start and runs Reece over, though Reece gets in a knee to the face. Choo is right back with a hammerlock lariat and a cobra clutch makes Reece tap at 1:46. It's better than...whatever Choo was before the injury. I think.

We look at Oro Mensah attacking Ethan Page in recent weeks. As a result, Mensah has been banned from the building.

Roxanne Perez is here for the state of the women's division address but won't tell Mr. Stone what she has to say.

Here is Cody Rhodes for a chat and yeah the fans seem to like him. Rhodes talks about his upcoming title defense against AJ Styles and says that while Styles is a lot of things, after Saturday, he'll also be a quitter. Cue NXT Champion Trick Williams to say he was on the way to the ring but had to defer to Cody. They're both champions and they both had similar paths to get where they are today.

Now that they have their championships, everything feels different now that people are coming after them. So how do you deal with being the hunted? Cody implies that Williams could come after his title, but he has some business here. Tonight, he has been given the authority to announce that Williams' next challenger will be determined next week in a 25 man battle royal....and some of the entrants might be coming from different locker rooms. Williams is ready but has one question: is Cody coming to the 4th of July cookout? Sure he is, so posing can ensue.

We look at Je'Von Evans brawling with Shawn Spears last week.

Dante Chen is ready to end Lexis King.

Wendy Choo scares some of the other women.

### Dante Chen vs. Lexis King

Singapore Cane match, meaning they weapons are legal. Chen jumps him during his entrance and the fight is on fast, with Chen striking away. King fights up though and cracks him over the back with a stick. King chokes with the stick in the corner and then again in the middle, with the fans staying behind Chen.

It seems to work as Chen fights up and chokes as well but King unloads on him with stick shots. Back up and Chen sends him into a stick in the corner and goes nuts with a series of shots. They go outside and King gets in some shots with his own cane, which apparently is more impactful. The Coronation,

with the cane, finishes Chen at 6:27.

**Rating:** C. This match did absolutely nothing to get around the biggest problem with Chen: he has nothing to make him stand out. Other than being from Singapore, I could not tell you anything about Chen whatsoever. He's perfectly fine at what he does, but I need something, or anything for that matter, that makes me care about him in the slightest.

Cody Rhodes runs into Jazmyn Nyx and the injured Jacy Jayne in the back. As luck would have it, Cody has a present for Jayne: a clear mask to protect her broken nose. Looks rather dashing.

Eddy Thorpe is ready to fight again after a long time healing.

Michin leaves Ava's office and tells the OC that she's the first challenger for Kelani Jordan's Women's North American Title.

Someone grabs Vic Joseph and while we see a glimpse of the side of his face (it might have been Brooks Jensen) no name is said. Ok then.

### Eddy Thorpe vs. Tavion Heights

Heights takes him down with a front facelock to start and Thorpe gets over to the rope. Back up and Thorpe grabs a belly to back suplex for one as Heights is up fast. Heights' standing belly to belly suplex (it was almost a backdrop) sets up a fireman's carry faceplant as Thorpe is in trouble. Something like a Coronation sets up a dragon sleeper but Thorpe fights out and hits an elbow to the face. An implant DDT finishes for Thorpe at 4:17.

**Rating:** C+. Thorpe had to start his comeback somewhere and it makes sense that he had a bit of rust to shake off first. Heights isn't the biggest name around but he's someone who can give Thorpe enough of a sweat. I could go for more of both of them so they were off to a nice start in the comeback here.

No Quarter Catch Crew is impressed with Tavion Heights, so Charlie Dempsey tells Myles Borne to go get him as the team might need a new member. Damon Kemp isn't sure, so Dempsey says he didn't like Kemp losing two straight to Tony D'Angelo (Borne's WOW face is great).

Stevie Turner interrupts Ava and Mr. Stone, saying that Roxanne Perez is going to demand an apology from Ava tonight. Ava doesn't seem impressed.

### Shawn Spears vs. Je'Von Evans

Evans chops away to start and snaps off a running hurricanrana. Spears gets in a shot of his own though and chokes on the ropes. Back up and Evans hits a dropkick to the floor, followed by another one through the ropes as we take a break. We come back with Spears working on a half crab until Evans crawls over to the rope. Evans fights up and hits a kick to the head into a spinning belly to back slam to start the comeback.

Spears catches him with a kick of his own though and a top rope hanging DDT gets two. The C4 is countered and Evans hits a top rope Cody Cutter, with Spears rolling out to the floor. Evans' spinning springboard crashes into the corner of the announcers table and he's in big trouble. Back in and the C4 finishes for Spears at 9:48.

**Rating:** B-. They had a hard hitting match and Evans looked good in defeat, but I'm surprised at said defeat. Spears might be moving up the ladder a bit, but at the same time, Evans feels like someone who might be on the way to the next level. That makes a loss here look a bit weird, though I can't imagine this is anything more than a bump in the road for someone who is receiving the reactions Evans is getting.

The D'Angelo Family interrupts the New Catch Republic and Axiom/Nathan Frazer. The Family isn't impressed, but Frazer seems interested in getting the Heritage Cup back. Axiom

reminds him that they're still the Tag Team Champions, but Frazer looks like he wants more gold.

Shawn Spears, Ethan Page and Lexis King want to win the battle royal next week. Cody Rhodes comes in to say they're in a good place.

Here is Roxanne Perez to brag about retaining the Women's Title, just like she promised she would do. She wants Ava to come out here and apologize but here is to say that isn't likely to happen. Cue Jazmyn Nyx and Jacy Jayne to say not so fast because Jayne has been a star for a lot longer. Lash Legend and Jakara Jackson come in to talk about what they have been doing lately. Now it's Lola Vice to brag about her win at Battleground and the brawl is on. Perez and Vice clear the ring to end the show. That wasn't the most eventful segment but Vice getting into the title picture seems like the most obvious choice.

