

Evolve – December 3, 2025: What A Mysterious Hand

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Commentators: Peter Rosenberg, Robert Stone

It's the holiday season for the first time ever around here as we're back after a week off for the day before Thanksgiving. This week features a title match as Kendal Grey is defending against Chantel Monroe in a match that has been built up for a few weeks now. Hopefully Grey can live up to her incredible hype so let's get to it.

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

As she arrived to the arena earlier today, Grey said she can focus on Chantel Monroe, who is talented but full of excuses.

Opening sequence.

Carlee Bright vs. Arianna Grace

Bright slaps her in the face to start and hits a dropkick, only to miss a second attempt. They head outside with Bright being sent into the apron, allowing Grace to offer fans some photos. Back in and Grace knees her in the ribs, followed by an Arn Anderson eye rake across the top rope. Bright tries to elbow away but gets forearmed in the face. A Wasteland (Graceland) finishes for Grace at 4:28.

Rating: C. This was basically a squash as Grace continues to do a variety of things. She's one of the bigger names involved in the NXT vs. TNA feud, plus making occasional appearances in NXT. I'm not a bit surprised that she's getting this kind of a chance given her father, but I'm not sure how far she's going

to go. As for Bright...dang it's not the brightest future and this was not a good sign for her.

Video on Yayne Harrison, who has been signed to an ID contract.

Video on the ID Program.

We look at Evolve wrestlers being in action at NXT Gold Rush.

We look at Kendal Grey being added to the NXT Women's Iron Survivor Challenge. This is feeling rather fillerish.

Layla Diggs and Masyn Holiday come up to Nikkita Lyons, who doesn't like their negative vibes. Lyons mocks them for her recent victory over Holiday but Diggs wants to face her next. That's fine with Lyons, who loves charity work.

Marcus Mathers/Aaron Rourke vs. Cappuccino Jones/Mike Cunningham

Mathers goes after Jones' leg to start but gets taken down for some grappling on the mat. Jones' crucifix gets two and a flying headscissors takes Mathers down again. Cunningham comes in to stay on the arm before it's quickly off to Rourke. Another dropkick puts Rourke down and Cunningham throws some lefts to keep him in trouble. It's back to Mathers for a Backstabber, with Rourke adding a top rope backsplash as we take a break.

We come back with Rourke dropping Mathers onto Cunningham's raised knees. A basement superkick brings Cunningham right back down but he dropkicks Mathers off the top. Rourke is back in with a Prism Trap (Stone: "That's a unique hold." No, it isn't.), which is broken up as well and it's Jones coming back in to clean house. A big right hand sends Mathers into the corner for a running clothesline.

Mathers knocks him back down though and Jones gets dragged into the corner. That's broken up rather quickly with some

shots to the face, allowing Mathers to come in with a double missile dropkick. Rourke headbutts Cunningham and Mathers hits a middle rope Stunner. A Molly Go Round gives Rourke two and Jones comes back in with the Decaffinator, with Mathers making a save of his own.

Jones dives onto Rourke, leaving the other two to trade rollups. Mathers knocks him into the corner but Cunningham is back with a jumping elbow to the face. Cunningham gets a heck of a running start and is blasted with a clothesline for his efforts. And then Jax Presley and Harley Riggins run in to jump them both for the no contest at 13:20.

Rating: B-. I did like the action, but having such a long match for the sake of showcasing people and then the monsters running in for the no contest didn't help. Cunningham did feel like he belonged on such a level, though the ID Program still feels like something being wedged into this. I'm not sure how much fans are going to care about which wrestlers have a glorified check mark next to their names compared to the regular ones, but it seems to be a big deal.

Post match the beatdown is on and Keanu Carver comes out to join in (with commentary wisely pointing out that Carver was who Riggins and Presley called a few weeks ago). It's Gal, in the VIP section, applauds.

Women's Title: Chantel Monroe vs. Kendal Grey

Grey is defending and Karmen Petrovic is in the VIP area. They fight over a lockup to start and go into some corners without much of an advantage being gained. Grey wrestles her to the mat a few times and it's already time for Monroe to get a breather on the floor. Monroe gets back in to take over and grab a Hennig necksnap.

Back up and tries some more grappling but gets forearmed in the face to cut that off. Grey slides between the legs in the corner and a basement dropkick knocks Monroe down. Monroe is

able to send her outside for a crossbody off the apron but Grey kicks the leg out. They trade chops on the floor and we take a break. We come back with Grey backsliding her for two but walking into something like a TKO for the same.

Monroe takes forever to go up (commentary even gets on her for it), allowing Grey to belly to belly superplex her down. Grey hits some running elbows and counters a hurricanrana into a sitout powerbomb for two. Monroe's superkick seems to hit Grey in the throat and the Perfect Ending...sends Grey outside. Cue Wendy Choo to post Monroe but she blocks the cross armbreaker. A powerslam gives Grey two but Monroe knocks her off the top. The top rope Meteora gives Monroe two and frustration is setting in. Grey fights back though and knocks her down, drops the straps, and hits Shades Of Grey to retain at 12:14.

Rating: C+. It wasn't bad, but dang this felt long. It came off like a match that was designed to fill in time rather than two people fighting over a title. At the same time, it didn't help that Monroe didn't feel like she had a chance as Grey is the new star. Throw in a rather weird and unnecessary interference from Choo and it was kind of a weak match.

Tate Wilder and Sean Legacy want the Evolve Title match so they're set for a #1 contenders match next week. They're both ok with that, though Wilder points out that Legacy has lost lately. Wilder is new around here but he's getting some wins together. Legacy brings up that he had to talk Wilder out of quitting a few weeks ago. Wilder says he has grown so much since then and they get in an argument over the PC vs. the ID Program. Legacy leaves and someone puts a (rather large) hand on Wilder's shoulder to end the show.

Overall Rating: C. The wrestling was mostly fine and I liked the Carver deal, but it was a show that felt like they didn't have enough material for a full episode. There were some good enough moments, but it was one of the weaker shows they've had in a little while. The good thing is there are points that are

set up for the future and I'm curious to see what happens. Call it a weak show and hope that it's just a one off.

Results

Arianna Grace b. Carlee Bright – Graceland

Marcus Mathers/Aaron Rourke vs. Mike Cunningham/Cappuccino Jones went to a no contest when Harley Riggins and Jax Presley interfered

Kendal Grey b. Chantel Monroe – Shades Of Grey

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