

Evolve – March 11, 2026: The Vibes Of The Foreman On The First Final Evolution

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We're back to the regular shows after a pair of special editions, but the big stuff is not over. In this case there is some kind of a major announcement, which could be a few different things. Hopefully it lives up to the hype, though there isn't much of a history of big announcements around here. Let's get to it.

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

Here is Robert Stone to announce the new Evolve General Manager: Timothy Thatcher. That makes sense, as he has enough credibility and can wrestle if he has to. Thatcher, in what passes for dressing up for him, is thankful but says he's not a General Manager. Evolve is more like a worksite, so he's the FOREMAN!

Stone gets to the point: the two Evolve champions are full time NXT stars, so Thatcher says they have to earn their way out. Both of them are going to have one more title defense, called their Final Evolution. If they win, they can vacate the title and leave as champion, but if not, we have a new standard bearer. Tonight, Kendal Grey can defend against Tyra Mae Steele, and next week, Jackson Drake can defend against...and here is Harlem Lewis to say he wants the shot. Thatcher shuts that down immediately, saying he has a match for Lewis right now.

Kendal Grey monologues about leaving Evolve and this will always be her first home. Tonight is different though and she's staying on top. She's ready to move on to NXT with momentum. I'm more curious about why all of the labels on the lockers were covered up here.

Harlem Lewis vs. Sam Holloway

Lewis charges at him but gets knocked down, only to put Holloway on the floor. Some hard shots stagger Holloway, who picks Lewis up and launches him at the post. Back in and Holloway's springboard elbow gets two, followed by a shotgun dropkick for the same. The double arm crank goes on but Lewis is right back out. A middle rope elbow hits a standing Holloway's back and Holloway misses a splash in the corner. Holloway's spinning Rock Bottom gets two but a chokeslam is countered with a jumping knee to the face. The Boom Slang finishes for Lewis at 5:52.

Rating: C+. Lewis continues his roll and Holloway continues to look like quite the power brawler. This was two big guys beating each other up until Lewis got the win, which worked rather well for both of them. Lewis almost has to get the title match next week, as there aren't many other options out there.

Luca Crusifino is now rather smiley and seems obsessed with dance music. He even has a bunch of friendship bracelets and talks about "vibing on the frequency of friendship and fun." That's...different and that's as positive as I can be.

Tyra Mae Steele is rather excited about her title shot because she's a different kind of amateur wrestler. She's ready to have her name etched in the history books as the next Evolve Women's Champion. Steele still isn't great at this talking thing, but she's trying.

Harley Riggins vs. Trill London

Kam Hendrix is here with Riggins and we're told that Tate Wilder, who is not medically cleared, has been forced out of the building. London armdrags him down a few times and grabs an armbar. Riggins reverses into a wristlock of his own but gets wristdragged out to the floor. A dropkick through the ropes connects and a flip dive takes out Riggins and Hendrix. Back in and Riggins bounces him off the top rope, setting up a German suplex. London fights up and sweeps the leg, setting up some running flip dives to the back. Hendrix offers a distraction though and it's a TKO to finish London at 3:38.

Rating: C. I love a good TKO so the finish looked great. Other than that though, this wasn't the most thrilling match with London not getting to show much of his great athleticism. He feels like someone who they want to be a big prospect but it hasn't happened just yet. At least Riggins and Hendrix get to stick together, which makes for a nice pairing.

Post match Hendrix and Riggins are happy with their win but Dante Chen comes out to say he doesn't like what they're doing. He respects the ID talent and seems to want a match.

Timothy Thatcher is blinded by a flashlight and is surprised by Aaron Rourke. He believes that opportunities are earned around here and the ID Program won the ten man tag. Rourke believes he's earned a shot and represents the ID Program, so it's time for him to stand up and get an opportunity. He wants the title shot to keep the title in Evolve, though Thatcher thinks Harlem Lewis makes a compelling argument. But his time can come, because Rourke gets the shot next week. I wasn't betting on that one and it still works.

Women's Title: Tyra Mae Steele vs. Kendal Grey

Grey is defending in her final match in Evolve. They go with amateur wrestling to start with Steele getting a waistlock. Back up and they fight over a hiptoss until settling for an

armdrag out of the corner. Grey gets whipped hard into the corner and a belly to belly puts her down. A baseball slide puts Grey on the floor and we take a break.

We come back with Grey getting caught in something like an STF. Grey fights up but gets taken down with a gutwrench suplex and Steele does it again. Steele runs her over and puts on the reverse chinlock, which doesn't last as long. Back up and another gutwrench suplex doesn't work, setting up stereo crossbodies to leave both of them down.

Grey is up out of the corner with some elbows to the face and there's a suplex. The straps come down and Grey goes up top, where she knocks Steele back down. Steele is right back with an Angle Slam for two and they both need a breather. They trade rollups for two each until Grey grabs a quick Shades Of Grey to retain at 12:16.

Rating: B-. This match had one of the best possible aspects, as I didn't know who was going to win. I could have definitely seen Grey taking a loss to wrap up her time in Evolve and make Steele into an instant star. At the same time, it's clear that WWE knows they have something special with Grey and they want to protect her. Good enough main event here, as Steele is slowly starting to put it together.

Post match Grey thanks the crowd and hands the title to Timothy Thatcher before leaving.

We get a long video on Grey to wrap it up.

Overall Rating: C+. The ending was the best part of the show, as Grey came off like a star, again. At the same time, Thatcher is an interesting choice for the new boss role and hopefully it works out long term. This was about setting up a new era of Evolve and also acknowledging that the point of this place is for people to move up. Grey and Drake both have to do it and that's going to create some new openings, which is the entire point. That's going to take some time, but they

took the first steps here.

Results

Harlem Lewis b. Sam Holloway – Boom Slang

Harley Riggins b. Trill London – TKO

Kendal Grey b. Tyra Mae Steele – Shades Of Grey

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