**Overall Rating:** C+. This was in that weird place of being the show before the important show, which is nice to see coming off Battleground. They let some of the dust settle and covered a few things here, but the real stories and developments are coming next week or shortly thereafter. That's a good way to go, as there is still more than enough time to get ready for Heatwave. You didn't need to see a lot of this show, but it was a nice breather on the way to the important parts.

### Results

Michin b. Jaida Parker – Rollup

Gallus b. Wes Lee/New Catch Republic – All The Best For The Bells to Lee

Wendy Choo b. Brinley Reece – Cobra clutch

Lexis King b. Dante Chen – Coronation with a cane

Eddy Thorpe b. Tavion Heights – Implant DDT

Shawn Spears b. Je'Von Evans – C4

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# NXT – May 21, 2024: It Works For Them

## NXT

Date: May 21, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Booker T.

We are getting closer to Battleground and the card is starting to take shape. You can probably guess some of the matches from here, but before we get to the show, we have the returning Gallus, who attacked a bunch of people last week. That is likely going to be a big story this week so let's get to it.

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

Opening recap.

Women's North American Title Qualifying Match: Fallon Henley

## vs. Thea Hail

Chase U and Ridge Holland are here with Hail, who starts cranking on the arm to start. Henley gets taken down for a standing moonsault, only to come back with an armbar of her own. That's broken up and Hail sends her to the floor for the suicide dive, setting up some heavy shots to Henley's face. Henley grabs a chair so Holland takes it away, earning himself and all of Chase U an ejection as we take a break.

We come back with Henley getting two off a running faceplant before a double headbutt puts them both down. Hail fights up with some Polish Hammers and a World's Smallest Slam gets two. The Kimura almost goes on but they fall out to the floor, where Henley sends her into the barricade. Back in and Henley hits a quick Shining Wizard for the pin at 10:29.

**Rating:** C+. Henley getting another win is nice, though I'm not sure if she is bringing it to the next level, even with her new style. She's far from bad, but there is something lacking that is keeping her from being a top star. At least she is winning, which is a step in the right direction for anyone.

Post match Henley leaves and Jazmyn Nyx runs in to beat Hail down again.

Earlier today, the D'Angelo Family arrives and runs into Axiom and Nathan Frazer. Tony D'Angelo mocks Axiom for never winning the cup (not like some guy named A-Kid) and the Family gets a Tag Team Title match tonight.

Ivar is injured and Joe Coffey has taken his place in the #1 contenders match for a shot at the North American Title.

Gallus is happy with what they did and Joe Coffey is ready to get the North American Title.

Tag Team Titles: Axiom/Nathan Frazer vs. D'Angelo Family

The Family (Stacks/Luca Crusifino) is challenging and the rest

of the team is with them. Crusifino cranks on Axiom's arm to start and it's quickly off to Stacks to elbow Frazer in the face. Frazer is right back with a drop toehold so Axiom can hit a basement dropkick to take over. The Family knocks Frazer outside though and Stacks drops an elbow off the apron as we take a break.

Back with Frazer hitting a springboard moonsault into a reverse layout DDT to drop Crusifino. Axiom comes in and makes Crusifino DDT Stacks before firing off kicks to Stacks' chest. A brainbuster gives Frazer two as everything breaks down. The Family plants Frazer with a double slam, setting up Stacks' top rope superplex. Axiom superkicks Crusifino out of the air as the No Quarter Catch Crew comes out to go after the rest of the Family. The distraction lets Frazer grab a small package to pin Stacks and retain at 10:36.

**Rating:** B-. Good fast paced action here as the champs get another win, even with something of a distraction for the finish. Axiom and Frazer are a rather nice team who are getting somewhere together, as their chemistry has been growing in recent weeks. They should be in for a big title defense at Battleground and that should help them even more.

Post match the OC runs in to beat down Axiom and Frazer because the OC has to be a thing.

Lexis King offers his services to Mr. Stone, who isn't impressed. Ava comes in and tells King he has a match tonight against...someone.

Riley Osborne tells Andre Chase that Ridge Holland is costing the team. Holland comes in to defend himself and Chase tells them to settle it in the ring.

Josh Briggs vs. Wes Lee vs. Joe Coffey

The winner gets a North American Title shot against Oba Femi, on commentary, at Battleground. The rest of Gallus is here too



and Briggs starts fast by hiptossing Lee at Coffey. A tornado DDT gives Coffey two on Briggs but Lee sends Coffey outside for the big running flip dive. Briggs throws Lee into the ropes and knocks him out of the air as we take a break.

Back with Lee moonsaulting onto Briggs, who DDT's Coffey as a result. Lee is sent outside but goes up, only to dive into a chokeslam into the corner. Briggs chokeslams Coffey as well for a double near fall but Coffey is back with a springboard spinning high crossbody for two of his own. Lee is back up with a suicide dive to Coffey as the rest of Gallus takes out Briggs. All The Best For The Bells hits Lee...who falls on Briggs at the same time as Coffey, meaning it's a double pin at 10:48.

**Rating:** B-. The ending wasn't exactly great as it sets up yet another triple threat, which has been done quite a bit recently. I could also go with Briggs not getting pinned so often as it's killing the momentum he has built up, but Lee and Coffey getting the shot is a different way to go. Good match, though I could have gone with a singles match instead of another triple threat.

Natalya and Karmen Petrovic are ready for Shayna Baszler and Lola Vice.

