

# Evolve – March 25, 2026: The New Class

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For the first time in a good while, we have a new Evolve Champion as Aaron Rourke beat the departing Jackson Drake to win the title last week. That means Rourke will need a new challenger and we might find out who that is this week. Other than that, we need a new Women's Champion and the process should begin soon. Let's get to it.

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

Tate Wilder is in the ring and calls out Kam Hendrix for attacking him a few weeks ago. Cue Hendrix, with Harley Riggins and Kai Kavari. None of them like Wilder and find him despicable, but a lot of people want to get his hands on Wilder. For now, Kavari can get his chance. Kavari runs in and gets dropkicked so let's have a referee in there too.

## Kai Kavari vs. Tate Wilder

Wilder is in street clothes and stars fast with a running shot in the corner. Kavari is sent into the corner and knocked to the apron, where he gets in a neck snap over the top rope. A suplex gives Kavari two and we're off to the chinlock. Wilder fights up and hits some running clotheslines into a spinning suplex. The Wild Ride finishes for Wilder at 3:28.

**Rating:** C. They didn't have time to do much here but this was just a quick win for Wilder as he is on his way to getting his hands on the other two. At the same time, Wilder looked a lot better here and that's a good idea. They seem to think they

have something with him and it's interesting to see getting a more serious push.

Post match Wilde throws Kavari outside in a heap.

## Mike Cunningham vs. Lince Dorado

Cunningham is looking a lot cockier than usual here. Dorado takes him down with a flying mare to start so Cunningham runs him over and does something of a dance. Back up and Dorado armdrags him into an armbar but Cunningham takes over on the arm as well. Cunningham dropkicks him off the top and out to the floor, where it's a twisting dive to take Dorado down again. Back in and Cunningham runs him over, meaning it's time to go after the arm again.

A spinebuster plants Dorado for two but he's right back up with a springboard, which is countered into a faceplant. Cunningham works on the arm again but Dorado knocks him outside for the running flip dive. Back in and a cross armbreaker doesn't work for Dorado so he kicks Cunningham in the head. A handspring Stunner gives Dorado two so he goes up, where it's a super Falcon Arrow to bring him back down. Cunningham loads up a powerbomb but Dorado reverses into a rollup for the pin at 8:15.

**Rating:** B-. Cunningham looked better here than he has before but it's not a big loss to get beaten by someone with this kind of experience. If nothing else, Dorado is someone who can be used to help boost up the younger generation. I could go for more of both of them, as this was a nice surprise.

Post match Dorado thanks Cunningham for the match and is impressed by his skills. Cunningham thanks him for the lessons and promises to learn to get better. They shake hands and everything seems ok.

Timothy Thatcher is annoyed at someone on the phone before hanging up and praising Kendal Grey for setting the standard

for the women's division. In three weeks, it's an Eliminator Gauntlet to crown a new Women's Champion. Next week, we have a four way to determine who gets the final spot. In addition, some new prospects debut next week. That should be fun.

### **Kali Armstrong vs. Masyn Holiday**

Layla Diggs is here with Holiday. Armstrong drives her into the corner to start and hits a heck of a running shoulder to the ribs. The powerslam cuts off a comeback attempt and the Kali Connection finishes Holiday at 1:12.

Braxton Cole is rather rich but has to deal with rough things like getting the ice off his Bentley, flying commercial to Cabo and having his lobster be too buttered.

### **Cappuccino Jones vs. Brooks Jensen**

Jensen seems rather annoyed and shoves him out of the corner to start, only for Jones to come off the middle rope with a Stunner. Jones dropkicks him outside and we take a break. We come back with Jensen tying him in the ring skirt and hammering away. Back up and Jones tries to go up top, only to get knocked out to the floor. Jensen's clothesline gets two and he chokes Jones on the ropes.

A weird stomp, with Jensen's feet wrapped around Jones' head as he jumps up, has Jones in more trouble and we hit a full nelson on the mat. That's broken up and Jones misses a charge into the ropes, allowing Jones to...well slip on the ropes actually. An elbow out of the corner works a bit better for Jones and he strikes away, followed by a Cactus Clothesline. They brawl on the floor and knock the referee away for the double DQ at 8:29.

**Rating:** B-. It's another nice match with a result you don't see that often. Jones is someone who seems like he should be a comedy goof but he's smooth enough in the ring to rise above that level. On the other hand you have Jensen, who is little

more than a middle of the road villain who doesn't have much to do. Then again they need bodies around here so Jensen does at least have a place.

Post match Jensen lays him out with the cowbell.

Kali Armstrong wants back in the Women's Title picture and wanted to beat Kendal Grey to get it back. Timothy Thatcher says the goal is to get up to NXT, where she can face Grey again. He does give her something to calm the situation though: she can be in the four way for the final spot in the Gauntlet Eliminator.

Here is Aaron Rourke for his championship celebration. He can't believe he's here and while you know him as this confident guy, it wasn't always the case. When he was a kid, he just wanted to bring his action figures to school rather than play football. People called him names and they made him hate who he was. Wrestling has been his escape since he was five years old, including people like Ric Flair, who inspired him to wear the robe.

Then there is his favorite wrestler, Charlotte, and he'll be chasing her title record for his entire career. He wants to show people that it doesn't matter who you are or where you're from because you can be a success. Don't be anyone else but yourself because you are good enough and you are great.

He wants to be like the heroes he watched growing up and for people to see him as being outlandish but also himself. We get a rather nice thank you for all of the love and support he has received. He is privileged to be champion and enjoy the ride. Rourke can talk and that's a rather positive message to be sending. I've liked the things he's been saying in his promos since the beginning and this was rather good again.

Harlem Lewis is in the back and says that title will be his.

**Overall Rating:** B-. This show was designed to help establish

some of the newer stars around here and it's worked well enough. People like Wilder, Cappuccino and Rourke felt like big enough deals and I like where their stuff is going. At the same time you have Thatcher fitting into his role perfectly and that gives me hope for this show's future. The next few weeks will show us where things are going, but they're off to a nice enough start.

### Results

Tate Wilder b. Kai Kavari – Wild Ride

Lince Dorado b. Mike Cunningham – Rollup

Kali Armstrong b. Masyn Holiday – Kali Connection

Cappuccino Jones vs. Brooks Jensen went to a double DQ when they both hit the referee

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