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Seahawks signing veteran return man Devin Hester to help replace Tyler Lockett

By Bob Condotta, The Seattle Times

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Rams interview Panthers assistant as search for head coach takes shape

By Gary Klein, Los Angeles Times

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Larry Fitzgerald's teammates, coach giving him space to make decision on next season

By Josh Weinfuss, ESPN.com

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Lions to retain coach Jim Caldwell for 2017 season

By Michael Rothstein, ESPN.com

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Mario Williams to be cut by Miami Dolphins in the offseason

By Armando Salguero, Miami Herald

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Trend surfaces in Chargers' head-coach search

By Michael Gelhken, San Diego Union-Tribune

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Local Clips – Full Version

Source: 49ers will interview McVay, 30, NFL's youngest coordinator

By Eric Branch, San Francisco Chronicle

Washington offensive coordinator Sean McVay, the grandson of former 49ers executive John McVay, will interview for the 49ers' head-coach opening Monday, a source said.

McVay, 30, is the NFL's youngest coordinator, eight months younger than 49ers special teams coach Derius Swinton. McVay has spent the past seven seasons with Washington, coaching tight ends from 2010-13 before he was promoted to offensive coordinator.

He is also scheduled to interview with the Rams.

This season, Washington ranked third in the NFL in yards per game (403.4) and 12th in points (24.8). Quarterback Kirk Cousins ranked third in the league in passing yards (4,917) and seventh in passer rating (97.2). Cousins, a 2012 fourth-round pick, has thrown for 9,083 yards with 54 touchdowns and 23 interceptions since 2015.

John McVay earned five Super Bowl rings during his 20 seasons with the 49ers (1980-99).

49ers notes: Interviews set with McVay for head coach, Riddick, Raye for GM

By Matt Barrows, Sacramento Bee

SANTA CLARA -- No, the 49ers aren't going to rehire longtime team executive John McVay to help stabilize the flailing franchise, but they are considering the next-best thing.

Team officials have a Monday interview with Washington offensive coordinator Sean McVay – John's grandson – for their head-coach opening. The younger McVay is only 30 and would be the youngest head coach in NFL history. But he's viewed as a rising star, and the Los Angeles Rams also will interview him for their vacancy.

Under McVay, Washington quarterback Kirk Cousins threw for 4,917 yards – third most in the NFL – to go with 25 touchdowns and 12 interceptions. Cousins is scheduled to be a free agent in March.

John McVay, meanwhile, served in the 49ers' front office for more than two decades and was part of all five of the team's Super Bowl championships. During the 2016 season, the 49ers dedicated their draft room to McVay.

His grandson played wide receiver for Miami of Ohio. He got his NFL start under then-Buccaneers coach Jon Gruden in 2008 and has been under Jon's brother, Jay, in Washington for the past three seasons.

The 49ers also added new names in their search for a general manager – George Paton, who is second in command in the Minnesota Vikings personnel department; Louis Riddick, who has served in Washington and Philadelphia's personnel departments and is currently an analyst on ESPN; and Jimmy Raye III, who has been the Indianapolis Colts' vice president of football operations the past four seasons.

Paton has worked under Vikings general manager Rick Spielman for 10 seasons and also worked with Spielman in Chicago and Miami.

Raye, 48, who spent 17 years in the Chargers' personnel department, is the son of former 49ers offensive coordinator Jimmy Raye. The interview with the younger Raye is scheduled for next week.

Riddick, 47, got his NFL start with the 49ers when they drafted him as a safety out of Pittsburgh in 1991. He spent seven seasons with four teams, ending his career with the Raiders in 1998.

He became an NFL scout in 2001 with Washington and eventually moved to the Philadelphia Eagles in 2008. He was Philadelphia's director of pro personnel from 2010-13, at which point he joined ESPN.

Riddick's interview reportedly will take place next week in New York.

Earlier this week, Riddick said on ESPN the 49ers' head-coach opening was appealing because there also was a need for a general manager and the team was starting from scratch.

"They're really gonna let you build it, and put in the foundation, and then let everything build and rise from there," Riddick said. "Which to me, even though it's a daunting task given the fact that personnel-wise this roster has been depleted, I like the situation that is coming to bear in San Francisco."

As a member of the media, Riddick has been prolific on Twitter, last month praising Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, who notably is a candidate to be San Francisco's next head coach. Riddick also is on the record as saying quarterback Colin Kaepernick is "not one of those quarterbacks who was ever being thought of around the league as being a franchise quarterback."

The 49ers plan to interview Packers personnel executives Eliot Wolf and Brian Gutekunst on Thursday in Green Bay. The 49ers have requested to speak with New England director of player personnel Nick Caserio, a meeting that could take place Saturday after they talk to McDaniels about their head-coach opening. Two Seahawks executives, Trent Kirchner and Scott Fitterer, are expected to visit with the team next week.