Edris Enofe and Malik Blade are so scared of their bad luck that they aren't coming to the ring with Brinley Reece.

Ava makes the North American Title match at Battleground a triple threat match with Wes Lee and Joe Coffey both getting shots.

Women's North American Title Qualifying Match: Brinley Reece vs. Jaida Parker

OTM is here with Parker. Reece drives her into the corner to start but dives into a knee to the ribs. Parker fires off some forearms in the corner as Booker sings her praises. Reece

bridges back up to grab a backslide for two but Parker's butterfly suplex gets the same. A bodyscissors keeps Reece in trouble but she powers up again. Cue Enofe and Blade to watch...as Parker hits the running hip attack for the pin at 4:53.

**Rating:** C. Parker is becoming more and more complete every week and I'm curious to see just how far she can go. There is something to her that makes her stand out and that is always worth a look. Reece might have something with the motivational deal, but at some point she needs to win some matches.

Jazmyn Nyx likes Fallon Henley's new attitude and says it must be nice to get a win (Like the one she got two weeks ago?). Nyx likes it so much that she waited for after the match with Thea Hail to get revenge for Jacy Jayne's broken nose. Henley isn't sure what to think of that.

The snoring person isn't revealed, but she's wearing Wendy Choo's pajamas.

Roxanne Perez is ready for anyone because she's better than everyone.

Ava is on the phone with someone and says Nick Aldis and Adam Pearce are happy with Perez's next challenger. She'll find out who that is next week.

Lexis King vs. ???

Before the match, King talks about being on a hot streak and knowing that whomever comes through that curtain is falling to the King. Cue Robert Stone, who introduces...Dante Chen. Well of course he does. Chen sends him into the corner but King nails a quick dropkick for two. King chops and chokes in the corner but Chen comes back with a clothesline. The clothesline comeback is on and an atomic drop into a pump kick sends King outside. A half nelson slam gives Chen two but King knocks him down again. Stone's distraction breaks up the Coronation,

allowing Chen to grab a rollup for the pin at 4:58.

**Rating:** C. For the life of me I do not get the appeal of Chen. I've watched him on LVL Up for what feels like ever and for some reason WWE seems to see something in him. He's not bad for the most part but man alive is he uninteresting. Seeing him as the reveal had me more confused than anything else, as there almost has to be someone more interesting than him for this spot.

Shayna Baszler wants Lola Vice to be serious tonight.

Here is Trick Williams to say he did not attack Noam Dar. Cue Meta Four to say they don't believe him but Lash Legend stands up for Williams. Mensah: "Are you shaking this man's dreads?" Cue Joe Coffey, with the rest of Gallus joining him to attack Williams. Je'Von Evans tries to make the save but gets beaten down as well. Well that should answer a fairly obvious question after last week but points for covering it.

Ava is happy with Robert Stone and Dante Chen.

### Shayna Baszler/Lola Vice vs. Natalya/Karmen Petrovic

Natalya and Baszler start things off with an early Vice distraction letting Baszler get in a knee. Natalya kicks her away and brings Petrovic in to pick up the pace as everything breaks down. The villains are dropped with stereo discus lariats and we take a break. Back with Baszler dropping Petrovic for two and it's off to Vice for some short form dancing.

Petrovic fights up and brings in Natalya (I get what they're going for but saying "IT'S THE BOAT" will never sound good) to clean house. Vice gets in a knockdown though and dances a bit more before getting pulled into the Sharpshooter. That's broken up and Hart Attack pins Vice at 12:14.

**Rating:** C+. I'm a bit surprised at Vice (or her team for that

matter) losing as Vice has seemed to be one of the new projects around here and Baszler is in line for a main roster title shot. Natalya is still rather smooth in the ring and can work well with anyone, which has me wondering how long it will take her to get a trainer's job after she retires. If it takes WWE more than three seconds to offer it to her, I'm not sure what they're waiting on.

Post match Baszler goes to help Vice up but gets kicked in the head. Vice dances and gets caught in the Kirifuda Clutch. The fight is on but Ava comes out to make the match at Battleground, with Baszler making it NXT Underground. That explains the surprising finish.

**Overall Rating:** C+. NXT is at a nice place as they aren't going to blow the doors off with anything new and they certainly have a style they like, but it makes for some rather nice weekly TV. It's kind of refreshing to have such a steady, even keel show that doesn't do many stupid things while setting up their bigger events down the line. That is what we got here and I'm looking forward to seeing where some of these things go. I'll call that a win.

### Results

Fallon Henley b. Thea Hail – Shining Wizard

Axiom/Nathan Frazer b. D'Angelo Family – Small package to Stacks

Wes Lee and Joe Coffey b. Josh Briggs – Double pin

Jaida Parker b. Brinley Reece – Hip attack

Dante Chen b. Lexis King – Small package

Natalya/Karmen Petrovic b. Shayna Baszler/Lola Vice – Hart Attack to Vice

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# NXT – May 14, 2024: The Show They Needed

## NXT

Date: May 14, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Booker T., Vic Joseph

We're coming up on Battleground and last week seemed to set the stage for the show's main event. Noam Dar seems to be coming for Trick Williams and the NXT Title, but Lash Legend is in the middle of the whole thing. Other than that, the Heritage Cup is on the line as Tony D'Angelo challenges Charlie Dempsey. Let's get to it.

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

Noam Dar has been attacked, with the rest of Meta Four arguing about it. Dar looks...confused?

We look back at last week's combine, which set up the qualifying matches for the Women's North American Title match.

Kiana James gives Izzi Dame a pep talk.

Sol Ruca won the combine and is ready to win the title too.

