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Jack White, Post Malone, and Lil Jon will headline the NFL Thanksgiving halftime shows powered by Verizon; Gospel great CeCe Winans to render National Anthem

NEW YORK — Nov. 17, 2025 — The NFL’s Thanksgiving Day games will deliver three cannot-miss halftime performances by acclaimed artists **Post Malone, Jack White** and **Lil Jon**. On Thursday, Nov. 27, 2025, electrifying musician and Detroit-native Jack White will perform during the Detroit Lions **Thanksgiving Halftime Show powered by Verizon** when the Lions take on the Green Bay Packers at 1 p.m. ET on FOX; global superstar Post Malone will take the stage at halftime of the Cowboys game versus the Kansas City Chiefs at 4:30 p.m. ET on CBS; and Lil Jon will perform live at the Baltimore Ravens game against the Cincinnati Bengals at 8:20 p.m. ET on NBC. The NFL’s holiday games con-



tinue to dominate television viewership. For the third consecutive year, the NFL set a Thanksgiving Day viewership record, averaging 34.2 million viewers across all three games, the highest Thanksgiving Day average on record. The total unduplicated audience reached 141 million, also an all-time high. Halftime performances on Thanksgiving continue to captivate audiences, consistently surpassing all major award shows and other live events. Aside from the Super Bowl halftime show,

no other musical performance commands a larger live U.S. audience. More details on each Thanksgiving Day halftime show can be found below.

DETROIT LIONS VS. THE GREEN BAY PACKERS FT. JACK WHITE
The Detroit Lions’ 86th annual Thanksgiving Day Classic against the Green Bay Packers will feature electrifying musician Jack White as part of the Thanksgiving Halftime Show powered by Verizon. Renowned gospel musician CeCe Winans will perform the national anthem. Additionally, the club will be supporting a donation-based initiative with Feeding America® that will be featured

throughout the game. The Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Classic will be nationally televised on FOX at 1 p.m. ET on Nov. 27, 2025.

The Detroit Lions previously announced that global rap icon Eminem, and his long-time manager and president of Shady Records, Paul Rosenberg will serve as Executive Producers of the show, along with Jesse Collins Entertainment. Eminem and Rosenberg, both Detroit natives, will consult the club on talent selection and all aspects of Lions’ Thanksgiving halftime production through 2027. For more information, visit DetroitLions.com.

DALLAS COWBOYS VS. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS FT.

POST MALONE
Nine-time diamond-certified global superstar Post Malone will perform this year’s Red Kettle Kickoff Halftime Show during the Dallas Cowboys Thanksgiving Day game against the Kansas City Chiefs, which will air on CBS at 4:30 p.m. ET on Nov. 27, 2025. The live performance marks the official launch of The Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Campaign and puts a national spotlight on the urgent needs of millions during the holiday season and all year long. Now in its 29th year, the Red Kettle Kickoff is a Texas-sized Cowboys tradition for one of the largest, longest-running annual fundraisers of its kind. The iconic halftime show issues a rallying cry to donate to The Salvation

Army’s work in communities nationwide. For more information, visit DallasCowboys.com.

BALTIMORE RAVENS VS. CINCINNATI BENGALS FT. LIL JON
Grammy Award-winning artist Lil Jon – the renowned rapper, producer and DJ – will perform from the Bud Light Touchdown Club during halftime, as the Baltimore Ravens take on the Cincinnati Bengals at 8:20pm ET on NBC. Prior to kickoff, Renée Elise Goldsberry, who won a Tony award for her role as Angelica Schuyler in the hit Broadway musical "Hamilton," will sing the national anthem. For more information, visit BaltimoreRavens.com.

UofM place kicker Gianni Spetic named as Lou Groza Award semi-finalist ... from sports page 4

ered in the notion that there should be a place on an NFL roster for a kicker.

The Chardon, Ohio native has been near perfect this season going a perfect 46-for-46 for PATs while firing off 14-of-17 field goals for the Tigers. Spetic

has nailed four field goals for over 50 yards – including two from 55 against Georgia State and South Florida.

Spetic is one of only two kickers on the list to hit four or more from 50 yards. Semifinalists will be voted on by

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These finalists will be announced on November 25th and honored at the 34th annual Lou

Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Awards Banquet on December 8th in Palm Beach County.

The same panel then selects the winner, who will be announced live on ESPN at the Home Depot College Football Awards Show

on Friday, December 12th.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Football, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team’s social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Softball coach Trena Prater welcomes nine to 2026 signing class from sports page 4

2024.

Coach Prater’s Thoughts: “Lauren will be the fastest player on our roster. She is a phenomenal outfielder that is going to leave her feet and get dirty to catch any ball in the grass. She is a triple-threat lefty that is going to give defenses a lot of trouble.”

Kylee Lawrence | Freshman | Pitcher/Infielder | Eastside High School | Jackson, Ga.

A two-sport letterwinner in softball and basketball at Eastside High School, Lawrence joins Memphis’ 2026 signing class. In her time as an Eagle, Lawrence has been named to the 3A All-Region team twice and 3A All-State Second Team once while also being named to the 4A All-Region and All-State teams in her most recent season. Additionally, she is a two-time Pitcher of the Year and was named a Scholar-Athlete by maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Lawrence is also teammates with 2026 signees Aniya Arnold and Kaylyn Arnold on the DIVISION 18U National Team.

Coach Prater’s Thoughts: “Kylee is a utility pitcher that can play anywhere in the infield. She always competes with a champion’s mindset on both offense and defense. She will be a huge asset to our pitching staff.”

Ava Marks | Freshman | Infielder | Corinth Holders High School | Clayton, N.C.

Marks comes to Memphis after a highly decorated prep career at Corinth Holders High School. The Clayton, North Carolina native earned eight letters across softball, tennis and flag football. In softball, Marks was a two-time North Carolina 4A All-State and

All-Conference selection, while also being a three-time Academic All-Conference honoree. She also was a 2024 4A All-Conference and Academic All-Conference selection in both tennis and flag football. Marks also helped Corinth Holders win two conference championships in tennis in 2023 and 2024.

Coach Prater’s Thoughts: “Ava is an elite athlete on both sides of the ball. She is a lockdown short-stop that is a vocal leader on the field. Offensively, she is going to pick apart defenses with her short game and power slaps.”

Miranda Mease | Freshman | Outfielder | Valley View High School | Moreno Valley, Calif.

Mease joins the Tigers as one of two signees from the Golden State, with the Moreno Valley, California native prepping at Valley View High School. Mease was a four-year letterwinner and earned all-league honors in 2024 and 2025, while also helping the Eagles to League Championships in 2024 and 2025. Mease signs with her club teammate from The Vault Fastpitch, Violet Espin.

Coach Prater’s Thoughts: “Miranda has one of the best outfield arms that I have seen in a long time. She is smooth with everything that she does in the outfield and in the box. She is small, but offensively, she is going to surprise a lot of teams with her power potential, while also being a speed threat on the bases.”

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