

Monday Night Raw – March 16, 2026: They've Lost That Feeling

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It's Steve Austin Day and odds are that isn't going to mean much for this show. We're about a month away from Wrestlemania and the show is needing a shot in the arm. We might get some of that this week as Brock Lesnar is here to hopefully address his Wrestlemania challenge. Let's get to it.

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

The masked men storm ringside to start things off and Seth Rollins is in the ring. Rollins gets right to the point: he created the Vision and he will be the one to destroy it. He doesn't care which member you are, but if you stand next to Paul Heyman, you are marked for death. Rollins is the one who attacked Paul Heyman and...here is Heyman, looking like he just fell out of a bus. Rollins is ready to destroy Heyman, who says he wouldn't miss this for the world. Everyone knows that the rule is FAF0. Heyman: "FAF0. FAF0. FAF...5."

And here is Brock Lesnar, which has Rollins' goons surrounding him. Lesnar takes off his hat and wrecks the masked men until he's alone with Rollins...and here is Oba Femi. Even Lesnar isn't sure about this one and Femi stares him down. The Fall From Grace immediately plants Lesnar (Cole: "HOLY S***!") and Femi steps on Lesnar's chest while pointing to the Wrestlemania sign. Well that works, but DANG Femi better be ready.

We look at last week's CM Punk showdown with the Usos, who are not happy with how Punk has been talking about Roman Reigns. Punk didn't back down and got hit in the face for his efforts.

We look at El Grande Americano winning the AAA Rey de Reyes tournament over the weekend. You should check out AAA if you haven't (it airs on WWE's Youtube page) as it's one of the better weekly series going today.

Original El Grande Americano vs. El Grande Americano

Los Americanos are here with Americano. Original hits a quick rolling Liger Kick and crabs an armbar over the top rope. The lackeys get involved for a distraction, allowing Americano to send Original into the post. Original is able to reverse a slingshot into a northern lights suplex for two and they chop it out. A suplex sends Americano over the top onto the other two and we take a break.

We come back with Original grabbing a backdrop but needing a breather. Original's rolling kick to the head sets up some rolling German suplexes but Americano sends him to the apron. That lets Original take out Rayo and then Bravo, only for Americano to grab his weird Death Valley Driver variant for two. A big kick to the chest rocks Original again and Death Valley Driver gets two more.

Original manages a suplex into the corner and the ankle lock goes on, with Americano making the rope. The rolling Chaos Theory suplex drops Original but the referee is with Rayo. Original Cactus Clotheslines him outside, allowing Bravo to load up Americano's mask. Original's Swan Dive knocks himself out and Americano gets the pin at 9:55.

Rating: C+. This was a fine enough match, but dang they need to have the inevitable mask vs. mask match down in Mexico. The fans there are eating up everything these two are doing and it would be great to see them get the chance to show off on the

big stage. If nothing else, it's nice to have them getting something else rather than fall down the ladder by being themselves.

Roman Reigns arrives and runs into the Usos. Reigns says there are consequences for what you say and he grabs the camera, saying his fans should be offended by what CM Punk said. Over Wrestlemania Weekend, Punk belongs to him. He'll catch up with the Usos later.

We look back at Judgment Day turning on Finn Balor last week.

Liv Morgan says this has been her plan since the day she joined Judgment Day. She only put up with Balor for his relationship with Dominik Mysterio and it has been a pleasure watching Balor fall from grace. It made her sick to call him family every week so they took something out of his playbook. The team is on to bigger and better things, like her beating Stephanie Vaquer for the title at Wrestlemania.

We look at Dominik Mysterio retaining the AAA Mega Title on Saturday, though he isn't medically cleared for tonight.

The Usos talk to Roman Reigns about how he should deal with CM Punk. He's heard the part time thing all the time but he doesn't care because it's about his wife and children. Reigns will get his apology later tonight.

Women's Intercontinental Title: AJ Lee vs. Bayley

Lee is defending and gets powered into the corner to start. Some quick rollups give Lee two each but Bayley trips her down. Lee kicks her out to the floor and lets Bayley come back in, where Lee grabs a flipping armbar. Bayley gets out and sends her outside for a change as we take a break.

We come back with Lee reversing a suplex into a crossbody before also reversing the Bayley To Belly. A spinwheel kick gives Lee two and a Standing Sliced Bread drops Bayley again.