## Women's North American Title Qualifying Match: Sol Ruca vs. Izzi Dame

Ruca walks to the ring on her hands. Dame grabs an armbar to start but Ruca suplexes her way out rather quickly. A middle rope flipping X Factor sends Dame outside and another dive hits her on the floor. Back in and Ruca tries a headscissors but gets thrown over the top for a face first landing into the steps.

Ruca gets dropped onto the announcers' table and Dame grabs a backbreaker back inside. The reverse chinlock goes on but Ruca fights up with a springboard elbow to the face. Ruca's standing moonsault gets two but Dame's big boot gets the same. Dame sends her into the corner, where Ruca tries another headscissors, with this one being flipped into the Sol Snatcher for the pin at 5:38.

**Rating:** C. There are certain moves where you know it's over as soon as they connect and the Sol Snatcher is the newest on the list. I'm still not sure I can believe she's doing it every time and you do not see a move like that very often. It's pretty clear that Ruca is destined to be a star so her winning here was hardly a big surprise.

Ava isn't happy with the D'Angelo Family for switching referees last week but they claim a bad case of bronchitis. Tony can still have his title match, but he's getting fined \$20,000. That's fine, as an envelope full of cash (more than \$20,000) is handed over.

Brinley Reece fires up a nervous Edris Enofe (with his rabbit's foot) and Malik Blade.

Shayna Baszler, with Lola Vice implies she's coming for the Women's Title but Natalya and Karmen Petrovic run in for the brawl.

## OTM vs. Edris Enofe/Malik Blade

Jaida Parker and Brinley Reece are here too. Nima picks Enofe up to start as it's off to Blade for a double drop toehold. Some rapid fire elbows stagger Nima but he's up for the tag to Price. Everything breaks down and OTM get caught with stereo hurricanranas and dropkicks. Parker grabs Enofe's foot though and the women get in a fight on the floor as we take a break.

Back with the women getting into it again and this time they go up the aisle, with referees getting rid of them. Enofe gets knocked down out of the corner for two, setting up a standing camel clutch (with Enofe's legs wrapped around the standing Price's ribs). That's broken up but Enofe, who is losing his boot, can't get over for the tag. The assisted Alabama Slam to Enofe is enough at 10:43.

**Rating:** C. It's a bit weird to see a team whose story is bad luck but it's not like Enofe and Blade have anything else going on at the moment. They still feel like a team who could go somewhere if they were treated as a basic, athletic team but instead they're in a spot like this. OTM is already better without Scrypts, as he really didn't add anything to the team.

Meta Four is still arguing about Noam Dar but Lash Legend doesn't have time for this.

Ridge Holland praises Chase U to Axiom and Nathan Frazer. The OC come in to mock him but Holland is willing to find a partner for a match tonight.

Women's North American Title Qualifying Match: Ivy Nile vs. Lash Legend

Jakara Jackson is here with Legend who wastes no time in knocking Nile out to the floor. Nile fights up and glares at Jackson, followed by a spinning kick to Legend's head. Legend's super chokeslam is countered into a super bulldog for two and the Diamond Chain Lock goes on. Jackson offers a distraction though and Legend hits the pump kick for the pin at 3:56.

**Rating:** C. I'm not sure what happened to Nile but she has fallen through the floor. There was a time where she seemed primed for at least a title run but it never came together. Now here she is, more or less just a jobber to a potential big star like Legend. There wasn't much to the match, but Legend has come a VERY long way in the last few months.

Je'Von Evans doesn't know who attacked Noam Dar but he's ready to face Oro Mensah.

Carlee Brights wants to face Lola Vice tonight but Ava isn't sure after Bright's combine score. Then she gives Bright the match anyway.

### Oro Mensah vs. Je'Von Evans

Jakara Jackson is here with Mensah, who strikes away to start and rakes Evans' eyes over the top rope. Mensah sends him crashing out to the floor and we take a break. Back with Mensah hitting Big Show's old Alley Oop for two but Evans fights up. Evans goes up top and kicks Mensah down, setting up a springboard clothesline. A springboard cutter sends Mensah outside and of course Evans is right there with the dive. Cue Lash Legend with a chair but Trick Williams pops up to glare at her. Evans fights out of a powerbomb and hits a superkick into the corkscrew splash for the pin at 10:10.

**Rating:** C+. It was good, though not quite up to the levels of excitement that Evans has shown in his previous outings. He's athletic and the fans like him, but right now he still needs wins like this one to boost him up. That is a necessary thing, but it might not make for the most riveting action.

Post match Williams shows respect to Evans.

Charlie Dempsey is on his own tonight and promises violence and revenge against Tony D'Angelo.

Here is Wes Lee for a chat. Last time he was in this ring with



this mic, things were going very badly for him. He wasn't sure if he was ever going to be able to get back but dang did he miss this. Fans: "WE MISS YOU!" He is back six months earlier than scheduled because he missed this so much. Lee needs a minute to compose himself but Oba Femi interrupts. Femi respects him but Lee has taken the title as far as he can. While Lee has shown the spirit of a warrior, Femi is a real warrior. Lee says he wants a title shot, but Femi tells him to prove it.

Cue Ivar to interrupt, saying he knows what it's like to have a career ending injury. He and Lee even had the same spinal surgeon! They both want a title shot, but here is Josh Briggs to interrupt and try to get in on this too. He came this close at Stand & Deliver with broken ribs, but now he's all healed up. Femi likes the arguments, so Femi says make it a fatal four way. Instead, Femi says fight among yourselves and the winner gets the title shot. This was really basic simple stuff but it did its' job.

