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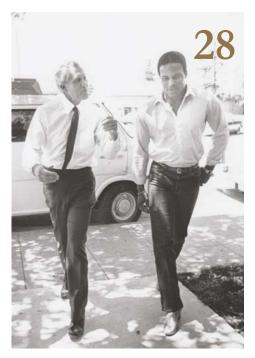
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DEAR ALUMNI,

What an exciting few months the San Francisco 49ers and the Faithful have experienced. I personally want to thank each and every one of you for welcoming me and my family into this historic and proud organization. For many years, I looked at the 49ers with great admiration as the gold standard for professional sports organizations. Looking back at the last several months, it is still a bit surreal that I am the team's General Manager. What a special privilege and honor that is.

The story has been told many times since February, but never did I think being in this position would even be a possibility if it were not for the fateful conversation Kyle Shanahan and I had during last season's playoffs. I have always had a great respect and admiration for Kyle as an offensive mind. To me, he stands alone in the National Football League for his expertise, as evidenced by the explosive and record-setting offense he directed in Atlanta. Though he grew up around coaching and the 49ers, and some of you may remember watching him running around training camp, what has most impressed me about Kyle is that he has become his own man in the profession. Watching him direct this team everyday throughout the offseason training program only reaffirmed my feelings about him as a coach. Our philosophies on football and our visions for leading the 49ers back to being a championship team align perfectly. I am thrilled to be working alongside Kyle, and the wonderful staff he has built around him.

In the world of player personnel, I acted quickly to bring in Adam Peters and Martin Mayhew to my staff. As the vice president of player personnel, Adam is truly a young star in the personnel industry and I have great confidence that his drive, work ethic and skill set will be instrumental to this organization. Martin is a man that I have known since he took me under his wing as a rookie in Tampa Bay and showed me how to be a pro in the NFL. Most importantly, he has been a General Manager in this league and as our senior personnel executive he provides this organization a wealth or experience and knowledge having sat in the chair I do now. Late this offseason, we added another young up-and-coming talent evaluator to the personnel department when we hired Ran Carthon to run our pro personnel department. These three men play an integral role in helping us locate the type of football player we want representing this organization both on the field and in the community.

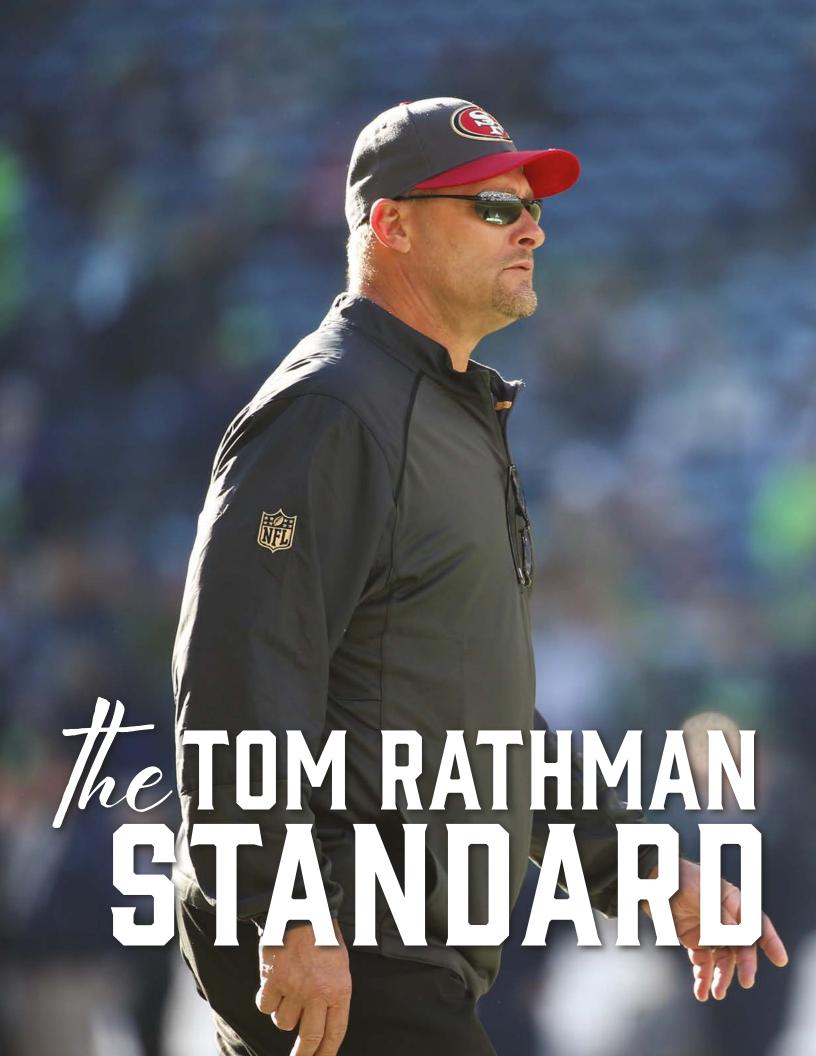
As we prepared for free agency and the draft, we worked tirelessly and collaboratively to create a clear vision that guided our decisions. We focused on adding players that represent our core values and beliefs in both their talent and spirit - men who will contribute to reestablishing The 49er Way and help us compete for championships for years to come. Time will certainly tell, but we feel good about the decisions we have made thus far.

Kyle and I truly feel that the draft was our first opportunity to come together as an organization and show what we are capable of accomplishing when we selflessly work together for a common goal. Not only did our coaches, scouts and football operations work hand-in-hand to put together a draft class we can all be proud of, but we also saw firsthand the great work from everyone around the organization to bring our excitement directly to our faithful fans.

Now that you have a sense of what we are looking to achieve and the steps that have been taken so far, I wanted to articulate to you our belief that you are the ones who created the standard we are striving for right now. I've reached out to many of you, and will continue to do so, to let you know that not only are you welcome into our building, but we really want you around because that's what we are aspiring to be. At the same time, I do understand that we can't simply ride on your coattails and we have to continue to earn your trust. Hopefully you believe we are well on our way to doing just that.

Thank you for your continued support and don't be a stranger. Go Niners!

John Lynch General Manager



DRESSED IN KHAKI SHORTS, A GOLF SHIRT, HAT AND SHADES, TOM RATHMAN BASKED IN THE COMFORTABLE ANONYMITY OF BEING JUST ANOTHER FACE IN THE CROWD ON THE PATIO OF PEET'S COFFEE IN SANTA CLARA. THOSE WHO PASSED BY ON THEIR FRIDAY AFTERNOON LUNCH HOUR COULD HAVE EASILY MISTAKEN ONE OF THE MOST PUNISHING PLAYERS IN SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS HISTORY FOR A WELL-BUILT SOCCER DAD WHO JUST FINISHED 18 HOLES.

And that's OK with Rathman. The 54-year-old spent his nine-year NFL career (1986-94) as a relatively unheralded fullback on teams that employed mega-stars like Joe Montana and Jerry Rice. But here's the thing: It's possible no player embodied the standards, ethos and toughness that permeated the 49ers during their five-Super-Bowl glory days any more than Rathman.

After learning from the great Bill Walsh, he continued to demand those standards during his 15 seasons as the 49ers running backs coach. Rathman's contributions during his 23 years with the franchise have earned him induction into the Edward J. DeBartolo Sr., San Francisco 49ers Hall of Fame.

It's an honor that recognizes a playing career that included 34 touchdowns, 4,704 total yards and two Super Bowl rings. As a coach, three of his running backs made a total of seven Pro Bowls, and his most famous pupil, Frank Gore, credits Rathman for altering the trajectory of a career that's likely to land him in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Rathman implored Gore and the rest of his students to uphold the rubric he was instrumental in developing.

"Whether you're a starter or you're a backup, you're held to that standard of what we developed," Rathman said. "There was a standard that needed to be upheld – a winning standard."

In the bustling coffee shop, Rathman spoke in his calm, deliberate cadence that contrasts with the aggression he displayed on the field. That's where he transformed from a mild-mannered country boy into an ill-intentioned lead-blocker, tearing through the line of scrimmage like Terry Tate on the forty-fourth floor of a law firm.

"He would literally run through linebackers," said former 49ers left tackle Steve Wallace. "You would hear the crowd go, 'Wooooh.' You just knew that was Rathman. You knew that roar was Tom Rathman running through an opponent."

Those knockouts became synonymous with Rathman's eightyear tenure in the 49ers backfield. The fullback was a freight train who steam-rolled any opponent unlucky enough to be stuck in his tracks. That bare-knuckled approach would later shape his "hit them before they hit you" philosophy as a coach.

Where did it all begin? The roots for Rathman's style and standards can be found in the Nebraska countryside he calls home.

Rathman and his wife Holly drive through the streets of Grand Island, Neb., every time they return to their hometown. Not much has changed since the two met in elementary school 40-plus years ago. Holly and Tom are about as constant as the city where

they grew up. The two attended a ninth-grade dance together, began dating their sophomore year of high school and tied the knot during their junior year at the University of Nebraska.

Tom's favorite part of the cruise around town is Memorial Park: A narrow three-block stretch of grass nestled between 3rd Street and the train tracks off of Old Lincoln Highway. He recently saw a young boy running with a football, juking a few kids in pursuit. That brought back memories. Memorial Park was Tom's stomping ground.

Rathman always loved having the football in his hands. But even as a kid, he wouldn't shake and bake. He preferred to run over those in his way.

"C'mon, come try and tackle me," was the challenge Rathman issued.

He pretended he was his favorite player, former Minnesota Vikings All-Pro running back Chuck Foreman, as he bulldozed through a gauntlet of his peers. They were the first victims of Rathman's devastating stiff-arm.

"I was a bully against my younger brother and his friends. I enjoyed it," Rathman said, smiling.

Rathman always had decent size and above average athleticism. He developed from a 175-pound high school freshman to a 214-pound senior. Even so, the thought of playing college football didn't feel like a real option until Rathman won the state championship in the high jump as a senior.

The Cornhuskers came calling short-

"I thought, 'Holy cow, I might be able to do something with my athletic ability.' I just took it from there."

Rathman spent the next five years (1981-85) in Lincoln, just 90 minutes east of Grand Island, and he quickly got the attention of Nebraska's coaching staff. Rathman was quiet, but his physicality soon did the talking for him.

He impressed during spring ball while practicing against Nebraska's varsity team. One teammate in particular, starting running back Roger Craig, took notice. As a senior, Craig was the focal point of head coach Tom Osborne's option-heavy offensive scheme and had already developed his signature highknee running style. The All-Big Eight Conference selection admired Rathman's fearlessness as a freshman.

"I saw this fullback who loved to block linebackers. The coaches loved Tom because he wouldn't shy away from any linebackers," Craig said. "He would just annihilate them. He was a true Nebraska running back. I liked his style."

Being a fullback is inelegant by nature. Rathman describes lead-blocking as running into a brick wall. And he hurled himself through that wall with abandon. On other plays, Rathman had to pick up a blitzing linebacker and stand his ground while the wall came sprinting towards him.

Those are tasks that usually go unnoticed. There are plenty of stories about former Nebraska Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier, but not many mention the running back's lead blocker, Tom Rathman. However, everyone involved with the Nebraska program appreciated his value and toughness. That's all that mattered to Rathman.

"I think they respected my game," Rathman said. "That's really what matters, the respect that you get from the players that you play with and the players that you play against. I wanted them to know what they were getting and that there was going to be consistent play.

"That's where you get your joy and notoriety as a fullback."

Doing the little things is the cliché that Rathman adopted as part of his personal mantra. He still managed respectable numbers despite his primary role as a blocker. As a senior in 1985, Rathman ran for 881 yards and eight touchdowns while averaging 7.5 yards per carry. Nebraska enshrined its native son into the program's Hall of Fame in 1992.

Walsh called Craig into his office prior to the 1986 NFL Draft. The 49ers had used a second round pick on Craig in 1983. The versatile ball-carrier was coming off of a Pro Bowl season in which he became the first player in NFL history to gain 1,000 yards both rushing and receiving.

Craig entered Walsh's office and saw his head coach watching tape of a fullback from Nebraska.

"What do you think of Rathman?" Walsh asked.

That was a no-brainer.

"We've got to get him," Craig responded. "Bring him here. He's a good player and a great blocker."

Walsh complied and the 49ers took the fullback in the third round (56th overall), but not before stringing Rathman along in the process. Tom, his parents and Holly all gathered in Lincoln on draft day. Tom received a call from Walsh in the second round to inform him that San Francisco was considering him at pick No. 39. Rathman couldn't help himself from sprinting down the "what if" rabbit hole - playing for Coach Walsh, reuniting with Craig and joining a franchise coming off of a win in Super Bowl XIX. San Francisco changed course and took Alabama defensive end Larry Roberts instead. The perfect scenario crumbled just as quickly as Rathman constructed it in his head.

In the third round, Tom's dad saw his son's name dash across the TV, to the 49ers no less. San Francisco had traded up to get their guy with the 56th pick.

"Hey it's the 49ers again," Walsh called the fullback a second time. "We just drafted you."

