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Local Clips – Full Version

The Kyle Shanahan Effect: 7 Players Who Thrived under the 49ers Head Coach

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San Francisco 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan has received plenty of praise for being a prolific offensive mind in the NFL. But what has his impact been on specific players?

In this data-driven report, we looked back at a timeline of Shanahan's career as an offensive coordinator in the NFL and studied his impact on individual players. We found that many of the league's most recognizable names have enjoyed career seasons with Shanahan calling the plays. Below we included seven such players and detailed their time with Kyle Shanahan.

HOUSTON

ANDRE JOHNSON:

Season	Games	Receptions	Yards	Yards/Game	Touchdowns
2008	16	115*	1,585*	99.1	8
2009	16	101	1,569*	98.1*	9
Career Best *Led the NFL					

Seven-time Pro-Bowl wide receiver Andre Johnson played under Kyle Shanahan from 2006 to 2009 with the Houston Texans. When Shanahan was promoted to offensive coordinator in 2008, Johnson responded by posting the best two-year statistical stretch of his career.

In Shanahan's offense, Johnson led the league in receiving yards for two straight years—becoming the first NFL player to do so since Jerry Rice (1992-1993). He also topped 1,500 yards in back-to-back seasons, making him one of just five players since 2000 to accomplish the feat. Andre Johnson received First-Team All-Pro honors in 2008 and 2009.

MATT SCHAUB:

Season	Games	Completions	Passing Yards	Touchdowns	QB Rating
2008	11	251	3,043	15	92.7
2009	16	396*	4,770*	29	98.6
Career Best *Led the NFL					

During the same two-year window, Kyle Shanahan developed Matt Schaub into a Pro-Bowl quarterback.

Shanahan directed a pass-heavy offense with Schaub, who led the league in yards-per-game (298.0), pass attempts (583) and completions (396) in 2009. With 29 touchdowns and a quarterback rating of 98.6—both career highs—Schaub made his first Pro Bowl, where he would end up earning Offensive MVP honors.

WASHINGTON

ROBERT GRIFFIN III:

Season	Games	Passing Yards	Rushing Yards	Touchdowns	QB Rating
2012	15	3,200	815*	27	102.4
2013	13	3,203	489	16	82.2
Career Best *Led the NFL					

Kyle Shanahan moved to Washington in 2010 to serve as the offensive coordinator under his father, and head coach at the time, Mike Shanahan. In the 2012 NFL Draft, the team traded up to select quarterback Robert Griffin III with the No. 2 overall pick. "RGIII" ended up having a historic rookie season, setting an NFL rookie record for highest passer rating (102.4).

With Griffin under center, Kyle Shanahan's offense shifted towards a run-focused attack. The rookie quarterback threw for a modest 3,200 yards in 15 starts, but added 815 rushing yards to lead all NFL signal-callers. Griffin made the Pro Bowl and earned NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year honors.

ALFRED MORRIS:

Season	Games	Rush Attempts	Rushing Yards	Yards per Carry	Touchdowns
2012	16	335 [^]	1,613 [^]	4.8	13 [^]
2013	16	276	1,275	4.6	7
Career Best [^] Top 3 in NFL					

Washington drafted Alfred Morris in the sixth round of the 2012 NFL Draft. The running back would rush for 1,613 yards and 13 touchdowns in his rookie campaign, both of which were good for second in the league.

Morris went over 1,000 yards in each season under Shanahan. He also earned second-team All-Pro honors in 2012 and made the Pro Bowl both seasons.

ATLANTA

JULIO JONES:

Season	Games	Receptions	Yards	Yards per Game	Touchdowns
2015	16	136 [*]	1,871 [*]	116.9 [*]	8
2016	14	83	1,409	100.6 [*]	6
Career Best [*] Led the NFL					

Julio Jones had already established himself as a premier NFL wide receiver when Shanahan joined the Atlanta Falcons in 2015. Still, Jones posted career highs in targets (203), receptions (136) and receiving yards (1,871) in his first season under Shanahan. His 1,871 receiving yards are the second most in league history.

