**ARE WE RECORDING?**

* **SYNC AUDIO**

**HEAVY MACHINERY VS THE FORGOTTEN SONS**

* **Shit, I forgot about these guys.**
* **Entertaining match with some good spots.**
* **In the end, Dozovic hit Wesley Blake with a Pop-Up Front Slam for the win.**

**EARLIER TODAY**

* **TMZ asks Candice LaRae, “We haven’t heard a word out of Johnny Gargano. Where is his mindset at right now?”**
* **Candice says she wants to keep everything with her and Johnny between them for now.**
* **She also bitches about Nikki Cross for laughing in her face last week, and she’s going to ask William Regal for a match against her.**
* **“We’ll see if she’s laughing when I’m done.”**

**BACKSTAGE**

* **Cathy Kelley interviews Shayna Baszler, who is sitting on a couch with her BFF’s who helped her beat Kairi Sane at Evolution.**
* **Cathy asks Shayna, “What happens when Kairi invokes her rematch clause?” What a stupid question.**
* **Shayna says, “Kairi is insignificant, but what’s most important is that I’m the first ever 2-time NXT Women’s Champion.”**
* **Then, William Regal walks in, and Jessman & Marina stand up like they’re going to fight him.**
* **So Shayna holds them back and tells them, “I got it.”**
* **Regal tells Shayna Kairi has invoked her rematch clause, so that’ll happen at TakeOver War Games…and it will be 2 out of 3 falls.**
* **Regal walks away, and Shayna tells Cathy Kelly to leave.**

**DAKOTA KAI VS TAYNARA CONTI**

* **Dakota is a goofy babyface and Taynara is a goofy heel so this was a weird match. Taynara is like a Looney Toons villain.**
* **Dakota wins with her cool backstabber finisher.**

**CATHY KELLEY INTERVIEWS MIA YIM BACKSTAGE**

* **Mia says she’s living the dream.**
* **Then, Bianca Belair walks up and asks Cathy, “Why are you interviewing this chick, when I’ve been here busting my butt for two years, and I’m undefeated.”**
* **Mia says, “Well, the EST has not beaten the HBIC…the Head Baddie in Charge.” Oof.**
* **Bianca was grossed out by that line as we all were, and walked away.**
* **This match is happening next week.**

**LAST WEEK**

* **Keith Lee & Matt Riddle are walking backstage, when Kassius Ohno appears to welcome them to NXT.**
* **Ohno says, “It’s Mr. Regal’s shiny new toys! I like shiny new toys, they’re fun to break,” and then he walks away.**

**VIDEO PROMO FOR WAR GAMES**

* **They show footage of last year’s match. Roderick Strong Suplexing Adam Cole off the top of the cage onto everyone else was amazing.**
* **They also showed all the success Undisputed Era has had in NXT.**
* **Then, they showed the feud between the two teams…should be another awesome match.**

**JOHNNY GARGANO EXPLAINS HIMSELF**

* **In an iPhone promo.**
* **Gargano is outside the arena in the area where he attacked Aleister Black.**
* **He says his path was to beat Tomasso Ciampa for the NXT Championship, and Aleister got in the way.**
* **Johnny says it was Collateral Damage…nothing personal.**
* **He also says, “I’m the hero at the end of this story. You hit the Black Mass on whoever you want, and no one bats an eye. I do one little thing that some people consider evil, and everyone freaks out. I’m still the same Johnny Gargano I’ve always been. I still fight for what’s right, but I’ve realized that sometimes you gotta fight dirty.”**
* **“I know you probably want to kick my face off and maybe I deserve it…but I’m not afraid of you. I live in a dark place Aleister, and I’m not afraid of the dark anymore. Actually, I’m kind of starting to like it.”**
* **Johnny then sits in the spot where he left Aleister Black, and then says, “At TakeOver War Games, I’ll leave you laying again.”**

**BACKSTAGE**

* **William Regal announces that next week, one member from each War Games team will face each other in a match. Whoever wins, that team will get the advantage in the War Games match.**

**VELVETEEN DREAM VS LARS SULLIVAN**

* **Sullivan has “LARS” written on the back of his red tights now.**
* **Dream dives onto Sullivan outside the ring. He also pushes Lars into the steel steps and gets in the ring but tells the ref, “Don’t count.”**
* **Lars pulls Dream outside and then picks him up and throws him back first on the edge of the apron.**
* **Great spot when Lars popped Dream way up in the air and Dream kicked him in the chest.**
* **Lars would later hit the Pop-Up Powerslam, but Dream kicked out at 2.**
* **In the end, Velveteen hit the Dream Valley Driver and climbed the top rope for the Elbow Drop…but then Ciampa appeared ringside.**
* **So Dream jumped off the top rope and hit Ciampa with a Double Axe Handle.**
* **When Dream got back in the ring though, Lars picked him up and hit the Freak Accident for the win.**
* **After the match, Ciampa got in the ring to attack Dream, which he does.**
* **Ciampa then lays the NXT Championship down in the ring and tries to hit Dream with his finisher.**
* **Dream gets out of it, hits Ciampa with a Superkick, and then DDTs Ciampa on the title.**
* **Dream then climbs the top rope for the Elbow Drop, but 5 refs run out to stop him.**
* **Dream gets off and starts walking up the ramp, but then runs back, climbs the top rope, and hits Ciampa with the Purple Rainmaker.**
* **Dream holds up the NXT Championship as the show goes off the air.**
* **Shouldn’t Lars be added to the title match since he beat Dream? I guess he’s not doing anything at TakeOver.**

**NO LACEY EVANS MATCH**

* **Last week they said she’d be in action this week. What happened?**

**WORST DRESSED: Mia Yim**

**BEST DRESSED: Bianca Belair**

**WORST MOMENT: Shayna & friends**

 **BEST MOMENT: Dream Elbow Drops Ciampa**

**REESE’S PIECES**

* **Play Josh’s Tweet**
* **Roderick Strong & Marina Shafir have officially tied the knot. I thought they were already married. They had a baby boy in April of last year.**

**FAN QUESTIONS**

**TAKEOVER PREDICTIONS?**

* **Thanks Fabio Morabito**