

Super Bowl 60 was one for the books

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Tiffany Haddish presents the AP Coach of the Year award during the NFL Honors award show, Thursday in San Francisco.

THURSDAY, FEB. 5: BAD BUNNY, NFL HONORS AND BIG CONCERT NIGHT

Thursday combines league-run programming with the first major wave of concerts.

The day begins with the Super Bowl halftime and pregame performers media event, hosted at the NFL's media hub. Reporters and the public will hear directly from the game's performers including Bad Bunny, Charlie Puth, Brandi Carlile and Coco Jones.

The invite-only Toast to Black Sports Luncheon spotlights Black leadership and influence across sports business during Super Bowl week. Hosted by Minorities in Sports, the gathering honors former All-Pro Takeo Spikes, JP Morgan executive Debra Langford and NFLPA leader Carl Francis while drawing executives from leagues, agencies, finance and media.

After that, attention shifts to the NFL Honors, hosted by Jon Hamm at the Palace of Fine Arts. There's a red carpet followed by the awards show, blending sports with entertainment.

But the fun doesn't stop, launching more into the concert calendar. Fall Out Boy performs an intimate show at The Regency Ballroom as part of the Wells Fargo Autograph Card Exclusives series, a ticketed event limited to cardholders. Sports Illustrated and Tight End University's "Tight Ends" will feature performances by Loud Luxury and Frank Walker.

For fans without credentials, Downtown First Thursdays hosts its Big Game Edition just steps from the NFL Experience near Yerba Buena and Moscone Center. The free outdoor street party spans multiple downtown blocks with DJs, performances and local vendors, headlined by Austin Millz in collaboration with Black Joy Parade. Tens of thousands are expected, making it one of the most accessible public events of Super Bowl week.

At Pier 80 Warehouse, Illenium hosts an album release show tied to his upcoming project "Odyssey," opening one of the weekend's largest warehouse. Meanwhile, Grammy-nominated singer Noah Kahan will headline SiriusXM's concert at The Warfield in which fans can win a chance to win a pair of tickets to the show.

FRIDAY, FEB. 6: SHAQ, POST MALONE, KEHLANI & MADDEN BOWL

In one of the busiest nights, you can't really go wrong. Across San Francisco, multiple large-scale concerts and fan-facing experiences run at the same time.

Make your choices early. At the Cow Palace, Shaq's Fun House returns as a carnival-style nightlife event hosted by Shaquille O'Neal, who performs as DJ Diesel alongside a rotating lineup of DJs. The event is a ticketed experience with immersive activations ranging from an all-inclusive general admission for \$249.99 to a shared VIP table ticket, which starts at \$1,550.

The NFL's fifth annual A Night of Pride with GLAAD takes place Friday, celebrating LGBTQ+ inclusion and visibility in sports. Hosted by NFL Network's Kimmie Chex, the invite-only event features performances by Young Miko, Durand Bernarr and Ruby Ibarra alongside league executives and community leaders.

Uber One will hold a members-only event featuring a performance by Olivia Dean and Shaboozey at Pier 48. Members of Uber One — who are 21 and up — will receive an invite to claim a ticket to attend the show.

Bud Light hosts a free, 21-and-over concert experience with Post Malone at Fort Mason Center, with access granted through a sweepstakes model.

Music continues across the Bay Area. Kehlani headlines a ticketed pre-

Super Bowl block party at San Jose City Hall, one of the closest major concerts to Levi's Stadium. At the Chase Center, EA Sports' Madden Bowl combines football and music with performances from Luke Combs and LaRussell, athlete appearances and a livestreamed blue carpet, hosted by New York Giants quarterback Jameis Winston and sports commentator Kay Adams. The social media channels will offer behind-the-scenes content with Twitch streamer Sketch who will host a livestream featuring athletes playing each other on "Madden NFL 26."

The Palace of Fine Arts hosts Sting as the opening night of On Location's Super Bowl Studio 60.

Pier 80 Warehouse doubles down on EDM with a joint performance from Calvin Harris and Diplo, anchoring one of the largest ticketed shows of the night.

Green Day, who will open the 60th Super Bowl with an anniversary ceremony celebrating generations of MVPs, will hit the stage along with Counting Crows at the FanDuel and Spotify party at Pier 29.

The h.wood Group returns with its annual invite-only h.wood Homecoming party in partnership with DraftKings. The event features performances by 50 Cent, Kaytranada and Anderson .Paak performing as DJ Pee .Wee, with surprise guests expected. The party has built a reputation as one of Super Bowl week's most closely watched celebrity gatherings.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7: DAVE CHAPPELLE & FANATICS ANCHOR SUPER BOWL EVE

Saturday serves as the peak of celebrity-driven Super Bowl weekend activity.

The afternoon centers on Rubin's Fanatics Super Bowl Party, held near Oracle Park. The invitation-only event draws a cross-section of athletes, entertainers and executives walking the red carpet before being entertained by the event's musical acts featuring Cardi B.

The 39th annual Leigh Steinberg Super Bowl Party runs Saturday afternoon as one of the weekend's longest-running invite-only gatherings. The event blends sports, philanthropy and business, featuring the Steinberg DeNicola Humanitarian Awards, a health innovation panel and networking across sports and entertainment. This year's honorees include Steve Young and Ray Lewis.

BEIS activates San Francisco Brewing Co. at Ghirardelli Square with an interactive Super Bowl weekend hub featuring games, giveaways, shopping and DJ sets. The free, public event offers fans a branded daytime

experience ahead of Saturday night's packed schedule.