In 2016, Julio Jones remained dominant, leading the NFL in yards per game. The receiver earned First-Team All-Pro honors in each season under Shanahan.

DEVONTA FREEMAN:

Season	Games	Rush Attempts	Rushing Yards	Yards per Carry	Touchdowns
2015	15	265	1,056	4	11 [*]
2016	16	227	1,079	4.8	11
Career Best [*] Led the NFL					

In 2015, second-year running back Devonta Freeman had a breakout year in Shanahan's offense. The former fourth-rounder was integral to Shanahan's powerful offense in Atlanta, leading the league in carries and touchdowns. Freeman was also involved in the passing game, totaling 1,634 all-purpose yards on the year.

The following season, Freeman split backfield duties with Tevin Coleman and also became a more efficient rusher, averaging a healthy 4.8 yards per carry and topping 1,000 yards with 11 touchdowns for the second consecutive year. Freeman made the Pro Bowl in each season, earning Second-Team All-Pro honors in 2015.

MATT RYAN:

Season	Pass Attempts	Completions	Passing Yards	Touchdowns	QB Rating
2015	614	407	4,591	21	89
2016	534	373	4,944 [^]	38 [^]	117.1*
Career Best			*Led the NFL	[^] 2nd in the NFL	

Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan had a strong first season with Shanahan in 2015 with 4,591 passing yards and 21 touchdowns, but he evolved into an MVP-caliber quarterback the following year. Ryan led the NFL in quarterback rating (117.1) and was second in passing yards (4,944) and passing touchdowns (38). All of these stats were career-highs for Ryan and ultimately earned him the NFL's Most Valuable Player award for 2016.

Overall, Shanahan has consistently shown the ability to adapt to his teams' strengths, bring the best out of star players and continuously out-scheme opposing defenses. In four of his nine seasons as an OC, Shanahan led his team to a top-5 finish in regular season yards per game.

49ers running back among NFL players to pull out of 'goodwill' trip to Israel

By Katie Dowd, SFGate.com

Niners running back Carlos Hyde is among six NFL players who pulled out of a trip to Israel "aimed at improving the country's image."

The all-expenses paid trip came under scrutiny last week when the Israeli tourism minister said that the participating players would be "ambassadors of goodwill for Israel."

Israeli minister for strategic affairs and public diplomacy Gilad Erdan also added that the players would fight "negative and false characterizations of Israel."

In response to the planned trip, an open letter signed by Harry Belafonte, Dr. John Carlos and Alice Walker, among others, ran in The Nation last week asking the players to reconsider.

"These trips bringing celebrities to Israel are part of a larger 'Brand Israel' campaign to help the Israeli government normalize and whitewash its ongoing denial of Palestinian rights," the letter reads.

Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett was the first to quit the trip, posting on social media that he would "not be used in such a manner."

"I was not aware that my itinerary was being constructed by the Israeli government for the purposes of making me, in the words of a government official, an 'influencer and opinion-former' who would then be 'an ambassador of goodwill'," Bennett posted on his Twitter page.

"I will not be used in such a manner. When I do go to Israel – and I do plan to go – it will be to see not only Israel but also the West Bank and Gaza so I can see how the Palestinians, who have called this land home for thousands of years, live their lives. I want to be a voice for the voiceless, and I cannot do that by going on this kind of trip to Israel."

After Bennett's announcement, Seahawks defensive end Cliff Avril, Dolphins wide receiver Kenny Stills, current Broncos running back and former Cal star Justin Forsett and Hyde all pulled out too.

According to the Times of Israel, Cardinals defensive end Calais Campbell, Raiders defensive tackle Dan Williams, Saints defensive end Cameron Jordan, former 49ers and current Titans tight end Delanie Walker and Eagles linebacker Mychal Kendricks still made the trip.

The players plan to visit sites in Tel Aviv, the Dead Sea and Haifa, as well as the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum.