# NXT - March 4, 2025: In A Tough Spot

### **NXT**

Date: March 4, 2025

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Corey Graves, Vic Joseph, Booker T.

We're a week away from Roadblock and that means things should be getting interesting in the near future. The other big deal is the TNA stars showing up in a better way than the first time around and we could be in for some nice guest stars. This show is likely going to be built around getting ready for Roadblock though so let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

Opening recap.

## <u>Sol Ruca/Zaria vs. Piper Niven/Chelsea Green</u>

Ruca knocks green down and it's quickly off to Zaria to chose Niven. Back up and Niven takes her down, much to Green's approval. Green comes in to pull Ruca down by the hair but Niven misses an elbow. Zaria comes back in with a high/low and everything breaks down, with Niven hitting a dive off the apron as we take a break.

Back with Ruca enziguring her way out of trouble but Niven cuts off the tag attempt. Ruca gets in a high crossbody and brings Zaria back in, with a spear getting two on Green. A Codebreaker/backsplash combination hits Zaria for two and Green comes up with a bloody nose. Zaria is fine enough to grab Green for a Doomsday moonsault from Ruca and Green is in trouble. Zaria is back up with an F5 to drop Niven onto Green, leaving Ruca to hit the Sol Snatcher for the pin on Green at 10:11.

Rating: C+. This got a bit of time and that's quite the win for Ruca, though it very well might not lead anywhere for her. I'm not sure I would have the champion lose a fall here in what felt like a mostly unimportant tag match. It was a good enough match though, and Zaria is getting something to do after just kind of being around for awhile.

Earlier today, Cora Jade and Jordynne Grace argued over who would be a better Knockouts Champion. Ava made a match between them for later.

Uriah Connors and Kale Dixon try to give Ava some office supplies but interrupt Trick Williams, who isn't happy. Williams tells them to go mess with Mr. Chase, with Dixon blaming Williams for Chase U closing. That earns Dixon a ram into the wall.

### <u>Kelani Jordan vs. Jaida Parker</u>

Parker powers her into the corner to start but Jordan knocks her down for the standing moonsault. Jordan works on the arm and gets two off la majistral. Back up and a hard clothesline gives Jordan two and she catches a sliding Parker with a stomp to the back. An Asai moonsault hits Parker again but she's fine enough to hit a backbreaker onto the turnbuckle to drop Jordan hard.

We take a break and come back with Jordan hitting a faceplant out of the ropes for two. Jordan gets the better of a slugout and a standing legdrop gets two more. Parker plants her with a Samoan drop for the same but a super Tear Drop takes too much time. Instead Parker grabs a super Spanish Fly, with Parker rolling outside to crank up the frustration. The Hipnotique hits Jordan on the floor but the second hits the steps. Back in and a 450 misses for Jordan, allowing Parker to hit the Hipnotique for the pin at 12:49.

Rating: B. They had a good match here, even with the extra time. Parker gets another win and continues to feel like she

is building towards being something special, perhaps sooner than later. Jordan is in the middle of trying to find out what is next for her and I'm not sure what that is, or really could be. She's a heck of an athlete, but she needs something beyond that to help define her.

Post match Parker calls out the winner of next week's title vs. title match.

Tony D'Angelo is with the D'Angelo Family and can't say what he thinks of Izzi Dame. D'Angelo is ready to show that his family is the real one in NXT.

We go to the Roadblock media event, with Oba Femi talking about how he's ready for a showdown with Moose. He has to win this match to keep the title in NXT. Femi isn't worried about the size difference and will walk out still NXT Champion.

Here are the Hardys for a chat in their first appearance in the venue. Jeff talks about what a crazy few weeks it has been before Matt talks about how great this place is for everyone. They saw the fire in Fraxiom's eyes but here are Hank & Tank to interrupt. They mean no disrespect and are out here to ask for some advice. What do they need to do to get to the next level? Matt likes what he has seen in the team and Jeff says take it to the extreme. Tank thinks that means a TLC match but the Hardys say it's about being willing to take risks and bet on yourselves.

Cue Josh Briggs and Yoshiki Inamura to say they don't like Hank & Tank, who hit dives to take it to the extreme. The four of them brawl off and Fraxiom is behind the Hardys, with Matt saying HE KNEW THEY WOULD COME. The Hardys want them to bring their best next week and respect seems to be shown before the title match. Talent aside, Briggs and Inamura, along with Hank & Tank, do absolutely nothing for me. At least Hank & Tank have done a few things around here, while Briggs and Inamura are little more than people who keep talking about how good

they are without having to do anything to show it.