"I know, I just saw it on TV," Rathman replied.

Craig remained invaluable as Rathman transitioned to the NFL. The physical fullback had plenty to learn about Walsh's West Coast offense. Mainly, the ability to catch passes out of the backfield, something he was seldom asked to do at Nebraska.

They worked out together at the team's facility in Santa Clara, running routes until the movements became second nature. Rathman caught 320 passes during his career, including a high of 73 in 1989. He finished his career with 2,684 receiving yards and 2,020 rushing

The tandem became the perfect 1-2 punch. Nos. 33 and 44 were the staple in San Francisco's backfield, and it was rare that either would ever leave the field. Their running styles provided an ideal change of pace, and their chemistry allowed them to stay fresh throughout games.

Rathman became a savant in regards to Walsh's playbook. He and Craig would switch roles on a play-to-play basis. After a long run of Craig's, usually assisted by a lead block from Rathman, the two would trade positions. Rathman would take over at running back for a snap while Craig moved to fullback. If there was ever pre-snap confusion, Rathman would remind Craig of the play call as they exited the huddle.

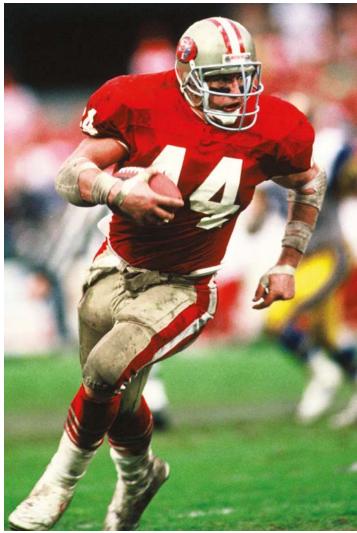
"He was bound to be a coach," Craig said.

Walsh didn't mind since the strategy worked so well, but production was only one of the factors in their decision to swap duties.

"It's a game of survival. I took a lot of pride in never coming out of the game," Rathman said. "I didn't want to give someone else the opportunity to do my job or take my job. That's the reason why I would play hurt and the reason why I would play tired."

Their families were just as close off the field. During Rathman's rookie season, Holly went into labor with





their first of three daughters while the team was on the road. With Tom out of town, Craig's wife Vanessa provided support in the delivery room.

"He's like my brother," Craig said of Rathman. "We stick together."

Craig went on to make the Pro Bowl each year from 1987-89 and was named All-Pro in 1988. Rathman never received such awards. Most of that is due to the fact that the NFL didn't vote for fullbacks as its own position in the Pro Bowl until 1993. Of course, Rathman blew his AC joint that year and only played in eight games.

But he did have the fortune of hoisting two Lombardi Trophies - the third and fourth in franchise history. The back-to-back Super Bowl runs in 1988-89 are worth more to Rathman than anything he could have ever accomplished on his own.

To have done it alongside his 1986 draft class added an extra layer of satisfaction. Walsh and his right-hand man John McVay were masterful that year. Of the 13 players the 49ers selected, none being first-rounders, San Francisco came away with eight names who would start in at least one Super Bowl. That includes standouts like Rathman, Wallace, wide receiver John Taylor, and Hall of Fame pass-rusher Charles Ha-

Wallace and Rathman were paired as roommates during their rookie training camp.

"I remember thinking, Who is this guy with these big 'ole thighs?' I thought he was a guard," Wallace said.

Added Rathman of his 6-foot-4, 285-pound cohabitant: "He was just a big cuddly guy. A big bear so to speak."

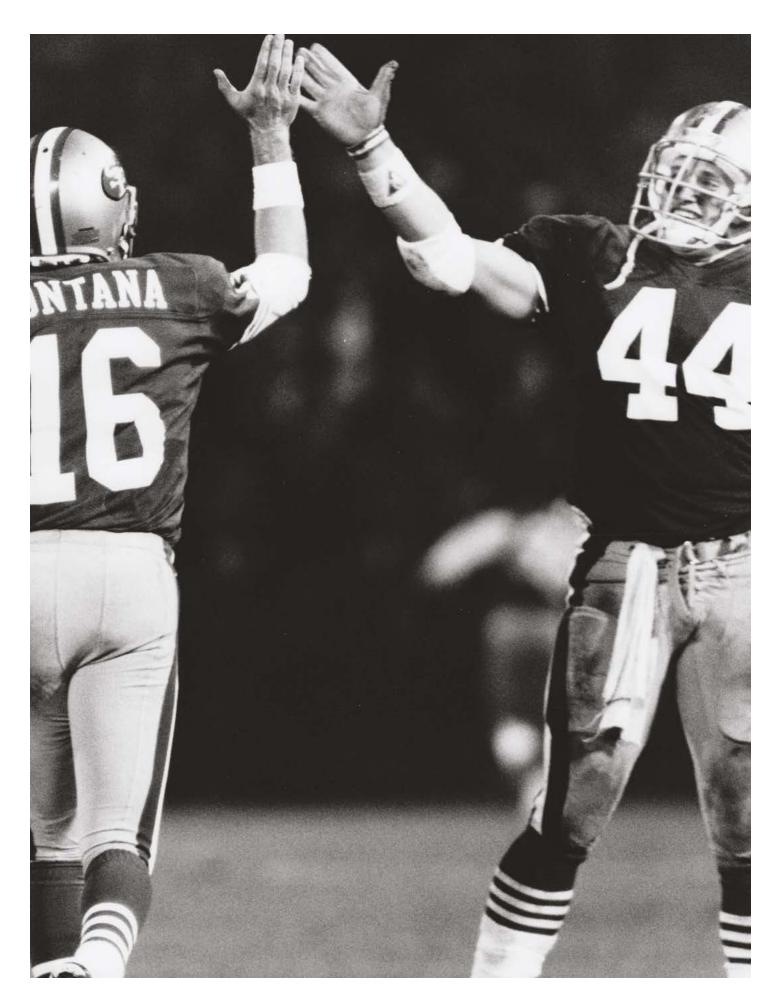
The left tackle out of Auburn may

have had the size of a grizzly, but apparently he snored like one, too. That was the lone hurdle, albeit an annoying one, in the early days of their friendship.

"I couldn't sleep when the guy snored," Rathman said. "He probably got a lot of pillows in the middle of the night. I was a light sleeper."

They connected on a shared purpose as a part of the 49ers offense: Keeping Montana on his feet. Nobody could touch Montana, and there would be hell to pay with Walsh if you missed your assignment.

Rathman was also reminded of the consequences of breaking rule No. 2: Don't fumble the football. The fullback says he irked some of his veteran teammates due to his physicality in practice. Here was this rookie ball-carrier, seeking out contact in his first training camp. So you can bet any time Rathman



came through the line of scrimmage, all 11 defenders were looking to knock the ball loose.

"I embraced that. I was very competitive because I was trying to make a roster," Rathman said. "To be honest, I didn't think I was going to make it my rookie year."

That was the catch-22 for Rathman, to fight for more yards on every play meant the defense had more time to force a fumble. That's exactly what happened on one play that both Rathman and Wallace made sure to reference. Walsh approached the fullback after he put the ball on the ground, and made sure to project loudly enough for his message to put the rest of the team on notice.

"He said, 'Hey, you're not on scholarship. We don't have to keep you.' Those were his direct words to me," Rathman recalled. "I tried to take care of the ball after that."

Walsh didn't make empty threats, and there was already precedence for his zero-tolerance policy when it came to coughing up the football. A year prior, in 1985, Walsh cut rookie running back Ricky Moore after exhibiting a fumbling problem. Moore, like Rathman, was a third round pick.

Wallace recalls the story with a bit more color like he was at the end of the line in a game of telephone.

"We don't do that s--- here," he remembers his coach lecturing Rathman. "If you can't get through the line and keep the ball, then your a-- will be headed back to Nebraska.' Tom never fumbled at practice again."

While versions of the incident vary, it's evident that Walsh delivered his point.

"I was like, 'Dang, he's saying that to a third round draft pick," Wallace laughed at the story over the phone. "If he's willing to cut him, I better get my a-- in gear!""

But Rathman wouldn't get cut; instead he quickly became Walsh's tone-setter. For all the glitz and glam of the fabled Montana-to-Rice connection, it was a few early totes for the bruising fullback that let opponents know they were in for a long day.

Hockey teams often have an enforcer. The 49ers had Tom Rathman.

"I'd try to knock somebody out to set the tempo, especially right in front of their bench. I remember doing it against the Chicago Bears one Monday night," he said, referencing San Francisco's 41-0 thrashing of Chicago in 1987. "I gave someone a forearm shiver and knocked him down right in front of Mike Ditka. That's what it was about, right there."

Vestee Jackson was the unfortunate soul caught in Rathman's warpath. He planted the Bears defensive back into the Candlestick Park turf like he would his little brother at Memorial Park. Rathman didn't talk trash or grandstand after delivering a shoulder to the sternum of an opponent – the physical punishment sufficed.

Sometimes others would try to mix it up, but there was no rattling Rathman. He knew he could overwhelm anybody within the rulebook without ever saying a word.

"I let my play speak for itself. That's what I was all about. There were a lot



of guys who wanted to chat after plays. I never wasted time with that. I got back in the huddle. If I had an issue with somebody...," Rathman paused, then cracked a subtle smile, "ultimately we'd meet again."

Another one of Rathman's signature moments also came against the Bears, this time in Chicago during the 1988 NFC Championship Game. Temperatures at Soldier Field fell to a wind-chill factor of minus-26 degrees. Many speculated that the California sunshine had softened the 49ers players too much to win a game in the miserable Midwest conditions.

That was a grave miscalculation. Rathman again set the tone, this time before kickoff. The fullback took the field completely oblivious to the weather. The Nebraska native had neither sleeves nor hand-warmers, or anything else that might provide some comfort in the bitter cold. This was just another football game, and that's how Rathman approached it.

"I wore the same thing every game," he said. "I think you get the respect of your peers doing that. The cold didn't faze us. We thrived in it."

The 49ers embarrassed the Bears 28-3 in their own house. Rathman's 4-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter put the finishing touches on an all-around dominant performance. San Francisco went on to win Super Bowl XXIII against the Cincinnati Bengals on a last-minute score known better as "The Drive."

"That's why you play the game, to be in those moments," Rathman said.

Garrison Hearst toyed with the idea of asking Rathman for his autograph. He knew all about his new coach having grown up a 49ers fan. San Francisco added Hearst as a free agent in 1997, the same year Rathman became the team's full-time running backs coach.

Rathman worked with the club on an unofficial basis in 1996 under George Seifert and was retained by Steve Mariucci the following season. He imme-

diately implemented a series of expectations that mirrored his playing style. Under Rathman, every 49ers running back would need to excel in pass protection, give consistent effort whistle to whistle and do all the little things necessary to be a complete player.

Oh, and taking care of the football was paramount. Rathman hollered his famous demand, "Squeeze it!" throughout every practice with the 49ers.

"Oh, we didn't fumble," Hearst said. "His running backs didn't fumble. In Tom's mind, if you practiced hard and paid attention to details, you could eliminate a lot of mistakes."

Rathman's reputation as a player gave him immediate credibility as a coach. He wasn't a rah-rah coach, but he didn't scream either. He simply let his players know where the bar was and held everyone accountable to that standard. Consistency was a daily point of emphasis.

The best part about Rathman's expectations was that they were one size fits all. Three-down workhorse or change of pace pass-catcher, third-down back or goal-line hammer, no one was above Rathman's methods.

"I tried to explain what it takes to be a pro," Rathman said. "I wanted to give them the knowledge and tools to be successful."

Hearst made two Pro Bowls during his seven-year stint in San Francisco and calls Rathman the best professional coach he ever had. Teaching the minutiae of pass-blocking technique was just one example that set Rathman apart from other coaches – the ability to find a balance between lunging at a defender and being on your heels and getting blown up.

Rathman never wanted his players to be the nail.

"Football is not a soft sport," Rathman taught his players. "It's violent. Well dang it if you're going to play it, then be the most violent person out there."

That's just one of the many lessons Hearst gleaned. Rathman was one of the few players from San Francisco's glory days to have a hand in the modern-day 49ers, and therefore, one of the few resources with an appreciation for what it took to win a championship.

"How do you not want to listen to him?" Hearst asked rhetorically. "You see how everyone else reacts to him. Even other coaches looked at Tom and said, 'Dang, that guy knows what he's doing.' If other coaches are looking at him like that, how am I not going to look at him the same way, if not more? He carried a real big stick."

Gore didn't see things that way, at least not at first. Rathman, who wasn't with the organization from 2003-08, returned in 2009 for his second stint as the team's running backs coach under Mike Singletary. Gore was already established as San Francisco's franchise running back. He'd put together three 1,000-yard seasons and one Pro Bowl appearance during his first four years with the 49ers.

But just as Walsh didn't care that Rathman was a third-round pick, Rathman paid no attention to Gore's previous achievements. There were still standards to be met. Rathman always focused on what could be accomplished next – in the next season, in the next game and on the next snap. The coach called Gore "a selfish individual" when they first began working together. Even in a win, if Frank didn't have his numbers, Rathman would see the running back sulk off the field.