Chase U comes up to see Ridge Holland, who can have Riley Osborne as his partner tonight. Holland is very grateful.

We hear an alarm clock go off but see nothing.

Lexis King hits on some women when Jazmyn Nyx comes in with a get well soon card for Jacy Jayne. King signs but gets the name wrong.

### OC vs. Ridge Holland/Riley Osborne

The rest of Chase U is here with Holland and Osborne. Holland trades shoulders with Gallows to start, with a jumping version putting Gallows down. Osborne comes in and is quickly taken into the wrong corner. Some dropkicks get him out of trouble in a hurry though and a standing shooting star press gives Osborne two. Gallows isn't having that and knocks Osborne into the corner again and we hit the chinlock.

Osborne fights up again but gets sent hard into the corner. A quick flip dive out of the corner finally gives Osborne a breather and the diving tag brings Holland in to clean house. Holland loads up an Alabama Slam but Osborne misses a springboard dropkick and hits Holland by mistake. That's enough for Anderson to roll Holland up for the pin at 5:10.

**Rating:** C. The OC might be stars but they're not exactly the most thrilling addition to the show. They're the same team they've been for years now, meaning they're here to collect a check and follow the formula they've had for far too long. The ending was what mattered here, as it is going to be an issue for Holland and his path to redemption.

Video on Carlee Bright.

### Carlee Bright vs. Lola Vice

Vice has Shayna Baszler in her corner. Bright tries some early rollups to start but Vice kicks her off the ropes. More kicks and strikes set up a dance, allowing Bright to grab a rollup for two. A front flip kick to the face in the corner gets two more but Vice kicks her out of the air. The spinning backfist finishes Bright at 3:10.

**Rating:** C+. Bright has been around on NXT LVL up in recent weeks and it's nice to see her do some things that she hadn't done around there. Right now though, she's just another newcomer in great shape and that isn't going to be enough to carry her to the next level. It was a nice match, but little more than a decent first step.

Post match Natalya and Karmen Petrovic come out for the brawl, with the villains bailing in a hurry. The tag match is made for next week.

Riley Osborne apologizes to Ridge Holland in the back but Holland says it's cool. Holland hopes Chase U trusts him and that seems to be the case, albeit a bit tentatively.

We look back at Noam Dar being attacked. NXT loves itself some mystery attacker stories.

Here's what's coming next week.

### Heritage Cup: Tony D'Angelo vs. Charlie Dempsey

D'Angelo, with the Family, is challenging. Round One begins with D'Angelo taking over and grabbing an early rollup for two. Dempsey isn't sure what to do to start and D'Angelo takes him down again to make it worse. A cravate finally slows D'Angelo down for a bit, only to have him reverse into a cradle for the first fall at 2:46.

We take a break and come back with just under a minute to go in Round Two. They trade forearms until Dempsey suplexes him into a cross armbreaker but D'Angelo survives until the round ends. Round Three begins with D'Angelo's arm in trouble so Dempsey goes right for the cross armbreaker. With that broken up, Dempsey grabs a Fujiwara armbar. That's reversed into a rollup but D'Angelo misses a charge into the post, allowing Dempsey to German suplex him and tie it up at 2:10 of the round and 9:14 overall.

Round Four begins with D'Angelo going right after the arm, including some stomps into a short arm scissors. D'Angelo can't quite roll out so Dempsey pulls him into a triangle choke. A powerbomb gets D'Angelo out and a belly to belly puts Dempsey down. D'Angelo grabs a spinebuster but can't cover as the round ends. Round Five begins with D'Angelo grabbing a German suplex as the rest of the No Quarter Catch Crew, looking a bit banged up, arrives. They're dispatched just as fast and Forget About It gives D'Angelo the pin and the cup at 1:08 of the round and 14:08 overall.

**Rating:** B-. I was a bit surprised by the ending as they seemed to be setting up the No Quarter Catch Crew interference to retain the Cup. D'Angelo needed to win something on his own and it's nice to see him finally do it. He has the talent and

has managed to get this rather stupid gimmick over, which is more than I would have expected. Solid stuff here, with the Crew's run already looking to be in trouble.

We cut to the back where Wes Lee, Josh Briggs and Ivar have been attacked. The camera pans up to Gallus, as the trio is back (I wonder if they attacked Noam Dar) to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C+. This wasn't the strongest show from a wrestling standpoint but the main event was good and it had a nice surprise at the end. You can see at least some of the Battleground card coming together and there is almost a month to go before the show to fill in the gaps. Not their best show here, but it covered a bit of ground, including the first few qualifying matches.

### Results

Sol Ruca b. Izzi Dame – Sol Snatcher

OTM b. Edris Enofe/Malik Blade – Assisted Alabama Slam to Enofe

Lash Legend b. Ivy Nile – Pump kick

Je'Von Evans b. Oro Mensah – Corkscrew splash

OC b. Ridge Holland/Riley Osborne – Rollup to Holland

Lola Vice b. Carlee Bright – Spinning backfist

Tony D'Angelo b. Charlie Dempsey 2-1

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# NXT LVL Up – April 5, 2024: For The Second Time Ever

## NXT LVL Up

Date: April 5, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Blake Howard, Byron Saxton

It's Wrestlemania Weekend and we might get to see some people who might be at Wrestlemania L or so. It would be nice to have them do something a little different for this show but odds are that isn't what we'll be getting to see. If nothing else, just some slightly bigger names could help a lot so let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

## Dante Chen vs. Drake Morreaux

The rather large Morreaux takes him down without much effort so Chen goes to the arm. A hiptoss is blocked and Morreaux drops him with a clothesline, setting up a splash to the back. Chen goes for the arm again but walks into a backbreaker for two. We hit the waistlock before Morreaux misses another splash. Back up and Chen strikes away, including a pump kick into the double chop to finish Morreaux at 5:43.

