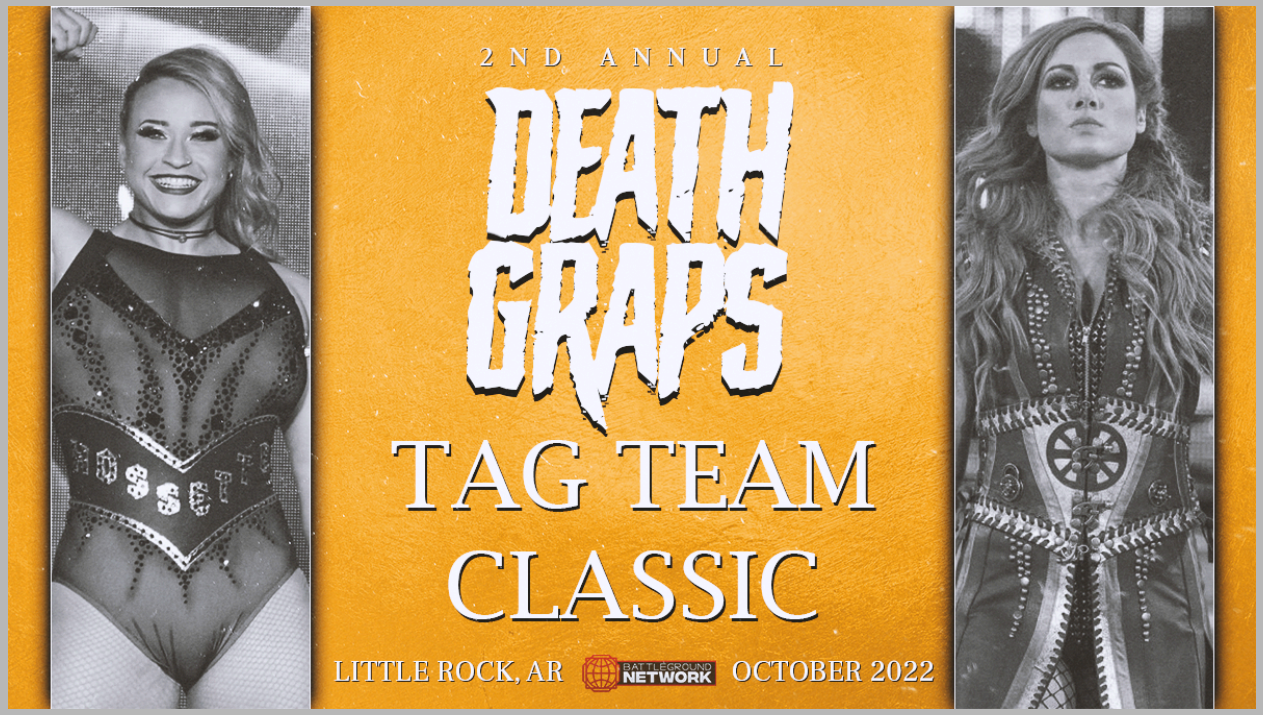


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• ***PRE-SHOW:*** Starting out the night, we hear from The Celtic Bastard Connection for the first time all weekend. It's mainly **Jackie Fowler** reciting what he had posted on Twitter the other night; all very sensible rules. **Brendan Samuels** more or less agrees with Jackie (or perhaps is just trying to get a word in during Jackie's brief pauses). He focused on their match tonight and reflected on them falling short in the tournament last year. Samuels promised a different outcome this year and the two had been working as hard as they could to guarantee that result. // Before the night's festivities got underway, **Artemis Kaiser** made sure to let **Emery Layton** know that she'd be keeping a close eye on the main event tonight. Emery got right in the face of her rival and glared at her in silence for a moment before stepping back to tell Artemis she tried her "best" against Chris Caine last month. This nearly provoked a response out of Kaiser, but she held firm and backed away, telling Layton good luck as she did. // The brothers known as **The Trybe** cut a quick promo on Beni and Lyza; DJ cracked as many jokes as he could while TJ took things a bit more seriously, not wanting to piss off their opponents before it was game time. They came up short last year, but were looking to make a statement in a major way by defeating all the Death Graps' faves. // And lastly, similar to last night, **The New Dawn** took their seats in the balcony of the Plaza once again. The champions were once again ready to scout the competition and perhaps apply some extra pressure onto the teams.