"I felt like I'd already made it," said Gore, who agreed with Rathman's assessment. "He kept challenging me, and I didn't like it at first. He came in at the right time of my career. That's why I think I'm still playing at a high level right now."

Rathman combated the initial pushback by following up after each game Gore didn't post his desired stat line. He'd text Gore clips of his contributions that didn't show up in the box score. Zero missed assignments meant more to Rathman than 100 yards on the ground.

It didn't take long before the franchise's all-time leading rusher bought in. He didn't mind blocking before, but Rathman made him love it. Watching tape was fine, but Rathman made him

a fiend. Soon, it was Gore who would reach out each night after a game. The running back didn't shy away from calling as late as 2:00 a.m., either.

"Did I get all my reads right? I got all my blocks, huh?" Gore would call to confirm with his coach.

Understandably, Rathman grew tired of the weekly wakeup call.

"Frank, I'll just call you to confirm when I'm done with the film. How's that?" the coach would fire back.

Even when the calls stopped, Frank would walk into Rathman's office at 7:00 a.m. ahead of the 8:15 a.m. team meeting. He wanted his grades, but he was also eager to get the gameplan for San Francisco's next opponent.

Rathman's wisdom coupled with Go-

re's determination to succeed became a prolific combination. Gore evolved into a complete player who is entering his 13th season in the NFL, has made five Pro Bowls and will be in the conversation for the Pro Football Hall of Fame when he retires.

But Rathman's relationship with his running backs, Gore especially, went well beyond football. The coach was commonly seen in the locker room, chopping it up with guys and talking about his three daughters: Nikki, Ali and Sam. Lunchtime conversations often centered on what it meant to be a man and how to prepare for life after football. He'd stress the importance of how to respect their name and carry themselves as professionals. Rathman's standard was all-encompassing. He expected the same thing from his players as he did his own kids.

"There should be a pride in who you are and what you do," the coach said. "I try to develop that in my players."

Those discussions created a family dynamic that never wavered for as long as Rathman was at the helm of the running backs room. Rathman gave his players everything he had, and they returned the favor in spades.

"I wanted to make him proud of me - of how I was playing and how I did," Gore said. "I still do."

Rathman and Gore have remained in close contact even after the running back signed with the Indianapolis Colts in 2015. Each gameday, Rathman play-



fully reminds Gore to "squeeze it" and to "not screw up his chances at the Hall of Fame."

It's hard to imagine how a player/ coach relationship could be more comprehensive and lasting as theirs.

"I look at him like a father, man. I know he won't tell you, but I think he looks at me like a son," Gore said proudly. "I think out of all the guys he's coached, me and him became the closest."

Said Rathman: "He's like a son. I still talk to him about once a week. I don't think that relationship will ever go away."

It's impossible to summarize what Rathman means to the 49ers organization other than to say this honor isn't just well-deserved, but a long time coming. His quantifiable achievements headline a résumé better known for intangible contribution. The imposing

fullback-turned-coach will be the 27th person to be forever woven into the fabric of the franchise's storied history.

It's uncharted territory that is awkward to navigate for Rathman, having spent 23 years flying relatively under the

"I didn't play the game for these kinds of accolades," Rathman reiterat-

But that doesn't change the fact that the San Francisco 49ers Hall of Fame is incomplete without No. 44.

"He's Tom Rathman, man," Hearst said. "When I think of the San Francisco 49ers, I think of Tom Rathman in the backfield with Roger Craig."

Wallace took it a step further: "They weren't voting for fullbacks back then, otherwise he would be in Canton as a Hall of Famer. Make sure you tell him I said that. That's my quote."

Press Rathman enough and you can get him to acknowledge the magnitude of this accomplishment. This is legacy. This is Bay Area immortality.

"It's a great honor to be associated with a lot of these guys - Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, Ronnie Lott, Roger Craig and Dwight Clark," Rathman said. "That's a lot of history right there. To be able to say that you're in a fraternity with those guys, so to speak, the 49ers Hall of Fame Fraternity is pretty special."

It's crucial to note that this isn't the end of the road for Rathman. While he no longer serves as the 49ers running backs coach (Kyle Shanahan brought in Bobby Turner for that role in 2017), he isn't retired, either. He'll enjoy a year of relaxation and family time before pursuing another job in 2018.

Wherever his career takes the 49ers legend next, Rathman's standard will follow. He created it, he sustained it for future generations and now he will continue to spread his gospel.

"I've always considered myself a Forty Niner, and I always will consider myself a Forty Niner," Rathman said. "I'll take that with me wherever I go."





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CATCHING UP WITH FORMER 49ERS



AL CARAPELLA | 1951-55

Originally selected by San Francisco in the fourth round (54th overall) in the 1951 NFL Draft, Al Carapella played both guard and tackle on offense and defense for the 49ers from 1951-55. After retiring from football, Carapella became a college coach while also teaching physical education and health. He met his wife, Riva, in Indiana and continued to coach and teach. Carapella taught health and physical education while coaching football at Fort Hays Uni-

versity, George Washington University, and the University of Virginia. Carapella later served as the senior vice principle of Mount Vernon High in Alexandria, VA.

Carapella and Reva have three daughters, Cathy, Susan, and Jennifer. The couple enjoys spending time with their six grandchildren and are planning to travel to Orlando, Florida to watch their grandkids compete in football at the ESPN Zone in Disneyworld.

DEXTER CARTER | 1990-96

Originally a first-round (25th overall) draft choice by the 49ers in the 1990 NFL Draft, Dexter Carter appeared in 90 games at running back with San Francisco from 1990-96. A member of the Super Bowl XXIX championship team, Carter amassed 1,042 rushing yards and 1,358 return yards on special teams during his NFL career. After retiring from the NFL in 1996, Carter joined the coaching staff at his alma mater, Florida State University, where he served as running backs coach for three seasons (2007-09) while completing his master's degree in Business Management. Carter's other coaching endeavors include working on the staff at his son's high school team at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, FL, which went to four consecutive state championships, including one title. Carter recently moved to Augusta, GA, and is the offensive coordinator for Grovetown High School

while also serving as a substitute teacher. In addition to coaching, Carter is the founder and chairman for the Dexter Carter 35 Foundation, aimed at impacting youth through life skills, football and speed development camps. In addition to impacting the youth through his foundation, coaching and teaching, Carter is currently working on a memoir.

Carter resides in Augusta, GA with his fiancé, Jana, who is a Master CrossFit competitor and is ranked as one of the world's top Master CrossFitters. Jana also doubles as Carter's publicist, trainer and nutritionist. The couple have eight children, including Dexter Jr. (19) – a redshirt freshman on Georgia Southern University's football team, Josh (19) – currently serving in the United States Marine Corps studying Avionics, Chadé (15), Jada (14), Isabella (11), Devin (10), Sofia (10), and Jaylen (9).





MICHAEL CARTER | 1984-92

Michael Carter played nine seasons (1984-92) in the NFL as a nose tackle for the 49ers. Originally drafted in the fifth round (121st overall) by San Francisco in the 1984 NFL Draft, Carter appeared in 121 games and registered 22.5 sacks. A three-time

Pro Bowler and three-time Super Bowl Champion (XIX, XXIII, XXIV), Carter became the only athlete to win an Olympic medal and a Super Bowl ring in the same year, winning a silver medal in the shot put during the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and Super Bowl XIX in 1984. Carter has three children, D'Andra, Michelle, and Michael Jr.

Michelle, who was coached by Carter, won her own Olympic shot put medal in the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Following her dad's historic footsteps, Michelle became the first American woman to win a gold medal in shot put. Carter currently resides in Texas and coaches track and field year around.







KEN CASANEGA | 1946, 48

A Bay Area product, Ken Casanega signed with the 49ers ahead of the organization's inaugural season in 1946. The defensive halfback played two seasons with the 49ers after serving in the Navy during World War II. After retiring from football, Casanega became a school administrator in Napa, CA, and later a superintendent in Hollister, CA. Casanega lives with his wife of 75 years, Helen. The couple has three sons living in Oregon, Southern California and on the East Coast.

MIKE COFER | 1988-93

Mike Cofer signed with the 49ers as a free agent in 1988. During the kicker's six-year tenure with the 49ers, Cofer collected two Super Bowl rings (XXIII, XXIV) and one Pro Bowl nod. After retiring from the NFL, Cofer began racing in the NASCAR Featherlite Southwest Tour, winning Rookie of the Year in 1994. Cofer has a long history with motorsports including driving in the NASCAR Truck Races and working as a mechanic. After working with an international caddy company that trained and managed caddy programs around the world, Cofer transitioned to

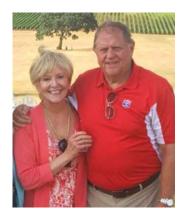




athletic apparel, creating custom uniforms for sports teams including AFL and IFL teams. Currently, Cofer is the athletic director for Slam Academy in Las Vegas and also coaches various sports teams.

Cofer has two sons: Jackson, who plays baseball at Utah Valley University, and Spencer, who plays baseball at College of Southern Nevada.

FRANK NUNLEY | 1967-76



Originally drafted in the third round (62nd overall) by the 49ers in the 1967 NFL Draft, Frank Nunley played 10 seasons as a linebacker for San Francisco, making him part of the esteemed 10-Year Wall. After retiring from the NFL, Nunley spent four years working for Whirlpool Corporation, selling appliances to contractors working on major projects. Whirlpool wanted Nunley to relocate to Michigan and the former linebacker decided to change jobs to stay in the Bay Area. In 1984, Nunley

was able to enter the electronics industry, selling electronic assembly for various companies. Based out of Santa Clara, CA, Nunley recently retired and is enjoying his time with his wife of 49 years, Lynn. In his spare time, Nunley volunteers with the NFLPA of Northern California, heading committees and recruiting volunteers.

The couple has three sons: Frank III, 46, works in electronics, Jim, 45, is a general surgeon, and Charlie, 37, is an electrical engineer.

JIM STUCKEY | 1980-85

A two-time Super Bowl champion with the 49ers, Stuckey was drafted by San Francisco in the first round (20th overall) of the 1980 NFL Draft. After retiring from the NFL in 1986, Stuckey stayed in the Bay Area for four years working as a money conduit, representing a mortgage company in a consultant role. In 1990, Stuckey returned to his southern roots in Charleston, South Carolina. The Clemson alumnus began working for Anheuser Busch as a premise coordinator working with restaurants, hotels and bars to carry the company

brand. In 1995, Stuckey began selling real estate for Kiawah Island Real Estate, which he has been doing for the past 22 years. Stuckey was married to his best friend from Clemson, Beth, for 21 years. The couple had two children, Mary Frances, who is currently a freshman at Clemson and 13-year-old James. Stuckey is in a relationship with Kim, who owns her own interior design company, Charleston Luxury Interiors. An avid tennis player, Stuckey plays three days a week and also does spin and plays golf.



ADAM WALKER | 1992-95



Adam Walker played four seasons (1992-95) for the 49ers at running back and was a member of the 1994 Super Bowl XXIX championship team. Walker entered the corporate world after retiring from football and quickly climbed the ranks after com-

pleting the Advanced Management Executive Program from Northwestern University – Kellogg School of Management. Throughout his career, Walker has served as a high-impact strategist with experience spanning global manufacturing operations, business development, marketing, strategic business unit leadership and turn-around assignment. In 2014, Walker began serving as Summit Container Corporation's Chief Executive Officer. Prior to acquiring Summit Container Corporation, Walker co-founded and led Homestead Packaging Solutions, an innovative and award-winning packaging manufacturer with facilities in Tennessee and Michigan. Under his

leadership, the company received numerous awards including the NMSDC Supplier of the Year and the United States Department of Commerce – MBDA Manufacturer of the year. In 2016, Walker was inducted into the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. Additionally, Walker was honored with the Campbell Courage Award, bestowed upon him by his mentor Bill Campbell, a fellow Homestead, PA, native and successful Silicon Valley businessman. Currently, Walker serves on the Board of Directors of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, Gwinnett Technical College, the Georgia Small Business Center, University of Pittsburgh, Katz School of Business, Supply Chain Management Professionals, and is a member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO).

Walker and his wife of 18 years, Lori, have three children: Logan, who is 15 and a passionate volleyball player, Adam II, who is 13 and was recently accepted to Duke University's TIP program, which provides resources to nurture the development of exceptionally bright youngsters, and Landon, who is nine and remains active with his love for sports, including football.

JIMMY WEBB | 1975-80



Jimmy Webb was originally drafted in the first round (10th overall) by the 49ers in the 1975 NFL Draft and played six years at defensive tackle for San Francisco. Along with DE Tommy Hart, DT Cleveland Elam, and DE Cedrick Hardman, Webb helped form the original Gold Rush, the title given to the 49ers defensive line in the 1970's. After retiring from the NFL, Webb returned to his farm boy roots, becoming a cattle veterinarian specializing in embryo transplant, a practice to help reproduction in cattle, which he still practices today. After spending his NFL offseasons at Mississippi State earning a veterinarian degree, Webb now has 30 years of experience with approximately 60,000 embryos transplanted.

