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WWE NXT COMES TO PORTLAND

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Chairs, tables, and bodies flew across the ring as WWE NXT TakeOver took on Portland at the Moda Center on Feb. 16.

WWE NXT TakeOver is a professional wrestling show, airing first in May 2014, that includes scripted storylines. These storylines are produced for their TV show, NXT, on a weekly basis that play into their live performances.

Sophomore wrestler at CCC, Greg Guzman, grew up watching the show.

"I only knew of [WWE] because it was on TV. My brother and I would watch every event, then my mom started taking us to the live events when I was 10 years old — so in 2009. My mom would work overtime to get us tickets to go watch when they would have an event in Fresno, California," Guzman said over Snapchat.

Rey Mysterio was his favorite wrestler on the show because, "...he was the shortest and would still win," said Guzman. "I thought it was exciting watching the wrestlers do crazy stunts like jumping off high structures, swingings chairs and fighting, especially watching Rey Mysterio."

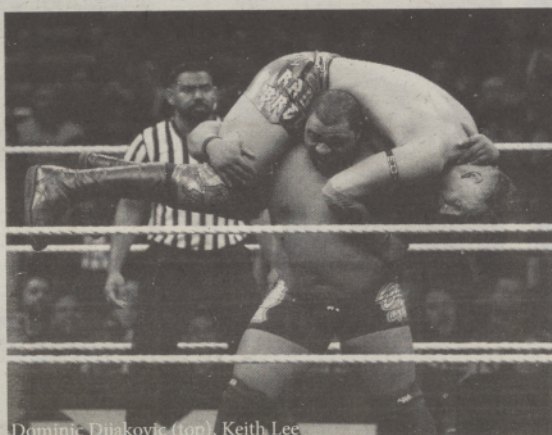
Six matches took place

at the Moda Center that included other fan favorites such as Adam Cole, Tommaso Ciampa, Rhea Ripley, Bianca Belair as well as others.

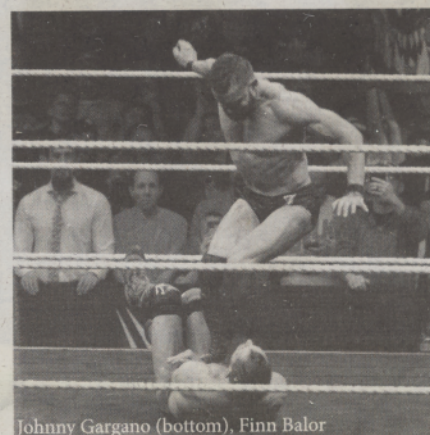
The night took off with the pre-show panel, Charly Caruso, Mansoor and Sam Roberts putting in their two cents about the wrestlers and how the matches were going to go, but whenever Roberts spoke, a collective "boo" ensued. Clearly, this man is not a fan favorite.

The first match of the night began with Keith Lee, fighting to defend his NXT North American Championship against Dominic Dijakovic. In 20 minutes and 20 seconds, Lee came out on top against Dijakovic and kept his well-earned title with a series of brutal kicks and top-of-the-ring plummets onto Dijakovic.

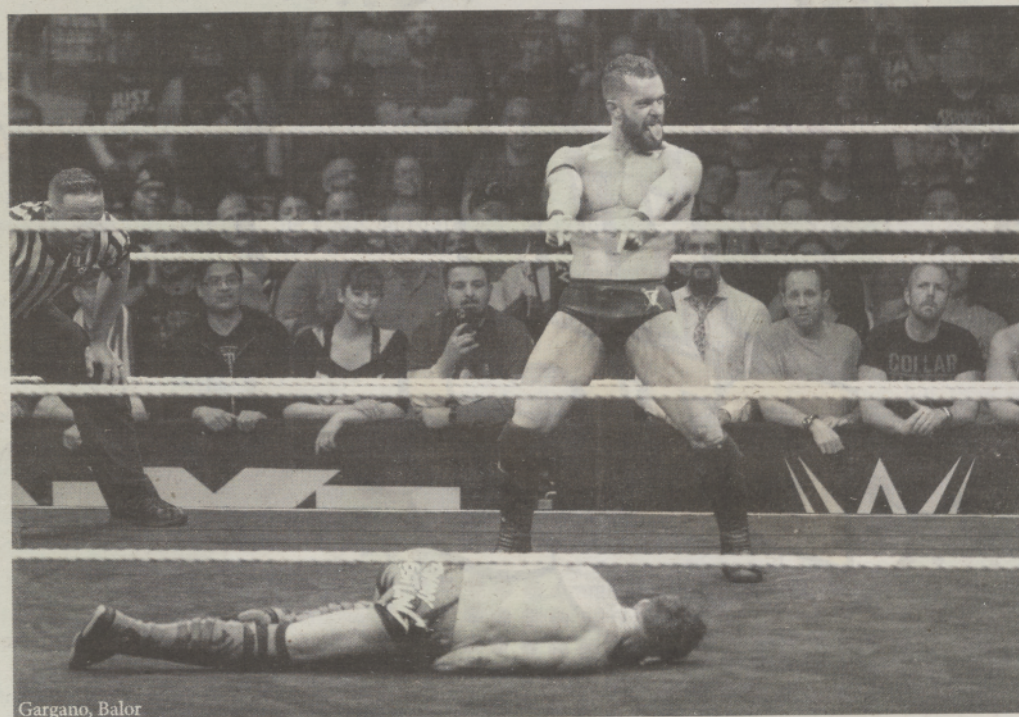
If the bodyweight attacks weren't enough for you, the street fight between Tegan Nox and Dakota Kai following Lee versus Dijakovic would have had you reeling. The two women had a history of being best friends and going through rehab together for knee injuries, until a match left Nox with a re-shattered kneecap and both of them as bitter enemies. Several weapons including chairs,



Dominic Dijakovic (top), Keith Lee



Johnny Gargano (bottom), Finn Balor



Gargano, Balor