1. The first match of Night Two saw The Celtic Bastard Connection get back to their winning ways against Hell On Earth (also known as HOE). **Brendan Samuels** would use his Mac Lir on **Gertrude Howley** to secure a victory just shy of 10 minutes. **Sidney Kent** and Gertrude put together a solid match against the two, but **Jackie Fowler** has been on a mission as of late to get The Celtic Bastard Connection back to the top, specifically back in title contention and he wasn't going to let the team get eliminated in the first round. HOE put together some great tag team wrestling, but the pure determination of Samuels and Fowler was too much for the women to overcome, even with **Shayden Poisson** on the outside trying to distract the two from time-to-time. The Bastards would be able to enjoy an early win in the night and get ready for whoever they'll have tomorrow night.

2. Two teams making their Death Graps debut with the **Gennifer Swan** and **Illania Karn** duo looking impressive as did The Darling Creepos. **Arlo Oliver** and **Navi LaRoux**'s chaos mixed well with Swan & Karn as all four women did whatever it took in order to win. Though, an argument could be made that Swan & Karn's chaos was, well, just that. Illania tried to unfasten one of the ring ropes in plain view of the official and Gennifer leapt on Arlo's back for a piggy back ride at one point. A very unique duo. But Arlo and Navi weren't going to be outdone. A suicide dive from LaRoux onto Swan saw the two fight on the outside while Oliver and Karn took care of business inside of the ring. The German wrestler looked poised to win the match for her team with her Graceful Dahlia to Arlo's back, but Navi returned in the nick of time to pull Illania off of Arlo.

No denying both teams have a very bright future going forward, but only one could win tonight. A hot tag out to Navi saw her clean house with a boot to knock Illania off the apron and a running forearm to put Gennifer down. Momentum was on the side of the Creepos and that brief window of opportunity was all they needed. Arlo was on guard duty while Navi set up her Bad Dream Baby onto Gennifer to help send the Creepos to the second round of the tournament.

3. Over the past year, **American Youth** has been no stranger to dealing with SHIT NUTZ (**Goro Ozawa** & **SEXY Igarashi**), but this time around she's got the always intimidating **Mara Jade Miller** by her side. Between JD Driftwood and Mara, Youth has no shortage of potentially insane deathmatch wrestlers to help her out. And this match definitely adhered to the relaxed rules, in fact, the rules were thrown out entirely. It didn't take long for the match to basically turn into an impromptu deathmatch and given the reputation of the two teams, the referee was more than willing to allow it, especially when Igarashi blasted Youth with a light tube within the first three minutes of the match. While making her debut in Death Graps, it looked like Miller had been in the company since the start with how well they fit in amongst the degenerate deathmatch crew; the crowd lost their minds when Miller hoisted Igarashi up for a powerbomb straight through a door in the corner.

But SHIT NUTZ weren't going to be put away so easily, not if Goro had anything to say about it as he dove off the top rope onto the other three as they brawled on the outside. Once there, Ozawa retrieved a couple of kenzans from his pocket to drive into Youth and Miller's foreheads. We even got to see SEXY bust out his Head-Stuff Piledriver on Mara when the two were fighting on the ring apron. The ring mat had managed to stay relatively clean thus far in the weekend, but once the four wrestlers made their way back into the

ring, that was no longer the case as the white canvas quickly became a stained red with shards of smashed light tubes and bits of the broken door littered all around.

