**ARE WE RECORDING?**

* **SYNC AUDIO**

**NXT BEGINS WITH JOHNNY GARGANO’S MUSIC!**

* **The crowd is excited, but Tommaso Ciampa comes out instead.**
* **Ciampa says Gargano won the battle but he lost the war.**
* **“I broke his body and his heart…I win.”**
* **Johnny’s wife Candace LaRae gets in the ring and tells Ciampa, “The only thing that is truly broken is you.”**
* **LaRae also tells him, “My husband’s future may be uncertain, but you know that Johnny Gargano is better than you.”**
* **The crowd chants, “Johnny’s better!”**
* **Ciampa says, “Maybe he was better, but he’s not half the man that I am. That’s why he sent his cute blonde wife out here, instead of coming out here himself. You’ve always been more of a man than him.”**
* **Ciampa then says during their wedding he thought, “How could this woman be marrying such a big…” but before he can finish, Candace slaps him in the face and leaves.**

**LACEY EVANS VS A JOBBER NAMED BRANDI LAUREN**

* **Lacey was pretty good here even though it was just a squash match**
* **Evans hit the Slingshot Elbow Drop, as well as a Moonsault off the 2nd rope.**
* **She then hit Brandi with her new finisher, “The Woman’s Right” which is a right hook but clever name.**
* **After the match, Kairi Sane attacks Evans on the ramp and throws her back in the ring.**
* **Kairi gets on the top rope for the Insane Elbow, but Evans rolls out of the ring and retreats.**

**EARLIER TONIGHT**

* **Aleister Black is asked about Ricochet & Velveteen Dream both wanting to be the #1 contender.**
* **Black says, “Ever since I became the NXT Champion, I’ve had a big target on my back. However, once you’re in the ring with me, you become the target.”**

**DAKOTA KAI PRESS CONFERENCE**

* **Dakota is asked about Nikki Cross, but she says she doesn’t know what her deal is.**
* **Then Nikki walks up yelling, “I have a question!”**
* **Nikki holds up her phone and asks Dakota, “When’re you going to face Shayna?”**
* **Dakota says, “I don’t know,” and Nikki tells her, “Face your fear and fight!”**

**VELVETEEN DREAM VS RICOCHET**

* **Once the bell rang Ranallo said, “This is more electric than Thomas Edison’s basement!”**
* **This match was awesome from the beginning. Dream was outside the ring, & Ricochet was going to dive on him. However, Dream got back in the ring, so Ricochet did a backflip and landed in his pose, at the same time that Dream crawled back into the ring and was in his pose.**
* **Lars Sullivan then got in the ring and laid out both men with The Freak Accident.**
* **Lars then yelled, “The NXT Championship is mine!”**

**RAUL MENDOZA VS KONA REEVES**

* **Percy Watson was drooling over Kona Reeves during his entrance. “Look at his jacket!”**
* **Reeves gets the win after hitting the Hawaiian Drop.**

**BACKSTAGE**

* **Ricochet is knocking on Regal’s door, & Cathy Kelly walks up to interview him.**
* **Velveteen Dream then walks up and asks Ricochet, “What’re you doing here?”**
* **Ricochet says, “I want Lars Sullivan.”**
* **Dream says, “I guess we have something in common,” and they both walk in Regal’s office.**
* **We later find out that Ricochet & Velveteen Dream will face Lars Sullivan next week in a handicap match**

**EARLIER TODAY**

* **Heavy Machinery is cutting an iPhone promo about what food they ate for Mother’s Day.**
* **They then run into TM 61 and tell them that they don’t drink with cheaters.**
* **TM 61 says, “They only thing that matters is tasting that sweet victory, which is the only thing you guys haven’t tasted in a while.”**
* **Otis Dozovic challenges TM 61 to a match next week, but the Aussies walk away.**

**PETE DUNNE, ONEY LORCAN, & DANNY BIRCH VS THE UNDISPUTED ERA**

* **Strong avoids Dunne for as long as he can, but eventually Dunne gets to him.**
* **Dunne grabs Strong’s hand to do the finger manipulation spot. O’Reilly & Cole run in to stop it, but Lorcan & Birch do as well.**
* **Lorcan & Birch grab O’Reilly & Cole’s hands, and all three guys do the spot together.**
* **Towards the end, Dunn, Birch, & Lorcan each have a member of Undisputed Era in a submission hold in the ring, but Strong breaks it up by kicking Lorcan into everyone else.**
* **Lorcan & Birch hit O’Reilly with a Wheelbarrow DDT and Birch pins O’Reilly for the win.**
* **This is the first win Birch & Lorcan have gotten as a team on TV.**

**WORST DRESSED: Kona Reeves**

**BEST DRESSED: Lacey Evans**

**WORST MOMENT: Kona Reeves**

 **BEST MOMENT: Ricochet & Dream**

**REESE’S PIECES**

* **Showtime made a documentary about Mauro Ranallo called “Bipolar Rock N’ Roller” which airs Friday May 25th at 9PM Eastern. The film focuses on Ranallo’s career as well as his fight with his mental illness. He was actually a patient at a psychiatric ward.**

**BLEACHER REPORT TOO SOON CALL UPS**

* **Apollo Crews**
* **Tye Dillinger**
* **Riott Squad**
* **Absolution**
* **Drew McIntyre**
* **No Way Jose**
* **Dana Brooke**

**FAN QUESTIONS**

**TAKEOVER PREDICTIONS**

* **Thanks Fabio Morabito**