Webb lives in Turlock, CA with his wife, Cindy, of nearly 41 years. The couple have twin boys who are both engineers and played football for UCLA. Josh is a civil engineer in Dallas, TX, while Micah is a mechanical engineer in Houston, TX. The couple also have four grandchildren. In his spare time, Webb enjoys cycling and has even cycled across the United States.

KEN WILLARD 1965-73

A four-time Pro Bowl selection at fullback, Ken Willard was drafted in the first round (2nd overall) of the 1965 NFL Draft by the 49ers. In his nine years with San Francisco, he appeared in 125 games and recorded 5,930 rushing yards along with 2,156 receiving yards and 61 total touchdowns. Willard retired from the NFL to Midlothian, VA where he was building a house during his NFL offseasons. The career path Willard took after the NFL actually began during his football career. After spending his offseasons selling life insurance, Willard began working in the industry full-time after retiring from football

in 1975. For the past 40 years, Willard has sold life insurance while also working with companies to create programs for their employees. Through his company, Willard and Associates, he has brokered with many companies through the span of his career.

Willard has been married for 54 years to his wife, Bonnie. The couple have four children living in Charleston (SC), Columbus (GA) and Richmond (VA) and nine grandchildren, ranging from college graduates to 12-year-olds. When not spending time with family, the couple are active doing yoga and Pilates.



CARLTON WILLIAMSON 1981-88



Carlton Williamson was selected by the San Francisco 49ers in the third round (65th overall) of the 1981 NFL Draft. A three-time Super Bowl champion, he spent his entire eight-year NFL career at safety with the 49ers. After retiring from the NFL in 1988, Williamson transitioned to the restaurant business. Starting in the manager program, he climbed the ranks of Waffle House Inc., learning the business from the corporate offices. Williamson spent 25 years

with Waffle House and retired in November of 2016 as a Senior Vice President in operations, overseeing about 80 restaurants. With his newly acquired spare time, Williamson has been traveling and has upcoming trips planned to Africa and Australia.

Williamson has been married for 32 years to his wife, Donna. The couple have two children, Kevin, 30, and Josh, 28, along with two grandchildren.





BROTHERS FAHNHORST

WHAT JIM AND KEITH MEAN TO THE 49ERS ORGANIZATION

By: Joe Fann



HE ICY TURF GREETED JIM FAHNHORST AFTER ABSORBING ANOTHER CRUSHING HIT. He may as well have been getting knocked to the pavement. During harsh Minnesota winters, the cement-like football fields often delivered more punishment than the middle-schooler who initiated the contact.

Jim, a fifth-grader at the time, was too tall to play at his own age level. Junior league rules in the 1960's mandated that he play against eighth graders. Unsurprisingly, Jim was mercilessly outmatched. The lanky tight end's role resembled a blocking dummy rather than a contributing member of the team.

"I was big and clumsy," Jim joked over the phone. "I was tall, but I just got abused."

That's not to say he wasn't used to it. His older brother, Keith Fahnhorst, gave Jim similar treatment while

playing backyard football growing up. The two would set up kickoff situations and then run towards each other like two trains going full speed on the same track.

But with Keith owning a seven-year age advantage, the results of the head-on collision rarely ever went in Jim's favor.

"I think he enjoyed getting hit," Keith justified like only a big brother could. "I used to kick his butt in the backyard when we were growing up. He enjoyed that. It started early. He couldn't get enough of it. I think I toughened him up."

Somewhere along the line, Jim's enjoyment (if it ever existed in the first place) of being the nail faded. Maybe it's because the snow in their backyard was no longer there to cushion his fall. Regardless, a fifth-grader can only take so much pounding from the relentless hammer of his older counterparts.

Forget any dream of reaching the NFL. The future San Francisco 49ers linebacker was merely satisfied to make it out of elementary school. Luckily, Keith's success at St. Cloud Technical High School provided hope that maybe one day his fortune would change.

"I'd get the crap beat out of me," Jim

recalled the humble beginnings of his football career. "I'm like, 'Why am I playing this stupid game?' Then I'd see Keith playing in high school, and I'd go, 'Oh, that's why.'

"I would have never played football if he hadn't. Or at least, I would have never stuck with it if I hadn't watched him play in high school."

Soon, the youngest Fahnhorst would find his stride, too.

Jim began to fill out his frame in the weight room, and his size became an asset in middle school. He found a passion at linebacker as a two-way player through high school.

Meanwhile, Keith starred as an offensive tackle at the University of Minnesota

"I remember hearing his name on the radio," Jim said. "That was awesome."

The 49ers selected the 6-foot-6 lineman in the second round (35th overall) of the 1974 NFL Draft. Keith would go on to play his entire 14-year career in San Francisco and win two Super Bowls, including the franchise's first Lombardi Trophy in 1981. All the while, the thought of his younger brother ever joining him in the Bay Area seemed too

farfetched to even consider.

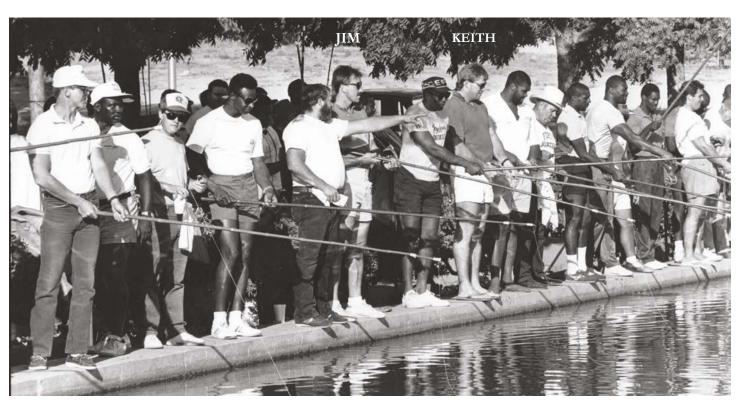
But Jim would indeed follow in Keith's footsteps, beginning with a college career at Minnesota. Jim made the permanent move to linebacker and was named First Team All-Big Ten in 1981. However, his collegiate stardom took a detour before translating into NFL success.

The Minnesota Vikings drafted Jim in the fourth round (92nd overall) in the 1982 NFL Draft, but didn't make a compelling offer. Jim opted to turn down the contract. The Vikings still owned his rights for two years, which forced him to shift his focus towards the USFL. Jim played for the Chicago Blitz in 1983 and the Arizona Wranglers in 1984.

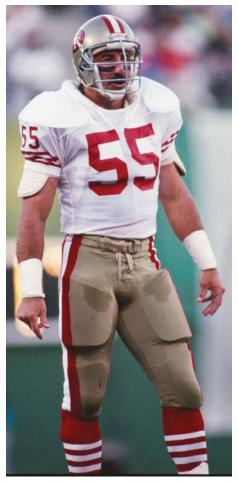
Jim was finally able to test NFL free agency in the summer of 1984 following the USFL's winter-to-spring season. Unbeknownst to Keith, the 49ers planned on making a move to sign Jim. A reasonable contract coupled with the allure of playing with his brother made it an easy decision.

"It was a no-brainer," Jim said, recalling his decision to join Keith with the 49ers.

San Francisco added Jim to the roster in the heart of training camp. That







meant there wasn't much time to revel in the magnitude of what was taking place – two brothers, separated by seven years, playing on the same team at the highest level of football.

Instead, Jim was too busy trying to play catch-up before his first NFL campaign.

"It was more surreal than anything," he reminisced. "When Bill Walsh called the team together after one practice I remember looking around at all the talent on the team. I remember thinking, "What the hell am I doing here?" It was just a great feeling at the time."

Reps in practice at the 49ers team facility replaced the childhood roughhousing in the backyard. Keith and Jim once again lined up across each other, this time as an NFL offensive tackle and linebacker, respectively.

"We ran into each other a few times at practice, but we had an understanding that we weren't going to try and make each other look bad," Jim said, downplaying their competitiveness. "It was kind of uncomfortable."

Keith must have missed that memo – or at least selectively forgotten. Such is life when you're the big bro.

"As much as I made sure he didn't get hurt, I also made sure he knew big brother was going to kick his butt," Keith said, not dissimilar to their dynamic as kids back in Minnesota. "I had to remind him of what the pecking order was."

A whirlwind training camp evolved into a championship season. Both brothers played integral roles in the 49ers quest for their second Super Bowl. Jim played in 14 games and recorded two interceptions as a rookie. Keith made his first Pro Bowl and was named All-Pro.

Unfortunately, a grueling year caught up with Jim. A week 15 contest against the Atlanta Falcons marked Jim's 37th game. That number included a 20-game run all the way to the USFL Championship with the Wranglers (as well as three preseason contests with the 49ers). He blew his knee out in Atlanta and was

forced to miss the rest of San Francisco's Super Bowl run.

After a 15-1 regular season, the 49ers downed the New York Giants in the Divisional Round and shutout the Chicago Bears in the NFC Championship Game.

But the win against Chicago was bittersweet for the Fahnhorst family. Amid the hoopla at Candlestick Park, Keith has a vivid memory of his injured brother. Jim was half celebrating the victory and half dwelling on the fact that he wouldn't be playing on Super Bowl Sunday.

"I went over to him," Keith shared, "gave him a hug and said, I love you, brother. We are going to enjoy this together even though you're hurt."

Keith's remorse was noticeable, but lasted only a brief moment. He remembered that Jim went on to win two more Super Bowls with the 49ers following his own retirement. In regards to championship rings, the pecking order is quantifiably out of place.

"I still don't think that's fair," Keith laughed begrudgingly.

Even though the brothers chose to take a modest approach towards their self-recognition, the numbers speak volumes: 21 combined seasons in San Francisco (four together), 275 games played, 198 starts and five Super Bowl rings. Those are impressive credentials for two guys who never put on another NFL jersey besides the 49ers red and gold.

Now Keith and Jim are both back in the greater Minneapolis area, each with growing family trees. They make sure to get together a few times each month. With grandkids running around, completely naïve to their grandfathers' football careers, the brothers will talk. It isn't reminiscing, per se, but more of an appreciation and understanding of what transpired in the Bay Area.

"We talk about those things, not in terms of specific games, but just the memories of what we were able to accomplish together," Keith said. "We were close before, and that will always keep us close."



THE YORK FAMILY AND EDDIE DEBARTOLO JR. PIONEER REVOLUTIONARY GOLDEN HEART FUND

By: Joe Fann

ooking back on it, Eddie DeBartolo Jr.'s Hall of Fame speech foreshadowed what was to come. Amid the heartfelt stories and well-timed jokes, it was DeBartolo's message to the NFL that served as the most poignant moment of his 27 minutes at the podium.

The San Francisco 49ers legendary

owner didn't mince words. His demand for the unification between the NFL and its players resonated throughout the capacity crowd in Canton, Ohio.

"Frankly, I believe we could use a little bit more of that sense of family in the NFL today," DeBartolo stated, resulting in a resounding applause and standing ovation from the audience at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. "I think we could use a little bit more of that sense of duty to one another, and that sense of responsibility for one another."

It should come as no surprise that De-Bartolo is now serving as one of the pioneers to his own vision. His bold words last August turned into action just a few months later. On Dec. 16, DeBartolo and the 49ers unveiled the Golden Heart Fund: A charitable fund by 49ers alumni to assist other former players during times of need.

The Golden Heart Fund will initially be directed by an alumni board consisting of offensive tackle Harris Barton, linebacker Ron Ferrari, tight end Brent Jones, and Pro Football Hall of Fame safety Ronnie Lott who helped to spearhead the initiative and laid the groundwork through his All Stars Helping Kids Foundation.

"Make no mistake, history has its eyes on all of us. It's about the respect and the gratitude that we give these athletes, who have given their all to this game," DeBartolo also said during his speech in Canton. "We've got to do all we can to look after one another and take care of one another. Not just when the uniform is on, but when the uniform comes off, too."

In appreciation of the enormous contributions 49ers alumni have made to the organization throughout its 70-year existence, the York family and DeBartolo Jr. each have pledged one million dollars to support the Golden Heart Fund. In addition, the team has committed to donate onehalf of proceeds from the sale of 49ers Museum presented by Sony tickets to support the fund.

The proceeds will help aid the fund in providing relief for disadvantaged and distressed former players and their families nationwide. The fund will support mental and physical health issues, disaster relief, personal financial hardship and more.

"The 49ers family extends well beyond the football field, which is why supporting the Golden Heart Fund is a priority for our organization," 49ers CEO Jed York said. "We have a deep-rooted sense of duty to sup-

port our alumni who have provided so much to our storied franchise and our Faithful fans. Family is there for one another in times of need and the formation of the fund will ensure our former players are cared for well into the future. What makes this program so special is that it is an alumni-led project that Harris, Ron, Brent, and Ronnie have championed and brought to fruition."

The fund's board will be in charge of the confidential process of evaluating and approving potential recipients of resources from the Golden Heart Fund. Alumni will apply for assistance directly to the Golden Heart Fund.