Video on Giulia vs. Stephanie Vaquer.

### Cora Jade vs. Jordynne Grace

They fight over arm control to start and Grace gets a fireman's carry ram into the corner. Grace plants her down again and hits some standing clotheslines to keep Jade in trouble. Back up and Jade uses the hair to send Grace hard into the corner for a nasty crash. Jade ties her up in the ropes and we take a break. Back with...the match having been stopped as Jade can't continue due to an injury at 7:45. I won't rate it due to the injury but they were getting going when they went to the break.

Jade does walk off and it's not clear what is wrong.

Video on Shawn Spears vs. Tony D'Angelo.

We get a split screen interview between Ethan Page and Je'Von Evans. Page can't believe someone as young as Evans tried to give him a pep talk and that is what made him snap. If he could break Evans' jaw right now, he would take the chance just to shut him up. Evans is used to people trying to hold him down and that isn't going to happen again here. They argue to wrap this up. Evans needs to win to blow this off and that's probably what happens.

### Trick Williams vs. Kale Dixon

Trick Shot knocks Dixon out at 6 seconds and the referee calls it. That worked.

Post match Eddy Thorpe pops up to say Williams is having trouble understanding that he's not the man anymore. In two weeks, they'll fight in NXT Underground.

Roxanne Perez has attacked Jordynne Grace in the back.

Roadblock rundown. The Undertaker will be there too. I'm guessing that's an LFG promotional move.

Back at the press event, Moose says his match with Oba Femi will be the biggest match of his career for the biggest prize. Moose leaves and Ava makes Roxanne Perez vs. Jordynne Grace at Roadblock. Fatal Influence pops in to demand Fallon Henley get her title rematch and that's that.

Ricky Saints meets Ridge Holland, who isn't impressed. Saints says get used to seeing a lot of him. Then Saints runs into Shawn Spears, who says the revolution will be televised when he wins the North American Title tonight.

### North American Title: Shawn Spears vs. Tony D'Angelo

D'Angelo is defending and all of their family members are here too. After the Big Match Intros, D'Angelo starts fast and takes him into the corner, where Spears knocks him off the ropes. Back up and D'Angelo hits a superplex and we take an early break. We come back with Spears in control and mocking the Family before working on the bad back. Spears shouts about the Family being done, which wakes D'Angelo up for a grab of the face. A spear gives D'Angelo two but D'Angelo's back is banged up.

Spears misses a dive off the top but he pulls D'Angelo into a Sharpshooter. That's broken up and Forget About It gets two, with Izzi Dame helping on the kickout. The Families get in a big fight but Stacks is sent into D'Angelo, who lands back first on a chair on the floor. Back in and the C4 gives Spears two so he loads it up again. D'Angelo slips out and tries the spinebuster but his back gives out and Spears rolls him up for the pin and the title at 12:28.

Rating: B-. This was more about telling a good story than the match and that's not a bad thing. They got the story absolutely right, as Stacks accidentally bangs up Holland's back even worse and indirectly costs him the title. Sure it's

a page straight out of how Shawn Michaels won his first Intercontinental Title, but waiting thirty plus years to do a similar finish is more than acceptable.

One more Roadblock rundown takes us out.

Overall Rating: B. This show was in a tough spot as they had to get ready for next week's really big show but they managed to put together a good one of their own. The main event and Jordan vs. Parker were both strong in different ways and I want to see what happens next week more than I did coming in. I'm a bit surprised that the mystery group didn't get involved, but maybe that's next week. Solid stuff this week, despite being in a difficult situation.

### Results

Sol Ruca/Zaria b. Chelsea Green/Piper Niven — Sol Snatcher to Green

Jaida Parker b. Kelani Jordan — Hipnotique Jordynne Grace b. Cora Jade via referee stoppage Trick Williams b. Kale Dixon via referee stoppage Shawn Spears b. Tony D'Angelo — Rollup

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# NXT - February 25, 2025: The Road Which Will Be Blocked

### **NXT**

Date: February 25, 2025

Location: Andrew J. Brady Music Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

Commentators: Corey Graves, Vic Joseph, Booker T.

We're on the road again and on the way to Roadblock in a few weeks in New York. Things are also getting interesting again around here as we have the new mysterious group of people attacking various stars, including Mr. Stone at the end of last week's show. Throw in some big TNA names, such as Moose and the Hardys in action this week, and we should be in for a fun night. Let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

<u>Women's North American Title: Stephanie Vaquer vs. Karmen Petrovic</u>

Petrovic, with Ashante Thee Adonis, is challenging. Vaquer takes her down to start but Petrovic kicks out of trouble, setting up a full nelson with the legs. That's broken up so Petrovic hits something like a Shining Wizard for two. A tilta-whirl backbreaker and legdrop give Vaquer two but the running knees in the corner miss. Back up and Vaquer is sent outside, setting up a big dive and we take a break.

We come back with Vaquer striking away and grabbing the figure four necklock for the faceplants onto the mat. Vaquer goes up but gets hurricanranaed back down, setting up a spinning kick to the head for two. Petrovic superkicks a springboarding Vaquer out of the air for two but Vaquer gets smart by taking out the leg. The SVB retains at 11:42.

Rating: B-. Petrovic was working here and has come a long way

since being little more than a bunch of kicks. That's still the majority of her offense but there is enough to make her feel like a more complete worker in the ring. Vaquer feels like a star and the fans are reacting to it as well and it could be a long time before she drops the title.

Post match here is Giulia to interrupt. She congratulates Vaquer but says that she (Giulia) is the real best champion. The result: a challenge for a title vs. title match.

Ariana Grace and Santino Marella are happy with what is going on but Lola Vice comes in, saying she wants a fight. Vice is willing to fight Grace, assuming someone in her family taught her to fight. The match is on.

Lexis King tells Oba Femi that he's ready for Moose. Femi doesn't seem so sure.

### TNA X-Division Title: Lexis King vs. Moose

Only Moose's title is on the line. The much bigger Moose powers him into the corner to start and they trade slaps to the face. Moose puts him on the top and hits a dropkick out to the floor (that's always impressive). King is whipped hard into the steps but he gets in a shot of his own. Back in and Moose release Rock Bottoms him out of the air, followed by a big backdrop onto the ramp.

Moose kicks him in the face (as it seems like we came back from a break though we never went to split screen or anything else) but King is back with a superkick as the fans approve. A high crossbody gives King two but Moose runs the corner and hits a spinning high crossbody for two of his own. Moose grabs a powerbomb for two, with the fans way behind the hometown King. The Coronation connects out of nowhere to give King two more but Moose is back with the spear to retain at 9:32.

Rating: B-. This crossover is going in something of a weird direction as you regularly see someone winning another

promotion's title. That hasn't happened (yet) in this whole thing and I keep waiting to see it. King got in some hope spots here, but the idea was to push Moose as someone who could smash through good competition on his way to a showdown with Oba Femi down the line.

Post match Oba Femi comes out and says that in two weeks at Roadblock, it's title vs. title when he faces Moose. Well that was quick.

Shawn Spears talks about how he is transforming people such as Brooks Jensen, Niko Vance and Izzi Dame. They are the new Family running NXT and next week, it's time to take the North American Title.

Jaida Parker and Kelani Jordan got in an argument on a bus earlier today.

Here is Jordynne Grace for a chat. From the moment she first set foot in a WWE ring, she knew she belonged. Now it is time for her to become a champion and it is a matter of time before she is facing either Stephanie Vaquer or Giulia. Cue Roxanne Perez to interrupt, saying she knows everyone wants to be part of the best women's division in wrestling, the division that Perez runs.

Grace says if this is Perez's division, where is her title? Perez threatens to win the Women's Title at Wrestlemania and then come back here to win the NXT Women's Title again. Grace brings up the saying about having a plan until you....and then she hits Perez in the face. Putting Grace against someone who seems to be moving up to the main roster is a smart way to start her off.

Trick Williams and Je'Von Evans talk about what they both want and Williams does not seem impressed. Things are about to get physical but Ricky Saints comes in to introduce himself. Williams gives him a fist bump and then leaves, with Saints wondering why everyone is so angry around here.

Jaida Parker is annoyed at Kelani Jordan and while there might be a Him in WWE, Jordan is not the "Her" in NXT. Parker is getting a feel for her promos and they're working well.

### No Quarter Catch Crew vs. Hardys

The Hardys' TNA Tag Team Titles aren't on the line. Even Wren Sinclair is doing Jeff Hardy's dance during his entrance. Jeff and Heights start things off with Jeff hammering away as the fans tell the Hardys that they still have it. The double elbow and fist drop/flipping splash combination get two on Heights but it's Borne coming in for armbar. One heck of a clothesline drops Matt but he's quickly over to Jeff, who uses Heights for Poetry In Motion.