In the closing moments of the match, Ozawa had wrapped barbed wire around his boots so he could deliver a double foot stomp onto Youth while Igarashi had her in a surfboard. The plan looked like it was going to be executed perfectly, but that wouldn't be the case as AY wiggled her way free just in time for Goro to stomp down onto SEXY. And thanks to his feet being tangled up, Goro couldn't avoid Mara's huge running boot to take the man down. Helping their partner back up to her feet, Miller then put Ozawa up on their shoulders for their Wasted! finisher! The big spear from Youth saw Ozawa and her crash to the canvas in ugly fashion, but Miller was there to put their partner's body on top of Ozawa to secure WASTED GENERATION's spot in tomorrow night's affairs.

4. After a brief pause to allow the ring crew to clean up the wreckage from the match prior, we would get into our final match before the proper intermission. All over the wrestling world, The Trybe (**DJ** & **TJ**) have been causing a mess just about everywhere they've gone. And Death Graps would be no exception to the rule. **Beni** did not want to put up with their bullshit and **Lyza Reyes** did everything she could to make sure her partner kept a leveled-head against The Trybe. And that was a big ask of Lyza because The Trybe were severely annoying in the match. Whether it be cheap shots when the referee wasn't looking or DJ holding onto a submission way after what should've been a five count. The brothers knew every rule in the book and how to bend them in their favor.

But now, Lyza and Beni were ready for this kind of struggle. The two makeshift friends have truly grown together as a tag team and tonight was the first night where it looked like everything clicked for them. They moved in sync with one another and as previously mentioned, Lyza kept Beni's temper in check. The Trybe managed to drop Reyes with their German Suplex/Spinning Back Elbow combination, but Beni was there in time to make the save. There was no stopping the women as Beni planted DJ with a Backpack Stunner that sent him rolling out of the ring as he watched Lyza's Space Age DDT spike TJ to the canvas for three! DJ left TJ to the wolves as Beni and Lyza stood tall (with Beni being taller, of course) to celebrate a huge win and picking up some major momentum heading into Sunday night.

• ***INTERMISSION:*** There was a celebration to be had. Well, sort of. **JD Driftwood** was proud to have seen **American Youth** pick up the win, even if she did it with **Mara Jade Miller** instead of him. He references how he was meant to be in this thing, but honestly sounded like too much of a hassle. Driftwood told Youth to keep up the good work while Miller looked on and silently questioned Youth's "mentor". Mara ushered AY away as the two had to clean up their wounds while JD cracked open a cold one. // **Lauren Maldano** is back on the case and this time it's to interview the Killer Vibes! **Sid St. Hughes** is in good spirits in spite of knowing just how important a win tonight is for him and **JUDITH**. And speaking of the big woman, she doesn't really have much to add despite Lauren's constant attempts to get an answer out of her. St. Hughes spoke about the importance of tonight's win, knowing just how dangerous a woman like Ruri Kuzunoha can be, even coming off a loss; a response that got a smirk from JUDITH. The Killer Vibes aim to win this whole thing and if they can't? They're at least taking some big names down with them on their way to the top to close out 2022. // **Liz Karlson** and **Alyssa Grace** spoke on The LADS, their opponents for tonight. Grace's debut was a big one and there was a

lot of pressure on her shoulders to not fuck things up for Karlson, but she was confident. She knows the legend of Emery Layton and realizes just how powerful a wrestler someone like Brianna Leigh Clark is, but it's just not meant to be for the two. Liz mentions that maybe next year The LADS will find themselves in an easier group because they never stood a chance against The Power of Incredible Violence. // "FUCK" is all that could be heard as **Goro Ozawa** spoke in a mixture of fluent Japanese and extremely broken English while **SEXY Igarashi** looked just as upset as his partner was. The team have always been able to hang with some of the best Death Graps has had to offer, but they still couldn't buy a big win. On the bright side, they got to break some shit and spill some blood. All in all, not the worst, but far from the ideal result either. But if not this year, 2023 all of Death Graps was going to feel the throbbing force of SHIT NUTZ!

