

# NXT – February 3, 2026: 38 Special

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It's time for a new champion as we have a lot to cover this week. In addition to the seven way ladder match for the vacant NXT Title, Ava has announced that she is done with NXT, meaning we're going to need a new boss around here. There aren't many obvious candidates for the job, though one does tend to stand out. Let's get to it.

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

Shawn Michaels names Robert Stone as the new Interim GM. Yeah that's the most logical choice.

The opening video looks at the history of the NXT Title and what it can mean for someone's career, both here and beyond. Tonight, another name is added to the list.

## Women's North American Title: Izzi Dame vs. Thea Hail vs. Lola Vice

Dame is defending and they trade some early rollups for two each. With Dame sent outside, Vice pulls Hail into a triangle choke but Dame is back in for the save. Not that it's important though, as we see go split screen to see Ricky Saints arriving. Thanks for that one. Anyway, Hail and Vice hit dives to the floor and Hail bites the title to send us to a break.

We come back with Vice getting caught in a middle rope G9 but she pops up to strike away. Hail and Dame get hip attacked in

the corner but Hail makes the clothesline comeback. That's not what matters though, as instead we need to see Joe Hendry warming up. Hail's springboard backsplash lands in a choke but she's right back with the Kimura to Vice. That's broken up and it's DDT to plant Dame. Cue Kelani Jordan to crush Vice's hand with a ladder, leaving Dame to get caught in the Kimura. That's reversed into a sitout gutwrench powerbomb to retain Dame's title at 11:46.

**Rating:** C+. They were flying through this as well as they could and it's nice to see Dame getting another win. At the same time, it's sad to see Hail's accidental push erased, as she's right back to what she was before. The fans were behind her because she won something, so now let's have her lose all over again. At least Dame is starting to become something a bit better though, as she certainly has potential.

Kendal Grey and Wren Sinclair praise Sol Ruca for her Royal Rumble performance, but Zaria interrupts. As usual, they're having tensions and Zaria says she needs the win tonight, for herself.

Earlier today, Chase U was complaining about not getting opportunities but Arianna Grace, Stacks and Lexis King interrupted to mock them. A match was set up for tonight.

Here is Tony D'Angelo for his big explanation. D'Angelo hasn't been here for seven months and he could explain the two reasons he left and call it a day, but he has a lot to say. He talks about the things he's done here, and about a year ago he was a happy man, with his family around him. Then that was taken from him and it meant he needed to learn to stand on his own.

Darkstate ruined his life and now he needs to remember who he is. Then he came back and had people wondering what he was doing. He's coming for Darkstate and it's about punishment, because he's going to take everything from them. The second

reason: you'll find out when he's done with Darkstate. That's a nice explanation and at least he has a simple target to start.

Shiloh Hill gives a quick rundown of his competition tonight.

Jasper Troy doesn't care who he faces next for his Speed Title.

### **Speed Title #1 Contenders Tournament First Round: Elio LeFleur vs. Charlie Dempsey**

They hit stereo crossbodies at the same time and LeFleur gets two off a backslide. A suplex swinging neckbreaker gets the same but Dempsey is back with a tabletop suplex for two. Dempsey breaks up a springboard as we have less than a minute to go. LeFleur knocks him down again but gets wheelbarrow suplexed for two more. Back up and LeFleur grabs a weird reverse headscissors driver for the quick pin at 2:52. Cool finisher.

Joe Hendry isn't going to let bruised ribs stop him from winning the NXT Title. He hasn't had a title in seven months and it's time for him to accomplish his goals around here.

We look at the NXT stars, both past and present, in the Royal Rumble.

### **TNA Knockouts Tag Team Titles: Zaria/Sol Ruca vs. Elegance Brand**

The Brand is defending. Zaria decides to start with M but it's quickly off to Ruca for a standing moonsault. M drives her into the corner though and Heather comes in, only to get suplexed down. Zaria isn't interested in a Mega Powers elbow (makes sense as this is the anniversary of their split on Main Event II) and gets distracted on the top, allowing the Brand to take over as we take a break.

We come back with Heather slowly hammering on Zaria, who

fights up...but won't tag. That lets M hit a Codebreaker for two as Sean Legacy is putting his vest on. Whoa man. Zaria fights up and this time Ruca tags herself in to clean house as the pace picks up. The fans would rather do the Wave as M misses a moonsault. Zaria tags herself back in and that means it's time for some shoving with Ruca. A double spear drops the champs but the Sol Snatcher accidentally takes Zaria out. The top rope backsplash onto an elevated Zaria retains the titles at 11:26.

**Rating:** C+. The match was fine, but this was about Zaria and Ruca arguing again which seems to be what should be the last straw. They've teased breaking up so many times now that they need to get on with it already. Maybe that even means that Zaria gets two win a match already, which might be nice for a change.