The Shining Wizard is countered into a half crab but Lee gets out, only to be kneed in the face for some near falls. The Rose Plant is blocked so Bayley goes with the Bayley To Belly for two instead. They slap it out from their knees until the Shining Wizard rocks Bayley. The Black Widow is countered into a side slam but Bayley misses the top rope. Now the Black Widow goes on and Bayley taps at 10:32.

Rating: C+. This is the kind of win that does a lot of good for Lee. She isn't likely to be around here, champion or not, for very long but she can still beat some of this generation one on one. That's what Lee did here with a clean win over a big modern name. Bayley is absolutely set and can lose something like this without being hurt so it's not like there is much of a downside.

JD McDonagh isn't happy that Dominik Mysterio isn't getting his Intercontinental Title shot but Mysterio isn't cleared. Penta comes up and thanks Adam Pearce, who argues with McDonagh some more.

Back from a break and Becky Lynch is attacking AJ Lee in the aisle. Referees try to break it up but Lynch drops Lee with a belt shot to the head.

We look at Randy Orton turning on Cody Rhodes on Smackdown and laying him out on Smackdown.

Here is Penta for a chat before his Intercontinental Title defense. He wants to be a fighting champion because this title is for everyone. And we have a challenger.

Intercontinental Title: Penta vs. Dragon Lee

Penta is defending and we're joined in progress with the two of them going to the mat. Lee gets up and does Penta's strut and then dropkicks him into the corner. Penta is back with a chop of his own, followed by the slingshot dropkick to send Lee outside. Lee is able to get back up for a running flip

dive, only for Penta to come back with one of his own. Back in and Penta's high crossbody gets two and we take a break.

We come back with the two of them slugging it out until Lee manages a Styles Clash for two. A quick Penta Driver gives Penta two more but Lee kicks him out to the floor. One heck of a running flip dive knocks Penta over the announcers' table and the fans are way into this. Back in and Operation Dragon gives Lee a very close two but Penta is right back up with the Mexican Destroyer for the pin at 11:48.

Rating: B. Yeah this worked as they did the fast paced, non-stop action match that you would want them to do. It worked very well, with that flip dive from Lee looking outstanding. This was about Penta getting in the ring and getting a nice win, with Lee getting to do his thing as well. Very entertaining match.

Post match respect is shown.

The Vision tells Paul Heyman that they're coming for Seth Rollins but an anxious Heyman says that's a bad idea. They need power to do what they want and that means getting the Tag Team Titles. Go do something to get the Usos' attention. Austin Theory is off to do just that, with Logan Paul saying consider it done.

Maxxine Dupri vs. Nattie

Nattie wrestles her down with ease to start and it's time for some choking in the ropes. Dupri gets tied in the Tree Of Woe for more choking and Nattie grabs a rear naked choke. That's reversed into the ankle lock, followed by a kick to put Nattie down. A fisherman's suplex lets Dupri take the straps down for a step up legdrop and a near fall. Nattie is right back with a knockdown of her own though and the Sharpshooter makes Dupri tap at 4:20.

Rating: C. This was about what you would expect from these

two, as Dupri showed off her athleticism and spammed the heck out of the ankle lock. Nattie's whole point is about proving that Dupri isn't ready and she got so show some of that tonight. Odds are this feud isn't over yet, which is quite the shame at the moment.

Post match Nattie says the Dungeon is alive.

Randy Orton is on the phone with someone about what he did on Friday, saying he'll see you soon. Orton stops for an interview with Michael Cole...but he's changed his mind and isn't doing it. He will say this though: he had a conversation with someone who has a brain and they made him understand who and what he is. The reality is Orton is a killer and wrestling has more than one royal family.

Je'Von Evans comes up to Dragon Lee, who is banged up from his match. Kofi Kingston pops in to tell Evans to hang out with the right people. Kingston insults Lee and that's enough for Evans to give him a no. Grayson Waller says he doesn't get what they see in Evans, but Kingston says that's how people feel about Waller. Cue Danhausen to say he should join the New Day because they can have curse cereal. He does the New Day Dance but gets a no, so YOU ARE CURSED, with Kingston and Waller arguing over which one got it.

Stephanie Vaquer vs. Raquel Rodriguez

Non-title and Liv Morgan is here with Rodriguez. Vaquer gets shouldered down to start so she grabs a rolling cradle for two. A big clothesline hits Vaquer and we're already in the chinlock. That's broken up just as fast and Vaquer escapes a powerbomb attempt. Vaquer's running dropkick sends Rodriguez outside, where she launches Vaquer face first into the post. That leave Vaquer's eyes bugging out as we take a break.