As far as their coaching search, the 49ers are expected to meet with Dolphins defensive coordinator Vance Joseph, someone the team has been interested in hiring since the 2015 offseason.

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By Matt Maiocco, CSNBayArea.com

The 49ers are scheduled to interview Minnesota assistant general manager George Paton for their general manager position, a source told CSNBayArea.com.

Paton has worked 10 seasons with the Vikings under general manager Rick Spielman. Paton's duties including work in the pro scouting department and evaluating college prospects for the NFL draft.

Paton (pronounced Payton) has been considered a hot GM prospect for several years. He has reportedly turned down interview requests from the New York Jets, Miami Dolphins and Chicago Bears in the recent years.

He spent six seasons (2001-06) with the Miami Dolphins as director of pro personnel before joining the Vikings. Paton began his NFL career with the Chicago Bears, rising to assistant director of pro personnel in 2000.

Paton, Indianapolis vice president of football operations Jimmy Raye III, Green Bay director of football operations Eliot Wolf and Green Bay director of player personnel Brian Gutekunst are confirmed to have interviews scheduled with 49ers CEO Jed York and Paraag Marathe, the team's chief strategy officer. ESPN analyst Louis Riddick is also expected to interview early next week.

On the head-coaching search, the 49ers will interview Anthony Lynn, Kyle Shanahan and Josh McDaniels before Sunday. Sean McVay and Vance Joseph will interview next week, depending on times when they can work it out on their schedules, according to sources.

49ers interviews

Wednesday: Anthony Lynn (coach)

Thursday: Brian Gutekunst (GM), Eliot Wolf (GM)

Friday: George Paton (GM), Kyle Shanahan (coach)

Saturday: Josh McDaniels (coach); Nick Caserio, TBD (GM)

TBA: Sean McVay (coach), Vance Joseph (coach), Louis Riddick (GM), Jimmy Raye III (GM)

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The 49ers will reportedly interview Indianapolis Colts vice president of football operations Jimmy Raye III for their general manager position.

Raye, 48, is scheduled to interview next week, reports the Sacramento Bee. He concluded his fourth season with the Colts and his 22nd year in the NFL, including 17 with the San Diego Chargers. He spent five seasons as the Chargers' director of player personnel.

His father, Jimmy Raye II, was a long-time NFL assistant coach who served as the 49ers' offensive coordinator under Mike Singletary in 2009 until he was fired after three games in 2010.

Raye was honored with the Fritz Pollard Alliance "Salute to Excellence" Award the past two years back-to-back years, recognizing minorities who display outstanding performance through the year on the field and in the front office of the National Football League.

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By Nick Wagoner, ESPN.com

San Francisco 49ers

Offensive lineman Zane Beadles

There isn't an obvious candidate in San Francisco who combined consistent production with availability all season, but Beadles comes the closest to checking both boxes. He played all 16 games and made starts at left tackle, left guard and center, a position which he'd never played in a game before this season. Beadles wasn't dominant, but he was mostly solid and the ultimate team player in the midst of a difficult season.

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By Curtis Crabtree, ProFootballTalk.com

The San Francisco 49ers have a second interview lined up for their general manager position following the firing of Trent Baalke last weekend.

According to Tom Pelissero of USA Today, the 49ers are set to interview Minnesota Vikings assistant general manager George Paton on Friday.

Paton just completed his 10th season with the Vikings working under general manager Rick Spielman. Despite being a finalist for the St. Louis Rams general manager job in 2012, Paton has recently turned

down multiple interviews from interested teams for their general manager positions. He rejected overtures from the Miami Dolphins, New York Jets and Chicago Bears for their openings before electing to interview with the 49ers this year.

ESPN analyst Louis Riddick is expected to interview for the position next week.

Report: 49ers will interview Colts executive Raye

By Zac Jackson, ProFootballTalk.com

The 49ers will interview Colts executive Jimmy Raye III for their vacant general manager position, NFL Network reported Tuesday.

The report said the interview will take place this weekend.

Raye has 22 years of NFL experience, 17 in personnel and scouting with the Chargers. He's spent the last four seasons as the director of football operations with the Colts and has been heavily involved with the team's draft and college scouting process.

Raye had a short career as an NFL wide receiver, then was a quality control coach with the Chiefs before joining the Chargers as a scout in 1996.

Anthony Lynn interviewing with 49ers today

By Darin Gantt, ProFootballTalk.com

When Anthony Lynn meets with the 49ers, both sides can dust off their notes from last year's interviews.

Per Ian Rapoport of the NFL Network, the Bills interim coach is interviewing with the 49ers today for their head coaching vacancy.

Lynn interviewed with them last year to be head coach and then again to be offensive coordinator under Chip Kelly, so there ought to be some degree of familiarity .

Lynn has said his preference was to stay in Buffalo as the full-time head coach, but he's taking other interviews as well.