**Rating:** C. One day someone is going to have to explain the Chen thing to me. He's nothing of note in the ring but even commentary was pointing out how he is the guy who gets to face

all of the up and comers around here. That's one thing, but then he beats those up and comers, which makes things all the worse. It's hardly some career killer for Morreaux, though it doesn't do much to make me want to watch the show.

OTM threatened Je'Von Evans at the Performance Center but Tyson DuPont/Tyriek Igwe made the save.

### Brinley Reece vs. Tatum Paxley

Reece grabs the armbars to start but Paxley stops to talk to her. That earns Paxley an armdrag into another armbars, followed by a running shoulder in the corner. Back up and Reece misses a dropkick, allowing Paxley to go after the ribs. A reverse chinlock has Reece in more trouble but she fights up with the elbows. Not that it matters as Paxley pulls her into the Psycho Trap for the pin at 4:22.

**Rating:** C. Reece is something similar to the original Bayley crossed with Thea Hail but she doesn't actually win anything. Having that kind of energy is nice to see but it isn't going to matter if she doesn't have some success. On the other hand you have Paxley, who is at least getting higher up in the women's division due to her weird association with Lyra Valkyria.

### OTM vs. Je'Von Evans/Tyriek Igwe/Tyson DuPont

Evans slugs away at Scrypts to start, meaning the flipping escapes ensue. Price and DuPont come in to trade shoulders with the latter getting the better of things. A splash gives DuPont two and it's off to Nima, with Igwe working on the arm. Igwe gets taken into the wrong corner so the villains can take over. Scrypts is tossed at him for two and the chinlock goes on, only to have Igwe power out without much trouble. It's back to Evans to pick the pace up with the dives but Price and Nima catch DuPont in the assisted Alabama Slam for the pin at 6:20.

**Rating:** C+. Commentary said this was only the second six man tag in the history of LVL Up and I have no idea how or why that is possible. On a show built around the idea of getting people as much ring time as possible, why wouldn't you want to put more people out there? Just an odd bit of trivia but the match itself was decent, with Evans getting to pop the crowd again.

**Overall Rating:** C. I'm not sure if a six man tag counts as anything special for Wrestlemania Weekend but I'm not sure how many people in WWE know this show exists in the first place. Just having a quick angle at the Performance Center helps and at least it was something from a previous week. Nothing of note here, but that's LVL Up for two.

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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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# NXT – April 9, 2024: The Sequel's Almost As Good

## NXT

Date: April 9, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Booker T.

We're done with Stand & Deliver and it was certainly an eventful show. Trick Williams defeated Carmelo Hayes to win the main event and show that he's ready to be one of the top stars around here. Roxanne Perez got the Women's Title back by defeating Lyra Valkyria and Oba Femi continues to show that he is a dominant force in the making. Tonight we start getting ready for whatever is next so let's get to it.

[Here is Stand & Deliver if you need a recap.](#)

We open with a long Stand & Deliver recap.

Here is Roxanne Perez to get things going. Perez can't believe anyone is surprised because what happened on Saturday was justice being served. She saw Lyra Valkyria's arm being banged up and took advantage of it. Valkyria said she was honorable but Perez found it stupid. No one can take the title from her because the next time she loses the title is when she gives it up to go to Raw or Smackdown.

Cue Valkyria, with her arm in a sling, saying she wants her rematch tonight. Perez rolls her eyes but Tatum Paxley pops up to say she's ready. Then Paxley sends Valkyria into the steps and walks off. Perez says we won't be seeing a title match tonight but here is Natalya (who told Perez she was going to see her tonight) to say she'll face Perez tonight. That's a no, but here is Ava to say yes. Natalya getting a title shot just because? I thought this was a new era.

Nathan Frazer and Axiom are getting their last Tag Team Title shot tonight. If they don't win here, they're done as a team.

Andre Chase gives Kelani Jordan and Fallon Henley honorary degrees for their win at Stand & Deliver. Jacy Jayne and Jazmyn Nyx come in with Jayne revealing why Chase U was in debt in the first place: Chase had put a big bet on Thea Hail to win the Women's Title at the Great American Bash (where Chase threw in the towel to save Hail) but cared more about her than the school. If Hail hadn't been such a loser, the school wouldn't have been in trouble. Chase says it's true and Hail storms off.

### Fallon Henley/Kelani Jordan vs. Kiana James/Izzi Dame

The villains jump them to start but Jordan grabs a headscissors out of the corner to drop James. Dame comes in and gets sleepereed for her quick efforts. Everything breaks down and the villains are sent outside, with Jordan hitting a big slingshot dive. Back in and Dame takes over on Jordan, with James getting in some shots of her own.

Dame's running elbow gets two and a flapjack gets the same. An abdominal stretch doesn't last long and Jordan rolls over for the tag off to Henley. The pace picks way up and the spinning superplex puts James down. Henley has to save Jordan from a cheap shot but walks into the 401K to give James the pin at 6:59.

**Rating:** C+. Henley and Jordan work together fairly well and have gotten to showcase themselves over the last few shows. In this case, it makes sense to have the villains get a win to even things up a bit after losing on Saturday. The match was fairly high energy and it worked well enough here for not having much time in the ring.

Je'Von Evans is ready to go. This is the same video we saw at Stand & Deliver.

OTM is ready to deal with Evans.

The No Quarter Catch Crew (no Drew Gulak in sight) talk about Bloodsport (an independent event over Wrestlemania Weekend where some WWE stars got to compete) but the D'Angelo Family comes in. Insults are exchanged and a match is made.

