

NXT – December 16, 2025: It's Back On

NXT

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Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

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We're in a bit of an interesting place with NXT, as there isn't a pay per view anytime soon but we are fresh off of Saturday Night's Main Event, which had a big NXT presence. That should be something to build on for at least tonight if not the upcoming few weeks as we close out the year. That's in addition to the annual End Of The Year Awards, which get some people rather emotional around here. Let's get to it.

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

We open with a long recap of the NXT involvement with Saturday Night's Main Event, as well as what seemed to be Ricky Saints going evil last week to cost Je'Von Evans the NXT Title.

Evans is waiting for Saints but Ava tries to calm him down.



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Women's North American Title: Blake Monroe vs. Thea Hail

Monroe is defending. Hail goes right to the armbar to start but gets taken down with a rather spinning side slam. Back up and Hail kicks her down for a standing moonsault, followed by a running dropkick to send Monroe outside. An exploder suplex has Monroe in more trouble but she armbars Hail over the ropes as we take a break. We come back with Hail hitting a World's Strongest Slam and the springboard backplash...for the pin and the title at 7:24? If that was planned, they're better actresses than I thought.

Rating: C. The match barely had enough time to get anywhere but it seems like the ending didn't exactly go as it was supposed to. There's a chance that we got some really screwy booking to change the title, but it feels a lot more like Monroe didn't/couldn't kick out in time. Either way, Hail absolutely needed to win something at some point and this checks that box, even if it might not have been supposed to.

Everyone seems REALLY confused as Hail is awarded the title. It looks like Monroe was trying to get her shoulder up but couldn't, as that definitely seemed like a mistake.

The Culling seems happy with what they've done to Tatum Paxley....but Niko Vance seems to be having second thoughts.

Here is Ethan Page for a chat. Page complains about being attacked by Tony D'Angelo and claiming that he can carry an industry on his back. He doesn't care why D'Angelo attacked him, but D'Angelo needs to get out here right now. Cue Stacks and Arianna Grace, with Stacks saying grace wants some more gold. Like the AAA Mixed Tag Team Titles.

Cue TNA's Moose of all people and he gets straight to the point: TNA is ticked off and wants something done about Stacks. Therefore it's Stacks' lucky day, because Moose wants Page and the North American Title. The match is already set

for December 30 and Moose clotheslines him the floor.

Leon Slater wants Je'Von Evans at ringside for his #1 contenders match tonight but Evans is focused on Ricky Saints. Evans eventually agrees.

OTM vs. Hank & Tank

Nima shoves Tank into the corner to start and it's off to Price, who kicks Tank down. A running stomp gets two but Tank gets over for the tag off to Hank...as an SUV arrives in the back. Nima gets sent into the corner though and some running splashes have Price in trouble. OTM is right back with a double powerbomb and we take a break.

We come back with Tank and Nima trading big shots to the face. Tank's seated armbar is broken up and a double torture rack slam drops him for two. Tank manages to avoid being sent through the announcers' table and Swantons Price but Nima is back in for a save. Hank is back in as well and a small package gives him the fast pin at 13:48.

Rating: C+. Well, at least it wasn't Hank & Tank being Japanese stereotypes like I was worried it might be. The team still doesn't do much for me but the fans seem to like them and there are worse options. Granted I could still go for OTM getting a push for a change but that's not going to happen at the moment.

Ricky Saints was in the SUV.

Jasper Troy is fine with Ava's announcement of another Speed tournament.

Here is Ricky Saints for a chat. Saints isn't here to apologize, because he promised to usher in the Absolute Era. He could carry any brand but he wasn't happy with Je'Von Evans jumping the line to get a title shot. That's why he had to cut Evans off, because he is tired of being stepped on. Saints

told Evans to wait for his turn and now we're supposed to believe that Evans is better than him? Cue Evans for the brawl but Saints sends him into the steps. Saints lays him out with the Roshambo through the announcers' table.

Ethan Page complains to Ava about everything going on right now and Chelsea Green comes in to complain as well. Ava says nothing that happened to Green is her fault and gives her a Women's US Title defense against Sol Ruca (also there, along with Zaria).