There's still much work to be done, but as Barton pointed out, this effort is just another chapter in the organization's longtime priority of caring for its players.

"The San Francisco 49ers have always had a strong passion in assisting current and former players in all areas of their lives, and with the formalization of the Golden Heart Fund, that tradition continues," Barton said. "This fund will support our alumni as well as current and future 49ers through many of life's unforeseen circumstances by providing assistance in times of need.

"We're thankful for the support the 49ers organization has given us as we begin our work with the Golden Heart Fund, and look forward to giving back to those who have paved the path for so many players fortunate enough to wear the red and gold."













The National Football League recognizes the enormous contributions former players have had in the development and success of America's favorite sport -- NFL football. To acknowledge and express appreciation for their contributions, the NFL Owners, in partnership with the NFL Players Association, Pro Football Hall of Fame, and the NFL Alumni Association, created the NFL Player Care Foundation (PCF) in September 2007.

PCF is administered by a board of six directors. The National Football League, NFL Players Association, Pro Football Hall of Fame and the NFL Alumni Association each nominated a director and there also are two outside directors with expertise in foundation management and social welfare issues.

PCF is an independent organization dedicated to helping retired players improve their quality of life. PCF addresses all aspects of life – medical, emotional, financial, social and community, providing programs and assistance in each area. For more information about PCF, 800-NFL-GOAL (800-635-4625) OR 954-639-4584.

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The 88 Plan is designed to assist players who are vested under the Bert Bell/Pete Rozelle NFL Player Retirement Plan ("Retirement Plan") and who are determined to have dementia, as this condition is defined in the 88 Plan.

The 88 Plan will pay the cost of medical and custodial care for eligible players, including institutional custodial care, institutional charges, home custodial care provided by an unrelated third party, physician services, durable medical equipment, and prescription medicine.

For eligible players who are institutionalized as an in-patient, the maximum annual benefit is \$88,000. For eligible players who are not institutionalized as an in-patient, the maximum annual benefit is \$50,000.

88 Plan benefits may be paid on behalf of an eligible player even if that player is also receiving total and permanent ("T&P") disability benefits from the Retirement Plan, but only if he is in the "Inactive" category. Players receiving T&P disability benefits from the Retirement Plan in the "Active Football," "Active Nonfootball," and "Football Degenerative" categories cannot also receive the 88 Plan benefit. For players who convert, or have converted to retirement benefits from those three T&P categories, an offset applies that may or may not eliminate 88 Plan benefits.

For more information contact NFL Player Benefits Department at 1-800-NFL-GOAL (1-800-635-4625).

NFL TIPE

In 2012, the National Football League provided a grant to establish the NFL Life Line for members of the NFL family – current and former NFL players, coaches, team and league staff, and their family members who may be in crisis. The NFL Life Line is a free, confidential, and independently operated resource that connects callers with trained counselors who can help individuals work through any personal or emotional crisis. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Individuals can simply call (800) 506-0078 or chat online to be connected with a counselor. These caring professionals are trained to understand the specific issues that may arise during or after a professional career in football, as well as a variety of general problems that can affect anyone. No confidential information about individual calls or callers is shared with the NFL, teams, or any other organization. They're there to listen and assist callers in finding solutions in challenging times, provide support for individuals who are calling out of concern for somebody else, and can connect callers with programs and resources offered by the NFL and other organizations. Federal evaluations of hotlines similar to this service have shown that they can effectively reduce emotional distress and suicidal thinking in callers.

THE 49ERS REMEMBER



FRANK CASSARA

Frank Cassara, who played one season with the 49ers (1954), passed away on January 11, 2017, at the age of 88. A St. Mary's College product, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1951 and served

in the Korean war before entering the NFL with the 49ers in 1954. Cassara is survived by his wife Dolores and sons Frank, Patrick as well as daughter Debbie.



BRUCE DEHAVEN

DeHaven, who coached in the NFL for three decades, spent three seasons with the 49ers as a special teams coordinator from 2000-02. During DeHaven's time with the 49ers, returner Jimmy Williams compiled an NFL-leading 16.8-yard punt return average in 2002, and punter Jason

Baker earned all-rookie honors in 2001. Born in Trousdale, Kansas, DeHaven played basketball and ran track at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. DeHaven is survived by his wife, Kathy, and two children, Toby Scott and AnnieMaude.



LEON DONOHUE

Donohue, a ninth round (118th overall) draft choice by the 49ers in the 1961 NFL draft, spent three seasons (1962-64) in San Francisco, appearing in 42 games with 30 starts. After a stellar rookie season, Donohue was named to the 1962 All-Rookie team. A native of Star City, AR, Donohue made his way to San Jose State as a star football and basketball player from San Jose's James Lick High School.

After retiring from professional football, Donohue

was a successful community college football and wrestling coach at Shasta College. In 16 seasons as a head football coach, Donohue won four conference championships. One of the wrestlers he coached was Greg Gibson, a 1984 Olympic Games silver medal winner in Greco-Roman wrestling.

Donohue is survived by his wife, Judy; daughters Kerry Jessen, Linda Burmester and Janet Demsher; and brothers Al Donohue and Jeff Donohue.



GEORGE MADEROS

George Maderos, who spent two years with the 49ers (1955-56), passed away on February 2nd, 2017, at the age of 83. Originally selected by the 49ers in the 21st round (250th overall) of the 1955 NFL Draft,

Maderos spent two season with San Francisco appearing in 20 games and registering four interceptions and one fumble recovery. Maderos is survived by his wife, Debbie, two sons, Matt and Clint, and two granddaughters, Lana and Mattie.



CLAY MATTHEWS

Matthews, a 25th round (247th overall) draft choice by the Los Angeles Rams in the 1949 NFL Draft, passed away March 23rd, 2017, at the age of 88. He spent four seasons with San Francisco (1950, 1953-55), appearing in 45 games and registering one interception. After spending his rookie season of 1950 with the 49ers, he went on to spend two

years (1951-52) in the United States Army where he served in the Korean War. Matthews was the first of three generations to play in the National Football League. His two oldest sons, Bruce and Clay Jr., each spent 19 seasons in the NFL. Three of Bruce's sons, Jake, Kevin and Mike, and two of Clay Jr.'s sons, Clay III and Casey, either have spent time or currently play in the NFL.



FRED QUILAN

Fred Quilan, who played all 10 seasons of his NFL career with the 49ers (1978-87), passed away on September 12th, 2016, at the age of 60. Originally selected by the 49ers in the seventh round (175th overall) of the 1978 NFL Draft, Quilan appeared in 143 games (129 starts) in the

regular season in addition to 11 career playoff games (10 starts) during his 10-year career in San Francisco. Quilan was named to consecutive Pro Bowls in 1984 and 1985 and was a member of the 49ers Super Bowl XVI and Super Bowl XIX championship teams.



KONRAD REULAND

Konrad Reuland, who spent the 2011 season as part of the 49ers practice squad, passed away on December 12, 2016, at the age of 29. Reuland originally entered the NFL as an undrafted free agent in 2011

with the 49ers. In addition to San Francisco, Reuland spent two seasons with the New York Jets (2012-13) and one season (2015) with the Baltimore Ravens. After Reuland's death, per his wishes, his organs were

donated. His kidney went to a Southern California woman in her 60s, his liver went to a male in his 50s

and, most notably, his heart and other kidney went to Baseball Hall of Famer Rod Carew.



LARRY ROBERTS

Larry Roberts, a two-time Super Bowl champion (XXIII & XXIV) with the 49ers passed away on December 5th, 2016 at the age of 53. Roberts was selected in the second round (39th overall) of the 1986 NFL Draft and played all eight seasons of his NFL career as a member of the 49ers (1986-93). Roberts

appeared in 89 games (34 starts) in the regular season in addition to 12 career playoff games (three starts) during his eight-year career in San Francisco. Roberts registered 5.5 sacks as a rookie in 1986, tied LB Charles Haley for the team lead with 7.0 sacks in 1991, and finished his NFL career with 28.0 total sacks.



LEN ROHDE

Rohde, a 5th round (59th overall) draft choice by the 49ers in the 1960 NFL Draft, spent 15 seasons with San Francisco (1960-74), appearing in 208 games (173 starts), the most among 49ers offensive linemen and tied for the third-most regular season appearances in franchise history. A 1971 Pro Bowl selection and 1974 Len Eshmont Award winner,

Rohde was part of an offensive line that helped QB John Brodie register a 9.14 yards per pass attempt average in 1961, the highest in team history. Following his playing days, Rohde became involved in the restaurant industry. In addition, he was also part of three generations of farmers who produced Templeton Olive Oil.



JIMMY THOMAS

Jimmy Thomas, who spent five seasons (1969-73) with San Francisco, passed away on June 6, 2017. Originally a sixth round (146 overall) selection by the 49ers in the 1969 NFL Draft, Thomas appeared in 63 games, playing both running back and wide receiver. Thomas rushed for 824 yards and four touchdowns on 165 carries, while adding 67 catches for 923 yards and eight touchdowns. An MVP wide

receiver at Texas-Arlington, Thomas was the oldest of three brothers to play in the National Football League with Mike Thomas suiting up for the Washington Redskins and the San Diego Chargers (1975-80) followed by Earl Thomas who played for the Chicago Bears, St. Louis Cardinals and Houston Oilers (1971-76). Thomas went on to serve as the first black assistant football coach at TCU.

SOTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1967 TEAM

The 1967 San Francisco 49ers finished the season with a 7-7 record. QB John Brodie guided the 49ers offense as he threw for 2,013 yards and 11 touchdowns, while RBs Ken Willard (510 yards rushing and five touchdowns) and John David Crow (479 yards rushing and two touchdowns) paced San Francisco's

ground attack. On the defensive side of the ball, DB Kermit Alexander led the team with five interceptions. Following the season, G Howard Mudd and LB Dave Wilcox each earned First-Team All-Pro honors, while Mudd and C Bruce Bosley were both selected to the Pro Bowl.





FOOTBALL, FOOD AND FAITHFUL 49ERS FANS

By: Joe Hession

n a simpler time, the San Francisco 49ers practiced on a pair of 50- to 60-yard football fields at a busy public park in a working-class Redwood City neighborhood. One end of the field was natural grass, the other end was artificial turf.

"We couldn't practice deep passes because of that short field," Jerry Attaway, the 49ers physical development and strength coach recalled.

Joe Montana parked his sparkling new Mercedes alongside the Buicks and Chevys driven by retirees at the nearby senior center.

Bill Walsh refined the West Coast Offense on a blackboard in his second-floor office at 711 Nevada Street. Jerry Rice and Dwight Clark ran pass routes beneath the shade of towering redwood trees.

Team owner Edward DeBartolo maintained a small but plush office just inside the front door of the 49ers facility. "The neighbors could walk right in and say hello to him," recalled Jerry Walker, the team's public relations man during four Super Bowl seasons.

Press conferences were held in a 10x12 foot room, according to Walker, "that

wasn't much bigger than a jail cell. That was before we upgraded to a double-wide trailer."

Weight training took place in a space no larger than the media room. "A decent high school football program probably had a bigger weight room," Attaway said. "But that didn't matter. It was about work ethic and dedication and those players had that."

The public enjoyed easy access to Red Morton Park. Little league baseball, Pop Warner football, youth soccer and local swim teams all utilized the site. Security was non-existent.

"One thing I remember was the

kids," receiver Dwight Clark recalled. "There was always some type of baseball or soccer practice going on. And you could hear the kids yelling and having fun at the pool next door."

Meanwhile, the 49ers used the facility to create a championship culture, prepare for two Super Bowls, and host a slew of future Pro Football Hall of Famers. Walsh, DeBartolo, Rice, Montana, Ronnie Lott, Charles Haley, Fred Dean and Steve Young were visible presences in Redwood City during the championship years. Older veterans enshrined at Canton, like Joe Perry, Bob St. Clair, Dave Wilcox and Jimmy Johnson also passed through the Redwood City facility, which the 49ers began using in the mid-1950s.

During their 30 years at Red Morton Park, the 49ers maintained a distinctly home-town feel for the local folks. Two burly wooden signs were erected on El

Camino in the 1980s proclaiming Redwood City as the home of the World Champion San Francisco 49ers. Fans gathered to watch practice. School-age kids waited patiently near the car parking area for their favorite players to sign autographs.

After a rough day at practice, players often retreated to local restaurants. Redwood City's Canyon Inn offered rest, relaxation and hearty food to the 49ers hungry players, coaches and front office personnel. It quickly became a second home to team members after 49ers executive John McVay struck up a conversation with Tim Harrison, the Canyon Inn's owner, prior to the 1981 season.

"John McVay was in here one night and I told him I'd like to support the team by having a rally at the restaurant," said Harrison. "He said, That sounds like a job for R.C."

R.C. Owens was the club's executive assistant, community organizer, alumni director and all-around good guy. The former star receiver teamed with quarterback Y.A. Tittle in the 1950s to provide the 49ers with one of the NFL's premier deep threats. R.C. politely informed Harrison, that to get the players to show up for a rally he'd probably have to give them something. Free food was the obvious enticement.