Ethan Page talks to the Vanity Project, telling Jackson Drake to finish the job.

Before the show, Blake Monroe attacked Jaida Parker in the parking lot in front of the fans.

### **Chase U vs. Stacks/Lexis King**

Connors dropkicks Stacks down to start and it's off to Dixon for an armbar. Dixon has to flip around to get out of trouble and it's off to Connors to start the rather quick comeback. King sends Connors into the corner as everything breaks down. Dixon comes back in to clean house but the moonsault hits raised boots. The Coronation gives King the pin at 3:38.

**Rating:** C-. This wasn't much to see and that shouldn't be a surprise. The New Chase U are just completely nothing, which is a shame as Andre Chase was red hot for a bit. In this case now though, there's nothing to what he's doing and he's little more than a person who happens to exist. I don't see that changing anytime soon, or far off, though and that's kind of saddening.

Post match Connors walks out on Chase U. Probably a smart move.

Here is Fatal Influence for a chat. Jacy Jayne talks about killing it in the Royal Rumble but then Sol Ruca snuck up on her and eliminated her. Jayne complains about Ruca going viral all the time so it's her time to kill the hype. Cue Zaria to say Ruca has had all kinds of opportunities handed to her so it's time for Zaria to make her own chance. Jayne laughs it off, saying everyone loves Ruca but they just tolerate Zaria.

Cue Kendal Grey and Wren Sinclair to interrupt, with Grey saying she knows she can beat Grey. They argue over who should get the shot so here is Ruca, who accuses Zaria of sneaking around on her. Zaria gets on her for going to the Rumble on her own. Cue Robert Stone to make Zaria/Ruca vs. Sinclair/Grey next week and whomever gets the pin gets the title shot in three weeks.

Kelani Jordan broke Lola Vice's hand so she can't knock anyone else out. There's a logic to that.

Lexis King and company (now with Uriah Connors) interrupt Charlie Dempsey and seem to offer him a spot on the team. Dempsey doesn't give an answer.

## **NXT Title: Ricky Saints vs. Joe Hendry vs. Dion Lennox vs. Jackson Drake vs. Keanu Carver vs. Sean Legacy vs. Shiloh Hill**

Ladder match for the vacant title. It's a brawl to start with Carver getting the better of things until a backdrop sends him onto the ladder. Saints is back in to spear Hendry but Hendry is back up with some ladder shots. Drake is up to go for the title but Hendry cuts that off rather quickly. Hendry's dive takes out the pile at ringside and we take a break.

We come back with Carver wrecking people on the floor until Legacy hits a dive of his own. Drake and Legacy go up top and

fight on the ladder so here is Hill with two pieces of a broken ladder as stilts. Carver breaks that up until Lennox springboards in for a Doomsday Device. Lennox drops Saints onto the ladder but gets his climb cut off. Drake sends Carver outside and then flip dives onto the pile as we take another break.

We come back with Hill cutting off Legacy's climb and clearing out everyone else. Rather than climbing, he crushes Carver with a ladder on the floor, as do the rest of the competitors, who throw ladders onto Carver. A ladder is bridged into the standing ladder inside and Legacy springboard 450s Drake onto the bridged ladder. Legacy and Lennox go up top but Hill and Drake are back with a ladder of their own.

Hendry makes the save but Carver is up with his own ladder to wreck people, including a Pounce to send Legacy through a wall. Carver goes up but Saints is right there to shove him off, through a ladder bridged at ringside. Back in and Hendry and Saints go up to fight over the title, only for Hendry to knock him off and through another ladder. That's enough for Hendry to win the title at 22:41.

**Rating:** B+. There were a lot of people here and quite a bit going on, but they still had a rather entertaining and energetic match. It felt like they were all trying to get the title, with the group beatdown of Carver making sense. Hendry winning is a good way to go, as the fans love him and that's what NXT could use right now. It's a case where NXT is going with someone the fans care about and are running with him. Now just find a good challenger and they should be fine.

Hendry celebrates to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** B. This was a case where you had a lot going on, but the ladder match was the part that mattered the most. It carried the show that much higher, with the secondary story of Ruca and Zaria finally falling apart going the rest of the

way. We're clearly still in a time of transition around here with Hendry as the champion and Robert Stone as the new boss. Hopefully they can make it work, as starting from almost scratch is quite the test. At least they did well with their big show this week.

### Results

Izzi Dame b. Thea Hail and Lola Vice – Sitout gutwrench powerbomb to Hail

Elio LeFleur b. Charlie Dempsey – Reverse hurricanrana driver

Elegance Brand b. Zaria/Sol Ruca – Top rope backsplash to Zaria

Stacks/Lexis King b. Chase U – Coronation to Connors

Joe Hendry b. Shiloh Hill, Keanu Carver, Sean Legacy, Dion Lennox, Jackson Drake and Ricky Saints – Hendry pulled down the title

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