### Je'Von Evans vs. Scrypts

Evans is a 19 year old who has done rather well on NXT LVL Up and the rest of OTM is here with Scrypts. They flip around to start with Evans getting two off a rollup but missing some right hands. Scrypts trips him off the middle rope though and a standing shooting star press gets two. The chinlock doesn't last long and Evans is back up with a springboard kick to the face. A Cody Cutter gives Evans two so Scrypts bails outside, where Evans hits a big dive. Back in and Evans kicks him down, setting up a springboard spinning splash for the pin at 4:32.

**Rating:** C+. Evans isn't someone who is doing something new but he looked good doing what he was doing out there. NXT needs to bring in some fresh names at some point and that is what they are doing here. Yeah it's just a win over Scrypts but it's a place to start and that is more than some people get.

We look at Ridge Holland, on the broadcasting team, attacking Joe Gacy on the Stand & Deliver Kickoff Show.

Holland says he lost it but Gacy pops in to mock Holland for his career falling apart. The LWO comes in to say they don't buy the apology tour. Holland walks by Joaquin Wilde and slams a door on his arm.

### Women's Title: Natalya vs. Roxanne Perez

Perez is defending and gets taken to the mat to start. They head outside with Natalya hitting a clothesline as we take an early break. Back with Natalya fighting out of an abdominal stretch and grabbing a surfboard. The fight heads outside

again, this time with Natalya being sent into the steps.

A bodyscissors keeps Natalya in trouble but she's right back out with a German suplex for two. The Sharpshooter is broken up and they trade rollups for two each. The crossface doesn't work for Perez either and Natalya blocks Pop Rox, setting up the Sharpshooter. Perez makes it over to the rope and cue Lola Vice for a cheap shot, allowing Pop Rox to retain the title at 11:28.

**Rating:** C+. The ending likely sets up something for Natalya and Vice in the future, which should be fine enough. The more important thing here though is Perez getting a win to start off her new title reign. Perez is starting to feel the heel stuff and if she can turn that into a more long term thing, she'll be a star for a very long time.

The Wolfdogs still can't agree if they're a good team but they know it's working.

Lola Vice says she's tired of waiting for her chance so she made it herself. Natalya jumps her from behind and it's broken up.

### No Quarter Catch Crew vs. D'Angelo Family

Kemp takes Crusifino down without much trouble to start and hands it off to Borne. That means Stacks can come in to fire off some knees in the corner as everything breaks down. Charlie Dempsey pulls Borne out of the way of a charge though and Kemp comes back in with a suplex to take over. Stacks rolls away though and it's back to Crusifino, who sends the Crew into each other. Dempsey is brought back inside for a distraction, meaning it's a Shatter Machine to finish Kemp at 4:02.

**Rating:** C. This was a bit of a wild match which didn't have much time to go anywhere. What matters is the Family getting a win back after Tony D'Angelo lost his big title shot at Stand

& Deliver. I doubt this is going to lead anywhere bit for them but it's better than losing again, with the interference making it a bit more impressive.

Here is Oba Femi to say that while Dijak and Josh Briggs are tough, his dominance was inevitable. Cue Ivar of all people who said he loved seeing those three monsters beating each other up for that title, which is exactly the type of fight that he is looking form. He wanted in the fight because he knows he can chop Femi down and take the title. Femi seems game and the fight is on with Ivar knocking him down and holding up the title.

Meta Four brags about their hosting prowess but Dijak interrupts to complain about their recent skit. This is their one warning.

#### Jaida Parker vs. Brinley Reece

The rest of OTM and Edris Enofe/Malik Blade are here too. Parker powers her into the corner to start and knocks Reece down as we take an early break. Back with Reece not being able to fight out of an armbar. Parker lets her go and hits a middle rope Blockbuster for two. The chinlock with a knee in the back keeps Reece in trouble but she comes back up with some shoulders. A running clothesline gets two on Parker, followed by a spinebuster for the same. Back up and Parker hits a running hip to the face out of nowhere for the fast pin at 7:53.

**Rating:** C. Parker continues to feel like someone who could be a star if given the chance and getting a win here should help her move forward. She has a long way to go but every step helps. At the same time you have Reece, who is doing well with being all positive, but she needs to actually beat someone.

Arianna Grace tells Sol Ruca that she's almost ready to unveil Gigi Dolin but Lola vice comes in to rant. Ruca doesn't think much of it and sneering ensues.

## Tag Team Titles: Axiom/Nathan Frazer vs. Wolfdogs

The Wolfdogs are defending. Breakker works on Axiom's arm to start but Axiom scores with a quick dropkick. Back up and Breakker hits a heck of a running shoulder so it's off to Corbin for a choke throw to Frazer. Frazer fights up and the champs are cleared out, with Axiom hitting a big moonsault out to the floor.

We take a break and come back with Corbin hitting a powerslam for two on Axiom. Some kicks get Axiom out of trouble and it's back to Frazer, who reverses Breakker's gorilla press into a DDT for two. The springboard 450 gets two more but Breakker isn't having this. The gorilla pres powerslam gets two on Axiom, who gets back over for the tag to Frazer. Everything breaks down and the Steiner Bulldog gets two on Frazer, with Axiom having to make the save.

Frazer's dive to the floor is cut off and he gets sent hard into the steps, leaving Axiom to Golden Ratio Breakker. That doesn't keep him down for very long but Breakker's spear almost hits Corbin. Axiom kicks them together though, meaning it's a Golden Ratio to Corbin, setting up the 450 to give Frazer the pin and the titles at 11:34.