"The 49ers were struggling a little back then," Harrison said. "They went 2-14 (1978), 2-14 (1979) and 6-10 (1980). I was trying to be a good neighbor and help them out."





top: Coaches McKittrick, Hecker and Wyche signing autographs at the Canyon Inn

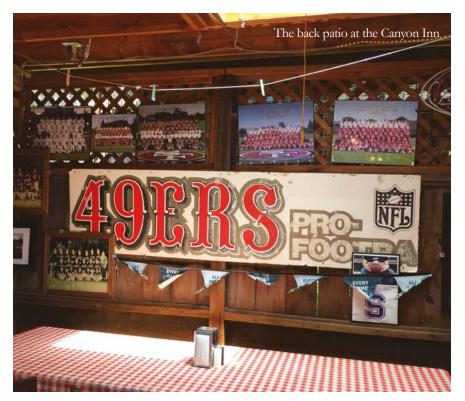
above: Dwight Clark signing autographs at the Canyon Inn



bottom right: Free Meal Cards issued to players from the Canyon Inn

left: Bill Walsh and Ronnie Lott at 711 Nevada on Draft Day in 1981









Owens and Harrison worked out a deal whereby players, coaches and staff members would get a free burger after a 49ers victory. Harrison went so far as to make up identification cards with each player's name and uniform number.

The 49ers opened the 1981 campaign with a loss at Detroit. "I didn't really think I'd be giving out a lot of free food that year," Harrison recalled. Then in week two they beat the Chicago Bears, 28-17, at Candlestick Park. Montana fired touchdown passes to Ricky Patton, Charle Young and Freddie Solomon. Harrison drove to work on Monday wondering if any players would show up for their free burger.

"They were lined up at the door," Harrison said. "Some guys were still in their sweats from practice."

And a tradition was born. The 49ers went on to win 16 games that season and captured their first Super Bowl championship. The Canyon Inn became the 49ers personal kitchen and dining room.

"The linemen really enjoyed that place," Walker said. "Randy Cross, Keith Fahnhorst, John Ayers. They liked eating there." They were often joined by their offensive line coach Bobb McKittrick. He brought along assistant coaches Sam

Wyche and Norb Hecker.

Linebacker Jack "Hacksaw" Reynolds was another notable patron. "He liked to have a double cheeseburger smothered in hot sauce," Harrison said. "We would just give him a whole bottle of Tabasco sauce." Harrison eventually created a menu item called the "Hacksaw Burger" in honor of Reynolds. It's still on the menu.

Offering free food to hungry football players may seem like a bad business decision, but in reality it provided a boost in burger sales. Once local fans realized that the Super Bowl champion 49ers frequented the Canyon Inn, business took off. In fact, the day after catching the Joe Montana pass that beat Dallas in the 1981 NFC Championship game, wide receiver Dwight Clark was standing in line at the Canyon Inn waiting for his meal.

"Tim (Harrison) was incredibly generous to the players," Clark recalled. "When we won a game, there was no limit on the free food."

"Some guys ate there every day," Walker said. "Even a couple of times a day. Tim never really checked the ID cards."

One player who had his ID thoroughly scrutinized was running back Bill Ring. A local favorite, who played prep

football at Belmont's Carlmont High School, Ring enjoyed a six-year career with the 49ers. Team programs of the era listed him as 5-foot-10 and 200 pounds, but that was considered a stretch.

"At 49ers games, I often heard the name Bill Ring," Harrison said. "On kickoffs and special teams the announcer would say, 'Bill Ring in on the tackle.' One day a guy comes in with his date and he's a little guy, his head is barely over the counter. He orders a burger and hands me the card that says Bill Ring. I told him that only the players could use the cards for a free burger. And he said 'I'm Bill Ring.' I felt bad because he was with a date, but he looked like an average guy. I couldn't believe he was a player."

Over time Harrison gathered an eclectic mix of 49ers memorabilia, letters and team pictures, most of it still displayed on the walls of the eatery. The Canyon Inn resembles a mini-museum and shrine to the 49ers as much as a restaurant.

"Those were good days," Harrison said of the 1980s-era clubs. "The 49ers were like family. Many of them still are. Players pop in every once in awhile: Ray Wersching, Bill Ring, Roger Craig, Dwaine Board."

And their free meal cards are still valid.



THE EDWARD J. DEBARTOLO, SR. 49ERS HALL OF FAME

The Edward J. DeBartolo, Sr. 49ers Hall of Fame was created in 2009 in honor of the patriarch of one of the most storied franchises in all of professional sports. The Hall of Fame recognizes players, coaches and executives who have displayed one-or-more of the following qualifications: Outstanding production and performance on the field, key contributions to the team's success, and/or the embodiment of the spirit and essence of the San Francisco 49ers.

To open the 2009 season, Edward J. DeBartolo became the inaugural inductee into the 49ers Hall of Fame. At that season's alumni weekend, members of the 49ers family who had already been selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, or who had already had their jersey numbers retired by the 49ers organization, were automatically enshrined in the team's Hall of Fame.

In 2010, Jerry Rice, as well as Tony and Vic Morabito were

inducted. The 2011 class included Roger Craig and R.C. Owens, with Gordy Soltau joining the esteemed group the following year. In 2013, John McVay was added to the exclusive club, followed by another iconic 49ers head coach, George Seifert, in 2014. Most recently, Charles Haley was inducted into the 49ers Hall of Fame in 2015, following his enshrinement in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Inductees of The Edward J. DeBartolo, Sr. 49ers Hall of Fame are both selected and confirmed by 49ers team ownership, which includes the option to nominate up to two candidates each season. San Francisco ownership also uses the recommendation of a selection committee composed of designated media members and 49ers officials. Each year, ownership has the option to recognize a former member of the organization who has displayed one-or-more of the necessary qualifications for induction into the 49ers Hall of Fame.

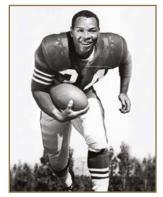
CLASS OF 2009

OWNER EDWARD DEBARTOLO JR. (1977-2000)



DeBartolo is widely regarded as one of the most successful owners in the history of professional sports after taking over the 49ers in 1977. In 23 years at the helm, he guided the 49ers to a 22-11 post-season record and 13 division titles as San Francisco became the first franchise in NFL history to win five Super Bowl Championships (1981, '84, '88, '89 and '94).

FB JOE PERRY (1948-60, 63)



Perry was the first player in NFL history to gain 1,000 yards in two consecutive seasons. His 9,723 rushing yards placed him second only to Jim Brown when he retired. Perry finished his career with 12,505 combined yards. Nicknamed "The Jet" because of his quick starts. Born January 22, 1927, in Stevens, AR.

DT LEO NOMELLINI (1950-63)



Nomellini was the first ever draft choice after the 49ers joined the NFL. He played in every 49ers game for 14 seasons and had 10 trips to the Pro Bowl. Nomellini played in 266 contests. "The Lion" became one of the few to be named to an All-NFL team on both offense and defense. Born June 19, 1924, in Lucca, Italy.

RB HUGH MCELHENNY (1952-60)



McElhenny was one of only three players to gain more than 11,000 yards carrying the ball. He scored 60 career touchdowns, 38 rushing, including a 42-yard touchdown run on his first pro play in preseason. Born December 31, 1928, in Los Angeles, CA.

CLASS OF 2009 (continued)

QB Y.A. TITTLE (1951-60)



Tittle finished his career with 33,070 passing yards and 281 touchdowns (39 rushing). He won the NFL MVP Award in 1961 and 1963. Tittle threw 33 touchdown passes and a career-high 3,224 yards in 1962. Born October 24, 1926, in Marshall, TX.

FB JOHN HENRY JOHNSON (1954-56)



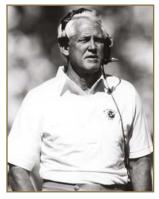
Johnson was a member of "The Million Dollar Backfield" and "The Fabulous Foursome." He gained 6,803 yards rushing, including 48 touchdowns. Born November 24, 1929, in Waterproof, LA.

T BOB ST. CLAIR (1953-63)



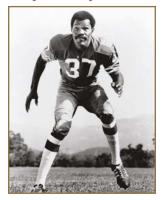
St. Clair was known to be an exceptional offensive lineman. He also played goal line defense and blocked 10 field goals in 1956. St. Clair once lost five teeth when blocking a punt. He earned All-NFL honors three times and made five Pro Bowl Appearances. Born February 18, 1931, in San Francisco, CA.

HEAD COACH BILL WALSH (1979-88)



Walsh led "The Team of the '80s" to three Super Bowl titles (XVI, XIX, XXIII) in 10 years. He compiled a .617 winning percentage with a 102-63-1 mark. Notorious for his reputation as an outstanding offensive coach, Walsh developed the "West Coast Offense." Born November 30, 1931, in Los Angeles, CA.

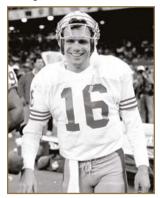
CB JIMMY JOHNSON (1961-76)



Johnson began his 49ers career as a defensive back, moved to offense, then stayed at defensive back in his third season. Johnson intercepted 47 passes for 615 yards. As a receiver in 1962, he caught 34 passes for 627 yards and four touchdowns. Recognized as one of the best manto-man defenders in NFL history, Johnson played in five Pro Bowls and twice won the prestigious Len Eshmont Award, selected by his

teammates for inspirational play. He was born March 31, 1938, in Dallas, TX.

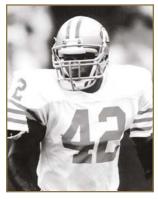
QB JOE MONTANA (1979-92)



Montana, a third-round pick out of Notre Dame in 1979 was considered undersized with questionable arm strength, yet retired with the highest QB rating (92.3) in NFL history. He led 31 fourth-quarter comebacks, including 92-vard game-winning drive in the closing moments of Super Bowl XXIII. Montana also led the 49ers to four Super Bowl Championships in the 1980s and was a

three-time Super Bowl MVP. Montana played in eight Pro Bowls and ranks among the all-time leaders in passing yards (40,551) and touchdowns (273).

DB RONNIE LOTT (1981-90)



Lott, a former USC star, was the eighth overall pick in the 1981 draft. He was an All-Pro cornerback before switching to safety in the mid-80s. Lott played corner in first two Super Bowl wins, safety in last two. Lott ranks fifth on the all-time interceptions list (63) and first with nine postseason interceptions. Lott played in 10 Pro Bowls and was the defensive leader of San Francisco's

first four Super Bowl championship teams. He was named to Pro Football Hall of Fame's 1980s All-Decade Team.

CLASS OF 2009 (continued)

LB DAVE WILCOX (1964-74)



Wilcox, a third-round pick out of Oregon in 1964, was excellent in every phase of linebacking play. Wilcox's coaches nicknamed him "The Intimidator" for his aggressive style of play. Wilcox was a master at shedding blocks and shutting down the run. Rams QB Roman Gabriel once said of Wilcox, "He plays outside linebacker the way Dick Butkus plays middle linebacker." Wilcox started in two

NFC Championship Games and played in seven Pro Bowls.

QB STEVE YOUNG (1987-99)



Young stands as one of the most proficient passers in NFL history with a 96.8 quarterback rating. He threw 232 regular season touchdown tosses (17th all-time) and rushed 3,581 yards during his years at Tampa Bay (1985-86) and San Francisco (1987-99). He ranks 19th all-time with 33,124 yards passing and second in league history for rushing yardage by a quarterback with 4,239 yards. Young was a

two-time NFL Most Valuable Player (1992 & 1994), Super Bowl XXIX MVP in 1994 and was named to the Pro Bowl seven consecutive years (1992-98).

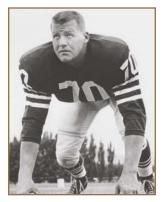
DE FRED DEAN (1981-1985)



Early in the 1981 season, Dean was traded to the San Francisco 49ers where he continued to demonstrate his extraordinary talent. He contributed 12 sacks in 11 games for the 49ers en route to the team's first Super Bowl victory. Dean played in three NFC Championship Games and in two of San Francisco's Super Bowl victories (Super Bowls XVI and XIX). He earned all-conference honors four

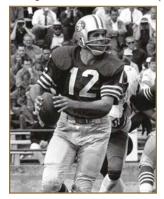
times - twice with the Chargers and twice with the 49ers. Dean was also named to four Pro Bowls (1980-1982, 1984) and selected All-Pro twice (1980-1981).

DT CHARLIE KRUEGER (1959-1973)



Krueger was drafted in the first round (9th overall pick) in 1958 by the 49ers out of Texas A&M. He was a two-time Pro Bowl selection (1960, 1964) and three-time All-Pro (1960, 1965, 1966) who anchored the defensive line for San Francisco during his 15 seasons. Born January 28, 1937, in Caldwell, TX.