5. The winners of last year's Tag Team Classic were in top form tonight, even after taking a few months off as a duo. **Zack Fantana** has been focused on making a singles run in Death Graps, currently holding a title shot for the Death Graps Championship, but he's not alone in that as **Lindsay Troy** is the person he shares that with. The family legacy was on display tonight as Lindsay teamed with her son, **Kazuhiro Troy**, for the first time in Death Graps and even though **American Tommy** is very tiny, he is not Zack's son. Kazuhiro got the pleasure of starting off the match against Zack, getting to showcase just what he was capable of, and even catching Zack by surprise initially. Though the shine wore off fast and Fantana started to dictate the pacing of the match until Kazuhiro made the tag out to Lindsay.

Fantana and Troy have grown very familiar with one another over the last few months in the ring and it showed. Similar to the Best of Seven series between Izzi Grimes and Olivia MacAvoy, one could see just how ready one was for the other. It was also apparent that with a Death Graps Championship match in their near future, Zack and Lindsay were holding back a bit. Once Tommy got involved, though, everything changed. Mainly Lindsay kicking Tommy's ass. The one big saving grace for Tommy was his size and how he used it; the scrappy former multi-time champion managed to slip all around Lindsay and used a variety of quick pins in hopes of one being able to keep the Amazonian legend down. Lindsay's Divine Right put a stop to all that, but Tommy was still able to wiggle his way for a rope break that saw Lindsay let up to bring Kazuhiro back in.

However, Kazuhiro has never come across a degenerate like American Tommy. The younger Troy knew to be wary of the Hip Toss attempt and the dreaded rumored PIN that Tommy had been perfecting. Up against Zack, Kaz showed a lot of confidence in spite of his inexperience, but there was something about that damn Tommy that had him on his guard. That doubt made him wrestle a bit too rigidly and that allowed a window of opportunity for Zack to make his way back into the match. A blind tag was made by Zack and Kaz was too caught up in the moment of dropping Tommy with The Royal Treatment to even be aware of it. Lindsay saw it and tried to get to Kazuhiro in time, but the Circadian Rhythm lariat from Zack stopped her momentarily. And just enough for Fantana to catch Kaz by surprise with his Sleep Apnea! Lindsay would recover, but a hair late as American [REDACTED]s booked their path to the second round.

If you had a nickel for everytime American Tommy has defeated someone named Kaz, you'd have two nickels, which isn't a lot, but it's funny that it's happened twice. After the match, Zack and Lindsay had a brief staredown, knowing tonight wouldn't be the last time the two would cross paths, but Fantana got the better of her tonight.

6. A three-way and not the kind that **Brennan Devlin** (both Classic & Modern) prefers. With a singles match in the near future for the two Devlins, neither really wanted to wrestle one another as they insisted on scouting the other. A big match for the fate of our universe. I think. Not entirely sure, but **Cecily Golding**, **Julie Carter**, and **Rebecca Thoreau** didn't come out here in the tournament for that. The Children of the Moon and Cecily were all hungry for a win tonight as was Modern Brennan's partner, **Aliyah Greene**, and **Annica Greene** on the outside tried her best to help get Brennan & Boujee to the next round of the Tag Team Classic. The women busted their asses off while the Devlins both spent a good chunk of time proclaiming that THEY were the REAL Devlin. A mess honestly.

The crowd did buzz whenever both Devlins were in the ring, but the men never locked up against one another. And as a result, neither Golding nor Green were ever really able to get a proper breather in the match like COTM were. As the match progressed with plenty of close calls, it'd be Carter and Thoreau's Dark Side of the Moon onto Greene that helped send the Children of the Moon to the next round of the tournament as they'll no doubt be keeping a close eye on tonight's main event.

7. Over the last few months, **Sid St. Hughes** has hit somewhat of a skid in his Death Graps' career ever since losing his chance at the Death Graps Championship back in July. Since then, Sid's been trying to find steady ground, but with **JUDITH** next to him, it's a lot easier to feel confident. The Boogeyman of Death Graps herself has been on the cusp of greatness lately and there's nothing a tournament win can't help fix for them. But opposite of them were the ScrapPunk Dreamers, who were no strangers to JUDITH. **Ruri Kuzunoha** in particular and after a defeat at the hands of Becky Velasquez last month, she was eager to get the chance to put another hyped prospect down. With "The North Shore Shooter" **Malia** in her corner, the punks had a great chance at doing just that. Ruri's won the respect and admiration from the crowd, but now she wants to win the big one; the respect isn't worth anything without the accolades to back it up.

Kuzunoha wrestled with that mindset and despite the obvious size difference, she gave everything she had to offer up against JUDITH. Sid was an unknown to the two, but they quickly worked out a strategy to try and contain the aerial menace. The spunky high flyer gave the two fits, however, all it took was some well timed holds to slow St. Hughes down as Kuzunoha controlled the pacing of the match once she found her rhythm. The ScrapPunks were a much more polished team and it showed; their Paradise Bomber onto St. Hughes nearly saw them advance had JUDITH not blasted through Malia to break up the pin. While they were able to figure out a good strategy around St. Hughes, JUDITH still posed a big problem for the two. Ruri could apply a variety of holds onto JUDITH and Malia's striking ability saw her trying to cut down the massive trunks of JUDITH, but all it took to put a halt to their progress was something big from JUDITH. Whether that be her sickening Headbutt onto Malia or her Trick-or-Treat boot to Ruri to help give the Killer Vibes some space to breathe.

With JUDITH laying the foundation, Sid found his place in the match and helped propel the duo to victory. Surviving a Pineapple Express from Malia, Sid would rebound with his Big Liu Kang to stun the Hawaiian woman. Ruri tried to get to her partner's aid only to eat yet another big boot from JUDITH in the process. The Killer Vibes got together with the time given to them for their Chaos Express; the diving blockbuster from St. Hughes saw both Malia and himself crash onto the canvas, but he was able to make the pin and help get back to his winning ways as The Killer Vibes found themselves ready to compete on Night Three.

8. The main event of the evening was a big one, four of the best wrestlers the industry has to offer. The LADS consisted of **Emery Layton** and **Brianna Leigh Clark** with The Power of Incredible Violence across from them; **Liz Karlson** making a major impact in her short time in Death Graps and **Alyssa Grace**, a multi-time champion in OWA and APEX Wrestling before even reaching the age of 25. The hype for this match was off the scales and the women more than delivered. The LADS especially got a warm reception from the crowd while Karlson didn't seem all that bothered by the negative response she got. It wasn't major, but enough to make it clear who the favorites were and Alyssa Grace played into it, having her own fun in egging on the crowd while she and Liz went to work.

A big match for the two teams and meaning a lot for the two Death Graps regulars. Perhaps meaning even more for Emery. Over the past few months, Emery Layton has been doing everything in her power to get over this hurdle that has been seemingly impossible for her to cross; whether it be Artemis Kaiser getting in her way or someone else. Plenty of others who have been in Death Graps from the start have gotten their chance at the top in the form of a shot at the Death Graps Championship, but not Emery. She's been right at the doorstep of it time and time again only to have someone else rip away the contendership from her. While not the same, a chance at the Death Graps Tag Team Championships could be something for Emery and she wasn't going to let another opportunity slip by her. She didn't care about what Grace had accomplished nor did she care for Karlson's size and pure power, Layton was going to get her spot at the top.

And Brianna Leigh Clark was the perfect partner to help get her to that spot. Liz was the powerhouse and could toss Emery around with ease, but Brianna was a different kind of hoss entirely. Clark was pure muscle and one would question if there was even a single ounce of body fat with how shredded she was. For anyone in the audience who wasn't familiar with her before, she quickly made sure everyone in the Plaza knew her name. The Lil Lady Hoss lived up to the moniker as she threw Karlson around like she was a ragdoll. Alyssa could've cleared two rotations with The Lariat that Brianna threw. The powerhouse was well aware of Emery's struggles in Death Graps and did what she could to take her partner to the promised lands.

But Liz Karlson didn't come to Death Graps to allow anyone to use her as a stepping stone to greatness. Liz came in with a purpose and after banshing Anastasia Hayden from the company, there was no ceiling that Liz couldn't break through. She came in, took out one of the biggest dogs in the yard, and Karlson didn't give a fuck about what Layton's been through in Death Graps. One major tournament win under her belt already this year, Karlson had the Tag Team Classic and the Smoky Mountain Invitational on her mind. The crowd didn't like seeing her beat down Layton, but she didn't care, she was here to win. Her Silver Bullet spear through Layton

nearly did just that, but it was still far too early to put this match away. And while Brianna gave Liz some fits, she didn't back down from the fellow hoss. Liz wasn't capable of getting the same pop in her hips as Brianna did, but that just meant her German Suplex saw Brianna landing on her head and neck.

Then Alyssa came running right in with multiple hip attacks to Brianna in the corner; Gun On The Run from her. While giving up some power to Brianna, Alyssa didn't wrestle like that even mattered to her. And besides, whatever she lacked in core strength she made up for it with her blazing fast speed. Paired with her wits, Grace found herself able to get out of some tricky situations as she avoided Layton's Eat The Music thanks to it. Like shrapnel going everywhere, Alyssa did some serious damage all over the ring to Brianna and Emery; truly living up to the duo's name. And it wasn't like Grace was contained solely to the ring after having thrown Layton to the outside for a Suicide Tornado DDT on the outside floor that produced a sickening thud for both women.

As is often the case in main events like this, it was truly anyone's match to win. One almost could've seen the impatience of Alyssa cost Liz and her the match as she fell victim to a Strange Phenomena from Emery after trying to quickly set something else up. Karlson might've won the match earlier too after her 3XF kick dropped Layton to the canvas, but the pin was broken up by Clark powerbombing Grace right onto Karlson's back. There was really only one way this match could come to an end and that was with all four wrestlers involved. The referee had lost any hope of containing the action and could only do his best to keep track of the two legal competitors: Karlson and Clark. The GBF out of desperation to Brianna looked like it was going to clear, but the TinkerHulk narrowly avoided it to return with The Lariat once again. Alyssa would rescue her partner with her Golden Grace to drop Brianna to the canvas and as she turned to put Liz on top of Brianna, Emery would connect with her Eat The Music the second time around.

Karlson was on the canvas when Layton went airborne with her Wuthering Heights! But Liz got her knees up in time and took hold of Emery to launch her right out of the ring. Brianna had recovered, but was still wobbly and her inexperience saw her try for the Punch Into Row Z only for Liz to be the one to avoid the big impact strike. A jumping knee to further stun the hoss allowed Liz to hoist Brianna up with her Big Old Fuck Off Piledriver! With the last bit of energy she had left in her, Karlson made the cover on Clark and with everyone else wiped out, the only hope for The LADS was a heroic effort from Clark. Unfortunately, that wouldn't come tonight as even Clark's seemingly endless tank had run out and the bell sounded soon after.

And with that, the first round of the 2022 Death Graps Tag Team Classic has come to a close. Tomorrow night would be the true gauntlet for the competitors. This also meant another heartbreaking loss for Emery Layton as she watched The Power of Incredible Violence celebrate in the ring. Always inches away from success, but still not able to grab it. A tough pill to swallow as Night Two comes to a close.

• ***POST-SHOW:*** **Reginald Dampshaw III** stood up from his seat and applauded the competitors of the first round. The first two days of the weekend had come to a close and more teams had been weeded out. Only one would be waiting for The New Dawn at the end of the tunnel and Reginald didn't give too much away as to who he felt was a true, genuine threat. // While a loss is never ideal,