**Rating:** B-. It wasn't quite as good as the match at Stand & Deliver but it still felt like a big deal, especially with the title change. I'm not usually big on the idea of doing a rematch so soon after the pay per view but maybe this was a way to give Breakker a win on the big stage while avoiding the likelihood that he got a big post-Wrestlemania Raw appearance. What matters is Breakker is freed from the Wolfdogs and can go on to become an even bigger star on Smackdown, as he should be.

Post match the new champs celebrate...and the Final Testament is here to jump them.

Here's what's coming next week.



Here is Trick Williams after his win over Carmelo Hayes at Stand & Deliver. Williams is happy for his win but there is no Hayes here this week. He might not agree with Hayes, but Hayes is Him. That's why he had to show Hayes who Williams really is, but now we need to know what is next for him. That would be winning the NXT Title by defeating Ilja Dragunov.

Cue Dragunov to praise Williams for his success and charisma. He's exactly what NXT needs, but Williams says we need these two for the title one more time. That's going to be a no, because Williams has already had his shot. Williams can go with that and asks who he has to beat next. Dragunov is willing to give him his title shot in two weeks, but if Williams loses, he leaves NXT.

Williams is in so Dragunov goes to leave, but here is Carmelo Hayes to jump Williams from behind, knocking him into Dragunov. Hayes stomps away and says it's a cage match with Williams next week. He holds up the title to end the show. Williams almost has to win the title given those stipulations, but dang they are moving through that rather quickly.

**Overall Rating:** B-. It was a fast moving show and it went well, with a quick recap from Saturday and things being set up for the next few weeks. The title change felt like a big deal and there are enough things coming to keep things interesting. The wrestling worked well too and it made for a better show than I would have expected. It's nice to have what feels like a regular show rather than another big recap with a little bit happening, though I'm not surprised as NXT made it work.

### Results

Kiana James/Izzi Dame b. Fallon Henley/Kelani Jordan – 401K to Henley

Je'Von Evans b. Scrypts – Springboard spinning splash

Roxanne Perez b. Natalya – Pop Rox

D'Angelo Family b. No Quarter Catch Crew – Shatter Machine to Kemp

Jaida Parker b. Brinley Reece – Running hip attack  
Axiom/Nathan Frazer b. Wolfdogs – 450 to Corbin

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# NXT LVL Up – March 8, 2024: Gah

## NXT LVL Up

Date: March 8, 2024

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Blake Howard, Byron Saxton

My confusion with these shows continues as I had a better time with last week's show after weeks of almost nothing. That could make for something good this time around here, assuming there is anything involving continuity. Granted There is no reason to believe that will be the case but oh well. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

### Scripts vs. Dion Lennox

OTM is here with Scripts, who is sent hard into the corner to start. Lennox wrestles him to the mat but Scripts flips away from the threat of a right hand. That's fine with Lennox, who grabs a bridging northern lights suplex for two but Scripts starts working on the arm. A middle rope crossbody gives Scripts two and it's back to the arm. Lennox fights up and makes the one armed comeback but the arm gives out again. Scripts sends said arm into the corner and it's a rolling cutter to give Scripts the pin at 5:51.

**Rating:** C. Scripts continues to be someone I tend to forget is around most of the time and that was the case coming into this as well. He's still an amazing acrobat and can do some impressive things, but that doesn't make him someone who is the brightest star around here. Lennox isn't someone who should be beating Scripts, making this less than ideal.

Karmen Petrovic is ready for Izzi Dame, even if Kiana James is in Dame's corner.

### Karmen Petrovic vs. Izzi Dame

Kiana James is here with Dame. Petrovic's headlock doesn't last long as Dame reverses into an armbar. A big boot puts Petrovic down and there's a full nelson slam to make it worse. Some backbreakers give Dame two and she grabs the torture rack. With that broken up, Petrovic goes up for a middle rope crossbody but Dame is back with the Z Quill for the pin at 4:28.

**Rating:** C-. Pretty to the point match here with neither of them getting to stand out. Dame and James are still the same middle of the road team they have been since they got together and that isn't exactly great. Petrovic isn't doing much either, though her martial arts stuff looks good when she gets

to use them.

### Dante Chen vs. Tavion Heights

They go to the mat to start and that goes a grand total of nowhere. Heights grinds away on a headlock but Chen is back with an armbar. More grappling doesn't get either anywhere as commentary talks about what Stand & Deliver means to the wrestlers around here. Ignore that neither of these two are anywhere close to that level as Heights hits a hard clothesline.

Heights pulls him down out of the corner and grabs an armbar to keep things slow. Chen is right back with a neckbreaker but Heights suplexes his way out of a headlock. Another suplex has Chen in more trouble and a doctor bomb gives Heights two. Back up and Chen hits something like a Side Effect for two, meaning frustration is setting in. The double chop misses though and Heights grabs a spinning belly to belly for the pin at 7:09.

**Rating:** C. This got better in the end and it was nice to not have Chen pick up another win over someone who needed the momentum. Thankfully WWE seems to have calmed down with keeping Chen so strong as I never got the point. Heights is someone who could have some potential and losing to Chen would have knocked that all the way back down.

**Overall Rating:** D+. Not one of their finer offerings here with little in the way of interest and the best match being fairly dull. It was a case where there was barely anything in the way of star power and the action wasn't exactly good either. This really didn't work and there wasn't much in the way of positives on the whole thing.

### Results

Scrypts b. Dion Lennox – Rolling cutter

Izzi Dame b. Karmen Petrovic – Z Quill

Tavion Heights b. Dante Chen – Spinning belly to belly

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