QB JOHN BRODIE (1957-1973)



Brodie holds the team record with 17 years of service, ranking second in team history with 31,548 passing yards and third with 214 touchdown passes after being drafted third overall by the 49ers in 1957. Guided the 49ers to back-to-back NFC Championship games in 1970 and 1971 while being named NFL MVP in 1970. Born August 14, 1935, in Menlo Park, CA.

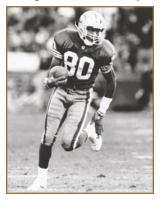
WR DWIGHT CLARK (1979-1987)



Clark was a two-time Super Bowl Champion (XVI, XIX), Pro-Bowler (1981-1982) first-team All-Pro (1982-1983), with 6,750 receiving yards and 48 touchdowns. Was the recipient of the winning touchdown pass from QB Joe Montana against the Dallas Cowboys in the 1982 NFC Championship Game. Born January 8, 1957, in Kinston, NC.

CLASS OF 2010

WR JERRY RICE (1985-2000)



Rice was a 13-time Pro Bowler and played for 20 seasons in the NFL, the first 14 of which were with the 49ers. At the time of his induction, he held 14 regular-season records and 11 Super Bowl records. Rice had 14, 1,000-yard seasons in his career, along with the highest number of career receptions with 1,549 and 208 touchdowns. He broke the 49ers all-time receptions record against Seattle in 1991, and

finished his career with just under three times the record. Born October 13, 1962, in Crawford, Mississippi.

FOUNDER TONY MORABITO (1946-1957) AND CO-OWNER VIC MORABITO (1950-1964)



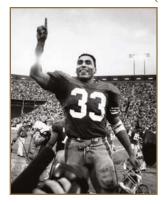


Tony Morabito established the Bay Area's first major league professional sports franchise when the 49ers played their first season in 1946. The brothers from San Francisco transitioned the team from an upstart in the All-America Football Conference to a major NFL franchise in 1950. They signed future Pro Football Hall of Famers Joe Perry, Hugh McElhenny, John Henry Johnson, Y.A. Tittle, Bob St. Clair, Leo Nomellini and Jimmy Johnson and also attracted the likes of R.C. Owens, John Brodie, Charlie Krueger, Billy Wilson and many other top talents during their tenure. After Tony's passing in 1957, Vic retained control of the organization until his own death in 1964. Throughout both the AAFC and the NFL, the 49ers went 128-110-6 during Tony and Vic Morabito's era (in-

cluding a trip to the AAFC Championship Game in 1949 and the NFC playoffs in 1957) and became one of the NFL's premier franchises.

CLASS OF 2011

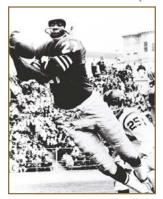
RB ROGER CRAIG (1983-1990)



An 11-year NFL veteran, Roger Craig spent eight seasons as a member of the 49ers after being drafted in the second round of the 1983 NFL Draft out of Nebraska. Known as a relentless competitor, Craig is one of the most versatile running backs to ever play the game, and in 1985, he became the first player in NFL history with 1,000 rushing yards and 1,000 receiving yards in the same season.

In eight seasons with the 49ers, Craig totaled 11,506 yards from scrimmage, which ranks second most in team history. He finished his NFL career with 8,189 rushing yards, 4,911 receiving yards and 73 total touchdowns, making the playoffs in each of his 11 seasons. The four-time Pro Bowler (1985, '87-89) and one-time All-Pro (1988) won three Super Bowl titles with the 49ers (Super Bowls XIX, XXIII and XXIV) and was named AP Offensive Player of the Year in 1988.

WR R.C. OWENS (1957-1961)



R.C. "Alley Oop" Owens, an eightyear NFL veteran, spent his first five seasons as a member of the 49ers, totaling 177 receptions for 2,939 yards and 20 touchdowns with San Francisco. His most productive year came in 1961 when he started all 14 games, caught 55 passes for 1,032 yards and scored five touchdowns. A former college basketball star, Owens transferred his skills over to the football field

and was notorious for out-leaping defensive backs for high arching passes from QB Y.A. Tittle. Thus, the origin of the term "Alley Oop" was created, and later became more well-known from its use in basketball. A free agent in 1962, Owens went on to play with the Baltimore Colts and New York Giants, before retiring following the 1964 season. After his playing career ended, Owens spent more than two decades working for the 49ers. In that time, he held various positions for the team, including Director of Training Camp and Director of Alumni Relations.

CLASS OF 2012

WR/K GORDY SOLTAU (1950-1958)



Gordy Soltau spent his entire nineyear NFL career as a member of the 49ers (1950-58), excelling as both a wide receiver and kicker. A three-time Pro Bowler (1951-53) and three-time All-Pro (1951-53), Soltau led the 49ers in scoring in eight of his nine seasons played, including an NFL-high in both 1952 and 1953. Upon his retirement in 1958, Soltau was the 49ers all-time leading scorer with 644 points. He

recorded 249 catches for 3,487 yards and 25 touchdowns, while converting 70 of 139 field goals for 303 points, during a career in which he missed just two games. Prior to attending college, Soltau served in an elite branch of the Navy - the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) - where he became one of the original frogmen during World War II.

CLASS OF 2013

VP AND GM JOHN MCVAY (1979-2003)

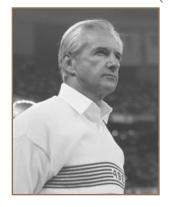


McVay played an integral role in the great success the franchise has achieved, helping to construct teams responsible for five Super Bowl victories. He joined the 49ers in 1979 as the team's Director of Player Personnel and went on to spend 21 seasons with the franchise. Among the many roles he filled throughout his tenure, he served as Vice President and General Manager from

1983-94 before retiring in 1995. McVay rejoined the 49ers in 1999 and served as Vice President/Direct of Football Operations through the 2003 season.

CLASS OF 2014

GEORGE SEIFERT (1980-1996)

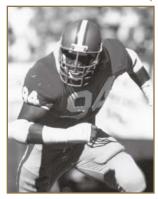


Spent 17 seasons with the 49ers after joining the franchise in 1980 as the team's secondary coach before being promoted to head coach in 1989. In his eight seasons as head coach of the 49ers, Seifert produced a 98-30 regular season record (.766) and collected two Super Bowl victories (XXIV, XXIX). Seifert is one of three coaches in NFL history to win a Super Bowl during his

rookie campaign. Born January 22, 1940, in San Francisco, CA.

CLASS OF 2015

CHARLES HALEY (1986-1991)



The first player in NFL history to have won five Super Bowl Championships (XXIII, XXIV, XX-VII, XXVIII, XXX). Originally drafted by the 49ers in the fourth round (96th overall) of the 1986 NFL Draft from James Madison University, he played two stints for the 49ers, re-joining the team in the 1998 postseason following five seasons with the Dallas Cowboys. He appeared in a to-

tal of 106 regular season games (63 starts) with San Francisco. During his 12-year NFL career, Haley was a five-time Pro-Bowler (1988, 1990-91, 1994-95), two-time First-Team All-Pro (1991, 1994) and was twice named NFC Defensive Player of the Year (1990, 1994). He finished with 100.5 career sacks, registering 10-or-more sacks six times during his career. He also either led or shared the team lead for sacks in each season he played for San Francisco, including 12 sacks as a rookie and a career-high and NFC-leading 16 sacks in 1990. His 66.5 sacks as a 49er rank second in franchise history. He also holds the Super Bowl record with 4.5 sacks and his 11 postseason sacks rank tied for fifth in NFL history. Born January 6, 1964, in Gladys, VA.

49ERS INDUCTED INTO OTHER

HALLS OF FAME



DAN BUNZ

SACRAMENTO SPORTS HALL OF FAME JANUARY, 2017



RIKI ELLISON

POLYNESIAN FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME JANUARY, 2017



CARMEN POLICY

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MICHAEL ROBINSON

VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME JUNE, 2017



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THE ED BLOCK COURAGE AWARD

The Ed Block Courage Award is named after Ed Block, the former head athletic trainer of the Baltimore Colts of 23 years. Block was a pioneer in his profession and a respected humanitarian whose most passionate cause was helping children of abuse. The award is presented in his name each year to the player that exemplified a commitment to sportsmanship and courage. Ed Block Courage Award winners from each of the 32 NFL teams are honored at a banquet in

Baltimore, MD. All proceeds from the event benefit the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation's Courage House National Support Network. Named after the NFL team in a respective NFL city, a Courage House is a facility that provides support and quality care for abused children and their families in that community. The 49ers dedicated their Courage House in October 2003 at the Edgewood House in San Francisco.

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1998	WR Jerry Rice
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2010	DT Justin Smith

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2013	C Jonathan Goodwin
2014	WR Kassim Osgood
2015	LB NaVorro Bowman
2016	DL Glenn Dorsey









THE BOBB MCKITTRICK AWARD

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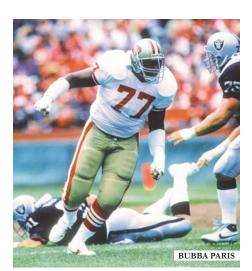
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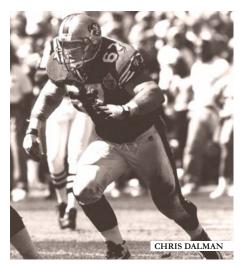
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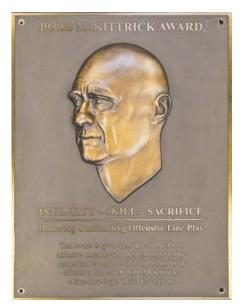
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THIS AWARD IS GIVEN ANNUALLY TO THE 49ERS OFFENSIVE LINEMAN WHO BEST EXEMPLIFIES THE DEDICATION, EXCELLENCE AND COMMITMENT OF OFFENSIVE LINE COACH BOBB MCKITTRICK, A FIVE-TIME SUPER BOWL CHAMPION.



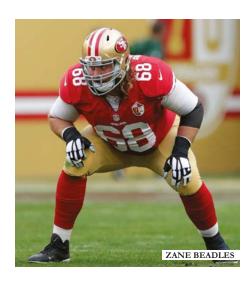






n 1999, the San Francisco
49ers, under the direction
of Bill Walsh, established
the Bobb McKittrick
Award. The award is
meant to honor those offensive linemen who have
best represented the courage, intensity and sacrifice displayed by
the late McKittrick during his 21 years
of service with the 49ers.

"Bobb gave distinguished service to the organization since our renaissance in 1979," Walsh said. "He was a vital factor in five Super Bowl championships, the evolution of a dynasty and in the production of some of the finest offensive linemen in football. Offensive linemen don't receive the recognition they so richly deserve. This gives us a venue to honor their sacrifices and achievements."





ALUMNI MEMORIES



























JOHN LYNCH

49ERS GENERAL MANAGER 1st NFL SEASON | 1st With 49ers

One of the most respected players to ever play the game of football, and a four-time finalist for the Pro Football Hall of Fame, John Lynch enters his first season as the team's General Manager following a 15-year playing career and more than eights season as an NFL analyst.

Lynch joined the 49ers in February of 2017 after serving as a color analyst for FOX Sports from 2009-16. In his final season of 2016 with FOX, he manned the number two broadcast crew alongside play-by-play announcer Kevin Burkhardt.

Prior to his time at FOX, Lynch constructed one of the alltime great NFL careers while with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1993-2003) and the Denver Broncos (2004-07). A four-time All-Pro and nine-time Pro Bowl selection, he played in 224 games (191 starts) and registered 1,277 tackles, 13.0 sacks, 26 interceptions, 16 forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries and

LYNCH'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Lynch is a member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Ring of Honor (2016) and the Denver Broncos Ring of Fame (2016).
- One of seven players in NFL history to make at least four Pro Bowls with multiple teams (Tampa Bay – 5; Denver -4).
- His nine Pro Bowl selections rank 2nd in NFL history among safeties, behind Pro Football Hall of Fame S Ken Houston (10).
- A four-time AP All-Pro selection (1999-2002), Lynch also won Super Bowl XXXVII as a member of the Buccaneers.
- Attended Stanford University (1989-92) where he played both football and baseball. He earned Second-Team All-American and First-Team All-Pac-10 Conference honors as a senior while playing for Hall of Famer and former 49ers head coach Bill Walsh.
- Selected in the second round (66th overall) of the 1992 Major League Baseball Draft by the Florida Marlins.
- In August of 2000, he and his wife, Linda, formed the "John Lynch Foundation" to provide "encouragement and positive alternatives for young people."

100 passes defensed. Lynch also started all 12 playoff games in which he appeared and tallied 71 tackles, two interceptions and 12 passes defensed. He was a Buccaneers team captain as the squad achieved the crown jewel of team sports, a victory in Super Bowl XXXVII, and has been inducted into the Ring of Honor in both Tampa Bay and Denver.

Lynch attended Stanford University where he excelled in both football and baseball. On the football field, he earned Second-Team All-American and First-Team All-Pac-10 Conference honors as a senior, while playing for Hall of Fame head coach Bill Walsh. Lynch was later selected in the third round (82nd overall) of the 1993 NFL Draft by Tampa Bay. Following his career on the diamond for the Cardinal, he was selected in the second round (66th overall) of the 1992 Major League Baseball Draft by the Florida Marlins.