We come back with Vaquer being knocked to the apron, where she gets up top for a high crossbody. Vaquer starts in on the leg and hits the running knees in the corner. Rodriguez is able to

block the Devil's Kiss and a suplex cutter puts Vaquer down. The Vader Bomb elbow misses though and now the Devil's Kiss works.

Morgan gets up for a distraction but here is Iyo Sky to go after her. Rodriguez is up with a shoulder to put Sky over the announcers' table but Vaquer superkicks Rodriguez and throws Morgan into the timekeeper's area. Back in and Vaquer tries a high crossbody, which is reversed into a powerslam. The Tejana Bomb is loaded up but Vaquer reverses into a rollup for the pin at 10:06.

Rating: B-. The interference got a bit messy at the end but Vaquer gets to look solid in a win on the way to Wrestlemania. It is hard to imagine Vaquer retaining the title at Wrestlemania but she needed a chance to get back in the fans' mind. Sky wanting to destroy Morgan is an interesting side story and I like where this is going.

Lyra Valkyria tries to talk to Bayley about her Wrestlemania prospects but Bayley cuts her off. The idea is for them to do it together but the Kabuki Warriors come in, with Asuka blaming them for her recent loss. Revenge is teased. Of note: the Vision was shown in the background, talking to a woman I believe was Maxxine Dupri.

We look back at Oba Femi laying out Brock Lesnar and their Wrestlemania match is set.

The Usos run into LA Knight, who wants to take out the Vision as well. As for Roman Reigns, it's Family business and Knight needs to mind his own business. Knight respects the idea but he doesn't want the Bloodline coming back.

Here is Roman Reigns for a chat. Reigns hits the catchphrase and says the fans know who closes this show. The thing is Phil gets a little confused because this is Monday and this is Reigns' show so come on out here. Punk comes out and takes his sweet time circling the ring until Reigns welcomes him to his

show. Punk says Reigns keeps calling him Phil when it's supposed to be an insult.

That's a friends and family thing and he should call Reigns "Titi Tiaki" or whatever his real name is. Punk certainly isn't going to call him Joe because that's insulting to a real Samoan named Joe that he loves very much. Reigns hasn't sent any Samoans after Punk but he has told them to do whatever they need to do. Punk shows the proof that this is his show by asking how good it feels to be alive in San Antonio.

Punk knows he has already won because he is in Reigns' head, though the fans chanting for Reigns cuts him off a bit. Reigns says the fans are calling Punk out, with Punk saying that he called Reigns out last week because he wasn't here. Reigns says that he's heard the part timer thing for years and if Punk wants to know what the top stars do, go ask his wife. That's enough for Reigns to leave, but Punk cuts him off, saying Punk decides when he leaves on this show.

Punk promises him a GTS at Wrestlemania so Reigns says he didn't want to go here. Everyone knows Punk is great on the mic but he can't phase Reigns, who is the most successful star Punk has ever faced. At the end of the day, the truth is Punk isn't stronger, faster or anything than Reigns. He isn't even as good looking as Reigns. Punk is a try hard because he's....old.

That's enough for Punk to hit him with a right hand so agents come out to stop him, with Reigns laughing. With a ticked off Punk being escorted out, Reigns looks into the camera and talks about making Punk snap with one word. This feud is working for the simple reason (one of many) that you can believe these two do not like each other at all. It's making these exchanges feel genuine and it comes off like a Wrestlemania main event, which is a job well done.

The show is dedicated to Davey Coates, the international tour

manager who passed away last week.

Overall Rating: C+. This show illustrated the same thing as the last few weeks of Smackdown: outside of a few things, this company doesn't feel like it's in Wrestlemania mode. The main event segment was great and Femi vs. Lesnar could be awesome, but a good bit of the rest of the stuff is just kind of there. Some of it is good and could be worth your time in Las Vegas, but it isn't making me hyped for the show. They need more of a feeling that this is what matters more than anything else and I'm not sure they can make that feel effective with about a month to go.

Results

El Grande Americano b. Original El Grande Americano – Swan Dive

AJ Lee b. Bayley – Black Widow

Penta b. Dragon Lee – Mexican Destroyer

Nattie b. Maxxine Dupri – Sharpshooter

Stephanie Vaquer b. Raquel Rodriguez – Rollup

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