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New Broncos coach Vance Joseph already has key decisions to make

By Lindsay Jones, USA Today Sports

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By Staff, Associated Press

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Redskins interview former Jaguars coach Gus Bradley for defensive coordinator

By Master Tesfatsion and Mike Jones, Washington Post

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New developmental league could mark shift for college football, NFL

By Tom Pelissero, USA Today Sports

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Despite playoff breakthrough, Dolphins have much work to do

By Steven Wine, Associated Press

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Local Clips – Full Version

49ers coach candidates Joseph, McDermott hired elsewhere

By Cam Inman, San Jose Mercury News

Two of the 49ers coach candidates accepted deals elsewhere Wednesday, with Vance Joseph going to the Denver Broncos and Sean McDermott to the Buffalo Bills.

Joseph and McDermott were the only defensive coordinators interviewed by the 49ers a week into a search that's otherwise included offensive-oriented assistants: Anthony Lynn (Bills), Josh McDaniels (New England Patriots), Sean McVay (Washington) and Kyle Shanahan (Atlanta Falcons).

Jed York, the 49ers CEO who is leading their searches for a coach and general manager, took a break Wednesday to attend the NFL owners' meetings in New York, where the Raiders' possible relocation to Las Vegas is a hot topic.

Meanwhile, McVay, the 30-year-old grandson of former 49ers executive John McVay, commanded a second interview Wednesday from the Los Angeles Rams, two days after his sitdown with the 49ers brass. The San Diego Chargers are the other remaining team seeking a coach.

It's been a week since the 49ers interviewed their first potential coach in Lynn, who this past season got promoted from the Bills running backs coach to offensive coordinator to, for the season finale, interim coach.

Although Lynn and McVay are available for hire now, the 49ers would have to wait for McDaniels and Shanahan until their respective teams are finished in the playoffs; both the Patriots and Falcons host divisional-round games Saturday.

McDaniels left the Patriots after the 2008 season (no playoffs) to replace Mike Shanahan as the Broncos coach, a role McDaniels was dismissed from after a 3-9 start in 2010.

McDermott was the 49ers' most recent candidate to interview, and a day after that visit, the Carolina Panthers defensive coordinator headed to the Bills.

The Broncos announced Joseph as their coach just before noon PT, doing so before his scheduled interviews later Wednesday with the San Diego Chargers and Thursday with the 49ers.

Another potential 49ers candidate is Seattle Seahawks offensive line coach Tom Cable, who previously served as the Raiders coach. He is scheduled to interview Sunday, ESPN reported.

As for the 49ers' general manager search, another candidate has emerged. Terry McDonough, the Arizona Cardinals vice president of player personnel, will be interviewed Friday, Comcast SportsNet Bay Area's Matt Maiocco reported. The 49ers are also expected to interview Seattle Seahawks co-directors of player personnel Trent Kirchner and Scott Fitterer.

Previous GM interviews have been held with Green Bay's Eliot Wolf and Brian Gutekunst, Minnesota's George Paton, Carolina's Brandon Beane, Indianapolis' Jimmy Raye III and ESPN analyst Louis Riddick, the latter of whom interviewed Tuesday.

As 49ers' search pauses, field starts to narrow

By Matt Barrows, Sacramento Bee

As the 49ers took a break from interviews Wednesday, their pool of candidates began to shrink.

The Buffalo Bills announced they had hired Sean McDermott as their new head coach while the Denver Broncos did the same with Vance Joseph. McDermott, the former Carolina Panthers' defensive coordinator, met with the 49ers on Monday while San Francisco had a Thursday meeting casually scheduled with Joseph, who served as the Miami Dolphins' defensive coordinator in 2016. McDermott and Johnson were the only defensive-minded coaches on the 49ers' list.

The hirings leave three teams -- the 49ers, the Los Angeles Rams and San Diego Chargers -- without head coaches. San Francisco's remaining candidates for head coach: Seahawks offensive line coach Tom Cable, Bills interim coach Anthony Lynn, Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, Washington offensive coordinator Sean McVay and Atlanta offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan.

All but Cable have met with the 49ers; he is scheduled to sit down with the team Monday. McVay is believed to have strong interest from the Rams, who requested a second interview with the 30-year-old coordinator and who are looking for a quarterback-savvy head coach who could help bring along Jared Goff.

The 49ers had been conducting their recent interviews in New York where today they are attending a league meeting on stadium options for the Raiders and Chargers. Their CEO, Jed York, is on the NFL's stadium committee.