That's not it though as another Poetry On Motion off the ramp hits Borne and we take a break. Back with Matt in trouble as Fraxiom is watching from the ramp. Matt fights out of a chinlock and walks over for the tag to Jeff. The Whisper In The Wind takes the Crew out and the Plot Twist (Twisting Stunner into a neckbreaker) gets two on Borne. The Twist Of Fate into the Swanton Bomb finishes Borne at 11:11.

Rating: C+. The match was fine but there was a grand total of no chance that the Hardys were losing here. That's not a bad thing at all as this was all about having the Hardys make their NXT debuts. Like them or not, the Hardys are indeed living legends in tag team wrestling and it is a good thing to have them around on a show like this.

Post match Fraxiom gets in the ring to show respect, with Frazier saying they're the best team in the world today and standing in the ring with the best team ever. Jeff cuts to the chase and issues the challenge so here is Santino Marella (to his old WWE music) and the match is on for Roadblock for the TNA Tag Team Titles. Dang that is a stacked show.

The D'Angelo Family has a meeting and D'Angelo is proud of Stacks for trying, even if he came up short. D'Angelo is

banged up but he has to try to deal with Shawn Spears next week.

Zaria and Sol Ruca are in the trainer's room but Piper Niven comes in, saying Chelsea Green is in the building. Green comes in and isn't impressed, with a tag match being made for next week. Green: "Wait. What did I just agree to?" Niven: "We have a match next week." Green: "Well that was stupid!"

### Ariana Grace vs. Lola Vice

Grace gets in a jab to start and is quickly struck down in the corner. The running hip attack connects but Grace manages to strike away. A swinging neckbreaker puts Vice down and Grace grabs the cravate. Grace kicks her down again and finishes with the spinning backfist at 2:27.

The mystery group has attacked the No Quarter Catch Crew.

Eddy Thorpe is walking through Cincinnati and talks about how his people were once forced out of their land and moved out west. Somehow, this is like him having to face Trick Williams again, so name the time and place.

Ava is here for some announcements. She seems to clarify that Oba Femi vs. Moose is only for the NXT Title and NOT title for title.

Here's what's coming next week.

# Wes Lee/Ethan Page vs. Ricky Saints/Je'Von Evans

Tyriek Igwe and Tyson DuPont are here with the villains. Apparently Cody Rhodes has called Saints "the most naturally talented wrestler since Barry Windham." That's....probably not accurate. Evans hammers on Page to start so it's quickly off to Lee, who gets dropkicked down. Saints comes in for the first time and elbows Lee in the face and slugs away in the corner. Page and Lee are sent outside and we take a break.

Back with Evans getting caught on top but Igwe and DuPont get involved so Page can hit a backbreaker onto the turnbuckle. The Boston grab stays on the back, with Lee adding a shot to the back of his own. A powerslam out of the corner gives Evans two but Evans is back with a spinning kick to the face.

The tag brings in Saints to pick up the pace with a tornado DDT and a spear gets two on Lee. Evans and Page brawl into the crowd but Saints is sent into the post. Igwe and DuPont offer another distraction so Lee can hit a Meteora for two. The Cardiac Kick is loaded up but Saints reverses into the Roshambo (running Dominator) for the pin at 12:47.

Rating: C+. Nice enough match here but this was all about getting Saints in the ring to introduce him to the NXT audience. He did perfectly fine as well, overcoming the odds at the end and winning over someone with some status. It wasn't supposed to be some great match and it did exactly what it needed to accomplish.

A preview for next week's show wraps us up.

**Overall Rating**: B. This was a good, well thought out show which covered quite a few things that need to be done as they move forward. Roadblock is suddenly looking like one of the biggest shows of the year and a title change seems fairly likely. Setting up so much stuff and adding in some good enough matches in a single week is quite the feat and they pulled it off here. Nice stuff, as NXT knows how to set things up for the future.

### Results

Stephanie Vaquer b. Karmen Petrovic — SVB

Moose b. Lexis King — Spear

Hardys b. No Quarter Catch Crew — Swanton to Borne

Lola Vice b. Ariana Grace — Spinning backfist

Ricky Saints/Je'Von Evans b. Ethan Page/Wes Lee — Roshambo to Lee

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