Saturday evening brings a fan-facing spotlight with the NFL Super Bowl LX Flag Football Game, streaming live on the NFL's YouTube channel from Super Bowl Experience at Moscone Center. The matchup features celebrity-led teams captained by J. Balvin and Druski, with participants including Cam Newton, Michael Vick, Deion Sanders, Kane Brown and Benson Boone. Kay Adams hosts pregame and halftime coverage.

Dave Chappelle headlines an already sold-out comedy show at Chase Center, one of the most in-demand tickets of the weekend. At the Cow Palace, Sports Illustrated hosts SI The Party, a ticketed and VIP event with performances by The Chainsmokers, Ludacris, DJ Irie & Xandra. The costs range from \$450 to \$1,750 VIP shared table tickets.

Rapper Wale will hit the stage at Pier 27, T-Pain and Sean Paul will have a show called R&B and Ribs at Pier 80 Warehouse while Chris Stapleton and Sierra Ferrell will perform at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.

Additional Super Bowl Eve performances include Dom Dolla at San Jose City Hall and The Killers at the Palace of Fine Arts as Night Two of Super Bowl Studio 60. Larry June, Hugel, Loud Luxury and Plastik Funk will perform at the Maxim Big Game Party 2026: Bay Lights & Football Nights.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8: GAME DAY AND FAN EXPERIENCES

Game day opens with large-scale fan events leading into kickoff.

Teddy Swims will headline the Super Bowl Tailgate Concert just outside Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara. LaRussell will open for Swims and play as the in-stadium house band.

Guy Fieri's Flavortown Tailgate runs for four hours starting at 11:30 a.m. PT, offering free general admission with registration alongside paid upgrades. The event blends live music, food and sponsor activations ahead of the game.

BEIS Bowl Sunday turns the space into a full watch-party destination with Super Bowl trivia, bingo and giveaways leading into kickoff. The activation provides an in-city alternative for fans watching the game outside Levi's Stadium.

The Chainsmokers will perform at On Location's Club 67, Champions Club and Touchdown Club pregame parties just outside Levi's Stadium.

Also near the Stadium, The Players Tailgate delivers a premium pregame experience featuring chefs, NFL players and live entertainment. It's a ticketed event just steps from the stadium.

U.S. snowboarder calls for unity after Trump bashes teammate

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIVIGNO, Italy — Chloe Kim and Eileen Gu, two Olympic standouts who have faced their share of hate over the years, each weighed in Monday on Donald Trump's bashing of their friend, American freeskier Hunter Hess, for having said he didn't back the U.S. president's heightened crackdown on immigrants.

"I think in moments like these, it is really important for us to unite and kind of stand up for one another for all that's going on," said Kim, the two-time Olympic gold medalist whose parents are South Korean immigrants and who has faced racism throughout her career for her Asian heritage.

Gu, the American-born freeskier who competes for China, said after her silver-medal win in slopestyle that

she had been in touch with Hess, who told her she was one of the few people who could relate to what he's going through.

"As someone who's been caught in the crossfire before, I feel sorry for the athletes," said Gu, who was born in San Francisco and whose decision to compete for China turned her into a lightning rod.

Hess drew Trump's ire when he was asked by reporters to give his views on the immigration crackdown that has claimed the lives of two protestors in Minnesota and disrupted thousands of lives of immigrants and U.S. citizens. Hess answered: "Just because I'm wearing the flag doesn't mean I represent everything that's going on in the U.S."

The next day, Trump lashed out at Hess on his Truth Social account, calling him "a real Loser" and saying he would be hard pressed to root for him

at the Games. Hess's friends — snowboarders and freeskiers competing this week in Livigno — were asked for their reaction.

"My parents being immigrants from Korea, this one definitely hits pretty close to home," said Kim, who begins defense of her title Wednesday.

"I'm really proud to represent the United States," she said. "The U.S. has given my family and I so much opportunity, but I also think that we are allowed to voice our opinions of what's going that we need to lead with love and compassion."

Other American snowboarders spoke out for diversity and the right of expression.

"I think there are a lot of different opinions in the U.S. right now. Obviously we're very divided," snowboarder Bea Kim said. "I personally am very proud to represent the United States. That being said, I think diversity is what makes us a

very strong country and what makes that so special."

Teammate Maddie Mastro added: "I'm also saddened with what's happening at home."

"It's really tough and I feel like we can't turn a blind eye to that. But at the same time, I represent a country that has the same values as mine of kindness and compassion. And we come together in times of injustice," Mastro said.

Gu called it "an unwinnable press war" for Hess and lamented the fact that the controversy could be a distraction for the athletes, and overshadow the beauty of the biggest event in winter sports.

"I'm sorry that the headline that is eclipsing the Olympics has to be something so ... unrelated to the spirit of the Games," she said. "It really runs contrary to everything that the Olympics should be."



LINDSEY WASSON/Associated Press.

U.S. Olympian Chloe Kim looks on during a press conference at the 2026 Winter Olympics, in Livigno, Italy, Monday. More than 85 percent of readers in an poll from The News-Enterprise said Olympians should not use their platform to speak about politics.

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said. "He's been invaluable to the volleyball program and his presence will be missed."

Hampton said he is thankful to all of his former players, their parents and his coaching staffs over the years.

"Most importantly the bonds with each and every player and parent past and present," he said. "I will truly miss them all and I'm proud of their contributions to the program. All of them helped me become an even better person and leader for the community. I was blessed to have this opportunity and thank the administrators for the chance

to coach John Hardin volleyball."

John Hardin is expected to return several players off last year's team with only two seniors in the program last season — Abby Moore and Aubree Halliburton.

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