In addition to his stellar play on the field, Lynch is also a pillar of the community. He and his wife, Linda, formed the John Lynch Foundation, which is committed to inspiring young people to become leaders through scholarship, sport participation and community involvement. The Foundation is committed to developing leaders by encouraging dreams, providing programs that assist and motivate, and recognizing achievement and excellence.

Lynch was the recipient of the 2006 Bart Starr Award, which is voted upon by players throughout the NFL and recognizes a player who shows outstanding character and leadership in the home, on the field and in the community. He was also presented with The Byron "Whizzer" White Award, which is given annually to the NFL player who serves his team, community and country in the spirit of Bryon Raymond White.

John and his wife, Linda, have four children – Jake, Lindsay, Lilly and Leah.





KYLE SHANAHAN

49ERS HEAD COACH 14th NFL SEASON | 1st with 49Ers

Kyle Shanahan was named the 20th head coach of the San Francisco 49ers on February 6, 2017, after spending the previous two seasons as the offensive coordinator of the Atlanta Falcons.

Shanahan has 13 seasons of coaching experience at the NFL level, including the past nine as an offensive coordinator for the Atlanta Falcons (2015-16), Cleveland Browns (2014), Washington Redskins (2010-13) and Houston Texans (2008-09). In six of his nine seasons as an offensive coordinator (2008-09, 2012-13 and 2015-16), Shanahan has directed an offense that ranked in the top 10 in the NFL in yards gained.

Following the 2016 season, Shanahan was named Associated Press Assistant Coach of the Year, Coordinator of the Year by *The Sporting News* and Assistant Coach of the Year by the Pro Football Writers of America after a record-setting performance by the Falcons offense en route to capturing the NFC South division title and an appearance in Super Bowl LI. Under Shanahan, the 2016 Falcons set franchise records in yards per game (415.8), points scored (540), net passing yards per game (295.3) and average yards per play (6.7).

Atlanta QB Matt Ryan, who was named Associated Press Most Valuable Player, Associated Press Offensive Player of the Year, Most Valuable Player/Offensive Player of the Year by the Pro Football Writers of America and FedEx Air Player of the Year, threw for a single-season franchise record and career-high 4,944 passing yards and 38 touchdowns, ranking second in the NFL in both categories, in 2016. He led the NFL with a passer rating of 117.1 on the season and threw a career-low seven interceptions. WR Julio Jones recorded 83 receptions for 1,409 yards (17.0 average) and six touchdowns in 14 games played. His 1,409 receiving yards were the second-most in the NFL this past season. Both Jones and Ryan earned Associated Press First-Team All-Pro and 2017 Pro Bowl honors.

On the ground, Atlanta averaged 120.5 rushing yards per game and tallied 20 rushing touchdowns in 2016. RB Devonta Freeman registered 227 carries for a career-high 1,079 yards and 11 touchdowns, on his way to earning his second-consecutive Pro Bowl appearance.

In Shanahan's first year in Atlanta, the Falcons offense ranked seventh in the NFL, averaging 374.1 yards per game, ranked sixth with a 273.7 passing yards per game average and led the league in time of possession (32:19) in 2015. Julio Jones

led the NFL with a career-high 1,871 receiving yards, while notching a career-high 136 receptions to share the League high with the Steelers Antonio Brown. Jones' receiving yards marked the second-highest total in a single season in NFL history, behind WR Calvin Johnson's 1,964-yard performance in 2012.

Shanahan joined the Falcons after spending 2014 as offensive coordinator of the Cleveland Browns. That year, his offense averaged 324.6 total yards and 108.0 rushing yards per game. Under Shanahan's direction, RBs Isaiah Crowell and Terrance West combined to rush for 1,280 yards on 319 carries (4.0 average), while WR Andrew Hawkins posted career highs in receptions (63) and receiving yards (824).

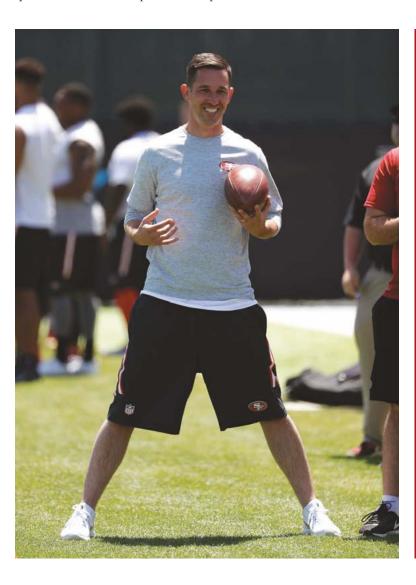
Prior to his stint in Cleveland, Shanahan spent four seasons (2010-13) as offensive coordinator of the Washington Redskins. In 2013, the Redskins finished ninth in the NFL in total offense (369.7) and fifth in rushing yards per game (135.3). Second-year QB Robert Griffin III threw for 16 touchdowns and a career-high 3,203 passing yards, while WR Pierre Garcon set a franchise record and led the NFL with 113 receptions for a career-high 1,346 yards. RB Alfred Morris also rushed for 1,200-or-more yards for the second-consecutive season (1,275).

The 2012 Redskins won the NFC East division championship as Washington became the first team in NFL history to register 3,400-or-more passing yards (3,422) and 2,700-or-more rushing yards (2,709) in the same season. Washington led the NFL, averaging 169.3 rushing yards per game and finished second in rushing touchdowns (22). Griffin won the 2012 Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year Award after setting NFL rookie records in passer rating (102.4), interception percentage (1.27), and rushing yards by a rookie quarterback (815). He completed 258 of his 393 passes (65.6 completion percentage) for 3,200 yards and 20 touchdowns. Fellow rookie Alfred Morris ranked second in the NFL with a single-season, franchise-record 1,613 yards and 13 touchdowns.

In 2011, Shanahan worked with QB Rex Grossman, who finished with the second-best statistical season of his career, having thrown for 3,151 yards, 16 touchdowns and a career-high 57.9 completion percentage. WR Santana Moss also had his best professional season in 2010 under Shanahan, notching a career-high 93 receptions for 1,115 yards and six touchdowns.

Before joining Washington, Shanahan spent four seasons (2006-09) with the Houston Texans, including the final two as the team's offensive coordinator. In 2009, he worked with QB Matt Schaub, who registered career highs in completions (396), completion percentage (67.9), passing yards (4,770), touchdowns (29) and passer rating (98.6). His completions and passing yard totals led the NFL that season. Additionally, WR Andre Johnson led the NFL in receiving yards in both 2008 (1,575) and 2009 (1,569) and led the NFL with 115 receptions in 2008. TE Owen Daniels registered career highs in both receptions (70) and receiving yards (862) with Houston in 2008. Shanahan spent his first season with Houston (2006) as the team's wide receivers coach and moved to coach the quarterbacks in 2007 prior to his promotion to offensive coordinator in 2008. He broke into the NFL with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2004 where he served as an offensive quality control coach for two seasons (2004-05). His first coaching experience came as a graduate assistant at UCLA in 2003.

Born December 14, 1979 in Minneapolis, MN, Shanahan played wide receiver at Duke University before transferring to the University of Texas in 2000, where he spent two seasons. He and his wife, Mandy, have three children - Stella, Carter and Lexi. Shanahan's father, Mike, who served as the 49ers offensive coordinator from 1992-94, was the head coach of the Denver Broncos (1995-2008) and the Washington Redskins (2010-13), where he accumulated an overall win total of 178 victories (eight postseason), including victories in Super Bowls XXXII and XXXIII.



SHANAHAN'S **GOLDEN NUGGETS**

- · Shanahan was named Assistant Coach of the Year by the Associated Press, Coordinator of Year by The Sporting News and Assistant Coach of the Year by the Pro Football Writers of America in 2016.
- In six of his nine seasons as an offensive coordinator (2008-09, 2012-13 and 2015-16), Shanahan's offense has ranked in the top 10 in the NFL in yards gained.
- Shanahan was 26 years old when was he named the wide receivers coach of the Houston Texans, becoming the youngest position coach in the NFL at that time. At 28 years old, he was named the offensive coordinator of the Texans and was the youngest coordinator in the NFL.
- Shanahan served as a ball boy for the 49ers when his father, Mike, was the offensive coordinator for the team from 1992-94. Mike helped guide the 49ers to a 49-26 victory in Super Bowl XXIX.

THE 2017 49ERS COACHING STAFF



ROBERT SALEH Defensive Coordinator



RICHARD HIGHTOWER Special Teams Coordinator



JON EMBREE Assistant Head Coach/ Tight Ends



JOHN BENTON Offensive Line



DANIEL BULLOCKS Assistant Defensive Backs



TAYLOR EMBREE Offensive Quality Control



JEFF HAFLEY Defensive Backs



JOHNNY HOLLAND Linebackers



STAN KWAN Assistant Special Teams



MIKE LAFLEUR Wide Receivers/ Passing Game Specialist



TEM LUKABU Defensive Quality Control



T.C. McCARTNEY Offensive Assistant



MIKE McDANIEL Run Game Specialist



VINCE OGHOBAASE Assistant Defensive Line



DEMECO RYANS Defensive Quality Control



RICH SCANGARELLO Quarterbacks



BOBBY SLOWIK Defensive Quality Control



ADAM STENAVICH Assistant Offensive Line



JASON TARVER Senior Defensive Assistant



ROBERT TURNER JR. Running Backs



JEFF ZGONINA Defensive Line



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DUSTIN PERRY Assistant Strength & Conditioning

THE 2017 DRAFT

TOM RATHMAN AND TAKEO SPIKES ANNOUNCE PICK

The 2017 NFL Draft, which had been held in Chicago each of the past two years, returned to Philadelphia, PA, for the first time since 1961, held at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Philadelphia's Ritz-Carlton Hotel served as the location of the first NFL Draft in 1936. The city also hosted the event in 1949-50, 1953-54, 1956 (Rounds 1-3) and 1957-61. Thirty-two former players from the NFL Legends Community, representing each team, were once again featured to announce specific selections throughout the Draft, including former 49ers third-round draft pick and longtime running backs coach, Tom Rathman, along with former 49ers LB Takeo Spikes.

Rathman was originally selected by the 49ers in the third round (56th overall) of the 1986 NFL Draft. In eight seasons with the club (1986-93), he played in 115 games (91 starts) and rushed for 1,902 yards and 26 touchdowns on 516 carries, while adding 294 receptions for 2,490 yards and eight touchdowns. A member of two Super Bowl Championship teams (Super Bowl XXIII & XXIV), Rathman also appeared in 14 postseason games (10 starts) and rushed for 287 yards and four touchdowns on 64 attempts to go along with 38 receptions for 327 and one touchdown.

Following his playing career, Rathman returned to the 49ers late in the 1996 season as the team's running backs/assistant tight ends coach. In 1997, he was named the team's running backs coach, a position he held for six seasons (1997-2002). After spending five seasons as the running backs coach for the Detroit Lions (2003-05) and the Oakland Raiders (2007-08), Rathman was named the 49ers running backs coach in 2009, a position he held for eight seasons (2009-16).

Spikes appeared in 47 games (44 starts) in three seasons with the 49ers (2008-10) after signing with the team as a free agent in August of 2008. He finished his 49ers career with 280 tackles, 16 passes defensed, six interceptions, five sacks, three fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles.





THE 2017 49ERS DRAFT PICKS



SOLOMON THOMAS
ROUND 1 \\ PICK 3
DEFENSIVE LINE
6-3 \\ 256 LBS.
COLLEGE: STANFORD



GEORGE KITTLE
ROUND 5 \\ PICK 146
TIGHT END
6-4 \\ 250 LBS.
COLLEGE: IOWA



REUBEN FOSTER
ROUND 1 \\ PICK 31
LINEBACKER
6-1 \\ 228 LBS.
COLLEGE: ALABAMA



TRENT TAYLOR

ROUND 5 \ PICK 177

WIDE RECEIVER

5-8 \ 178 LBS.

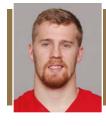
COLLEGE: LOUISIANA TECH



AHKELLO WITHERSPOON
ROUND 3 \\ PICK 66
CORNERBACK
6-3 \\ 195 LBS.
COLLEGE: COLORADO



D.J. JONES
ROUND 6 \\ PICK 198
DEFENSIVE LINE
6-0 \\ 321 LBS.
COLLEGE: MISSISSIPPI



C.J. BEATHARD
ROUND 3 \\ PICK 104
QUARTERBACK
6-2 \\ 215 LBS.
COLLEGE: IOWA



PITA TAUMOEPENU ROUND 6 \\ PICK 202 LINEBACKER 6-1 \\ 245 LBS. COLLEGE: UTAH



JOE WILLIAMS
ROUND 4 \ PICK 121
RUNNING BACK
5-11 \ 205 LBS.
COLLEGE: UTAH



ADRIAN COLBERT ROUND 7 \\ PICK 229 DEFENSIVE BACK 6-2 \\ 205 LBS. COLLEGE: MIAMI







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