Fatal Influence vs. Kendal Grey/Wren Sinclair

Jacy Jayne is on commentary. Grey gets sent into the corner to start as Jayne impersonates Booker's commentary. Sinclair fights back and it's back to Grey for a front facelock to slow Reid down. It's back to Sinclair for a butterfly suplex but she goes outside to yell at Jayne. That earns her a quick posting and we take an early break.

We come back with Reid grabbing a Stunner for two on Sinclair but she kicks Reid away. The needed tag brings in Grey to clean house but Shades Of Grey is broken up. Reid's Blockbuster into a running faceplant from Henley gets two but everything breaks down. Grey gets a cross armbreaker but Jayne gets up for a distraction, earning herself a right hand. Sinclair hits a dive to take the villains out and the cross armbreaker makes Henley tap at 9:36.

Rating: C+. Grey is still establishing herself but it's pretty clear that she's going to be a big deal if she can live up to even some of her potential. Having her make Henley tap out is a nice moment and now we get to see if Grey can pull off a miracle win. Other than that, Sinclair getting to be on the winning side is nice to see as well, though that might not last very long.

Thea Hail is very, very excited about her win and says it's going to say THEA HAIL very soon. Jordynne Grace comes in to

congratulate Hail but Blake Monroe comes in to say she kicked out and wants her rematch. Grace doesn't like the disrespect but Hail is rather excited anyway (shocking I know).

Izzi Dame finds a doll in her locker and knows it's from Tatum Paxley. Lola Vice tells her to watch out but gets annoyed at Kelani Jordan moving back into the locker room. Vice warns Jordan that gymnastics is nothing like MMA.

Shiloh Hill meets Skylar Raye but Stacks and Arianna Grace come in to complain about earlier. They argue and a mixed tag is set for next week.

Here's what's coming next week.

Leon Slater vs. Myles Borne vs. Joe Hendry vs. Dion Lennox

For the NXT Title shot at New Year's Evil and Slater's TNA X-Division Title isn't on the line. Lennox takes Slater down for an early two before uppercutting Borne in the corner. A powerslam out of said corner gives Borne two but Hendry is back up with a double clothesline. Hendry's DDT gets two on Slater, who is back up to send Hendry outside for a running flip dive.

A high crossbody gives Slater two on Lennox and Slater rains down some right hands in the corner. Another high crossbody gives Slater another two but he misses a dive to the floor and hurts his knee. Borne is back in with a dropkick to Lennox before Slater is back in, where he's caught in a powerbomb/top rope clothesline combination. Everyone is down for a breather and we take a break.

We come back with Slater's leg still banged up but he manages a kick to Borne anyway. Lennox catches Slater on top but Borne breaks it up, leaving Slater to get the best part of a Tower Of Doom for two each. Hendry is back up but can't hit the Standing Ovation. Slater's knee is banged up so he somehow

manages a one legged Swanton to Lennox. Hendry makes the save and fall away slams Borne and does the same send Lennox flying. Slater is tossed over the top onto Lennox before Hendry plants Borne for two. Hendry and Lennox brawl to the floor, leaving Slater to hit the Swanton 450 to pin Borne at 16:27.

Rating: B. Slater winning (despite his knee injury suddenly being fine at the end) is an interesting choice as he and Oba Femi could have a heck of a fun match. Hendry is another interesting situation, as not only is it odd to have him in developmental, but also that he's just kind of floating around ala Jordynne Grace. Borne needs something else to do and Lennox is still trying to find himself as a singles star. I'm just not sure if Lennox can find that kind of spot.

Oba Femi comes out for the staredown with Slater to end the show.

Overall Rating: B-. This was one of the shows designed to set up things for later, though it seemed to include a non-planned title change. I'm not sure if that's what was supposed to happen (if so, well done), but it seems like they're following up on what they have. I liked what we got here well enough and the next few weeks are starting to come together. Granted I'm not wild on even more TNA/NXT invasions, at least it gives us some fresh matches, which does make for something fun.

Results

Thea Hail b. Blake Monroe – Springboard backsplash

Hank & Tank b. OTM – Small package to Price

Kendal Grey/Wren Sinclair b. Fatal Influence – Cross armbreaker to Henley

Leon Slater b. Myles Borne, Joe Hendry and Dion Lennox – Swanton 450 to Borne

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