it’s safe to say **Lindsay Troy**’s legacy is in good hands after the performance of **Kazuhiro Troy** tonight. She made a promise to her kid that she would avenge his loss by not only defeating Zack Fantana, but doing so when the Death Graps Championship was on the line. Even if it might pain her a bit to say it, American [REDACTED]s are a great team and Fantana is a great wrestler. Next time, though, he won’t be as lucky. Kaz was ultimately just happy to have avoided Tommy’s pin. // More celebration on Night Two as **Beni** and **Lyza Reyes** celebrated their big win tonight. This time last year they weren’t even a team, Beni had lost to Emery Layton, and Lyza wasn’t even booked for the weekend. Now? The hard work of the two wrestlers had finally paid off, even if it was just one win, it was one more win than they had last year. Lyza made sure to keep Beni grounded and focused. They could celebrate now, but in less than 24 hours, they’d have to do it again and, hopefully, more than once. // The **Children of The Moon** cut a promo on The Power of Incredible Violence, hyping up their match tomorrow night and looking at the tournament beyond. While Julie and Rebecca weren’t quite making towns like they used to, this tournament served as a reminder to just how dangerous of a twosome they are. One more set of gold to be added to their collection. // Night Two came to a proper ending as **Emery Layton** tried to cope with the fact that she once again fell short. It ate away at her and she tried her best to suppress it. Easier said than done once **Artemis Kaiser** entered the frame yet again. This time around, it was Kaiser who tried to get a response out of Layton. It almost looked like it was going to work too until **Brianna Leigh Clark** stepped in front of Emery and stared Artemis down. Despite the obvious size gap between the two, Kaiser didn’t back away from Clark and was more than willing to take on the two of them until **Lisa Seldon** arrived seemingly out of nowhere to pull her partner away. Lisa was more than willing to let Artemis take the fight, but not this weekend, not when Tango & Cash had another night of matches to focus on. Emery just reminded Artemis that next month they still had the 60-minute iron man match; she promised that Kaiser wasn’t going to walk away this weekend with the Tag Team Classic nor a chance at the Death Graps Championship.

Quick Results

1. **2022 Death Graps Tag Team Classic - Group B First Round Match**: The Celtic Bastard Connection (Brendan Samuels & Jackie Fowler) def. Hell On Earth (Gertrude Howley & Sidney Kent) - *Samuels pins Howley; Mac Lir [9:59]*
2. **2022 Death Graps Tag Team Classic - Group D First Round Match**: The Darling Creepos (Arlo Oliver & Navi LaRoux) def. Swan & Karn (Gennifer Swan & Illana Karn) - *LaRoux pins Swan; Bad Dream Baby [11:27]*
3. **2022 Death Graps Tag Team Classic - Group B First Round Match**: WASTED GENERATION (American Youth & Mara Jade Miller) def. SHIT NUTZ (Goro Ozawa & SEXY Igarashi) - *Youth pins Ozawa; Wasted! [9:04]*
4. **2022 Death Graps Tag Team Classic - Group D First Round Match**: Beni & The Jets (Beni & Lyza Reyes) def. The Trybe (DJ & TJ) - *Reyes pins TJ; The Space Age [15:34]*
5. **2022 Death Graps Tag Team Classic - Group B First Round Match**: American [REDACTED]s (American Tommy & Zack Fantana) def. Search and DesTROY (Kazuhiro Troy & Lindsay Troy) - *Fantana pins Kazuhiro; Sleep Apnea [17:18]*
6. **2022 Death Graps Tag Team Classic - Group D First Round Match**: Children of The Moon (Julie Carter & Rebecca Thoreau) def. Brennan & Boujee (Aliyah Green & Brennan Devlin (Modern)) and Team Hatface (Brennan Devlin (Classic) vs. Cecily Golding) - *Carter pins Greene; Dark Side of the Moon [13:50]*
7. **2022 Death Graps Tag Team Classic - Group B First Round Match**: Killer Vibes (JUDITH & Sid St. Hughes) def. ScrapPunk Dreamers (Malia & Ruri Kuzunoha) - *St. Hughes pins Malia; Chaos Express [21:11]*

8. **2022 Death Graps Tag Team Classic - Group D First Round Match**: The Power of Incredible Violence (Alyssa Grace & Liz Karlson) def. The LADS (Brianna Leigh Clark & Emery Layton) - *Karlson pins Clark; Big Old Fuck Off Piledriver [28:57]*