They also have added another name to their general manager list, according to CSN Bay Area: Terry McDonough, who is vice president of player personnel of the Arizona Cardinals.

McDonough comes from a well-known sports family. His father, Will McDonough, was a long-time Boston Globe columnist who also worked at CBS Sports and NBC Sports. One of Terry's brothers, Ryan McDonough, is general manager of the Phoenix Suns, and his other brother, Sean McDonough, is the play-by-play voice of ESPN's Monday Night Football.

Terry McDonough has been with Arizona for four seasons after having spent the previous 10 with the Jacksonville Jaguars. He has no obvious ties to the current crop of head-coaching candidates other than his brother works closely with Jon Gruden on Monday Night Football broadcasts. Gruden is a mentor to McVay.

The 49ers are expected to interview Seattle Seahawks co-directors of player personnel Trent Kirchner and Scott Fitterer on Sunday for their vacant general-manager opening.

They've already met with Green Bay's Eliot Wolf and Brian Gutekunst, Minnesota's George Paton, Carolina's Brandon Beane, Indianapolis' Jimmy Raye III and ESPN analyst Louis Riddick.

Mike Nolan endorses Terry McDonough for 49ers GM job

By Matt Maiocco, CSNBayArea.com

Former 49ers coach Mike Nolan, who hired Scott McCloughan to handle the team's personnel department in 2005, has a clear top choice for San Francisco's vacant general manager position.

And one day after writing about Arizona Cardinals vice president of player personnel Terry McDonough on social media and talking about him on KNBR, McDonough has landed on the 49ers' list of candidates.

The 49ers plan to interview McDonough for the vacant general manager post to replace Trent Baalke, multiple sources told CSNBayArea.com on Tuesday night.

"He was groomed under (Baltimore general manager) Ozzie Newsome and (Baltimore assistant general manager) Eric DeCosta, as well as (Arizona general manager) Steve Keim," Nolan told CSNBayArea.com

on Wednesday morning. "He will follow their example. He will not meddle in coaching. He will focus on getting players."

More than half of the 49ers' starters from their three consecutive teams that advanced to the NFC Championship Game under coach Jim Harbaugh were acquired under Nolan and McCloughan. Nolan was fired during the 2008 season. McCloughan and the 49ers parted ways just prior to the 2010 draft.

The 49ers hired Nolan after he served three seasons as Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator. Nolan played the key role in hiring McCloughan, who was the Seattle Seahawks director of college scouting. Nolan and McCloughan did not know each other before working together for 3 1/2 seasons.

Nolan overlapped with McDonough for two seasons while both men worked for the Ravens in the early 2000s. Nolan said he has spoken with McDonough on "limited occasions" through the years but has closely followed his career and has spoken to people he trusts who speak highly of McDonough.

Around the league, McDonough is known as fiery and opinionated but universally respected for his ability to evaluate talent.

"He has good people skills and most of all can set his ego aside when it comes to doing what's best," Nolan said. "In other words, conflict is a good thing as long as there is compromise."

McDonough completed his fourth season with the Cardinals and his third in his current position, in which he oversees the college and pro personnel departments while assisting on the negotiations of player contracts. He began his career as an intern with the 49ers in 1989.

The 49ers have already interviewed Eliot Wolf and Brian Gutekunst of Green Bay, Minnesota's George Paton, Carolina's Brandon Beane, Indianapolis' Jimmy Raye III and ESPN analyst Louis Riddick. The 49ers are also scheduled to interview Seattle co-directors of player personnel Scott Fitterer and Trent Kirchner.

CEO Jed York and Paraag Marathe, the 49ers' chief strategy officer and vice president of football operations, are conducting the team's interviews for the coach and general manager positions.

"We need to make sure that the head coach and the general manager know each other, have a good understanding for each other," York said last week.

Among the most logical coach pairings with McDonough, according to league sources, would be Atlanta offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan and Washington offensive coordinator Sean McVay.

Broncos hire 49ers head coach candidate

By Matt Maiocco, CSNBayArea.com

Four NFL head-coaching vacancies remain after the Denver Broncos on Wednesday announced a four-year contract with former Miami defensive coordinator Vance Joseph.

Joseph, who served as an assistant with the 49ers under Mike Nolan and Mike Singletary from 2005 to '10, was scheduled to interview with the 49ers on Thursday.

The 49ers appear intent on hiring an offensive-minded head coach. The only other defensive coach to interview for the vacancy, Carolina defensive coordinator Sean McDermott, was offered the job during a second interview with the Buffalo Bills on Wednesday, according to the Buffalo News and other media reports.

The Los Angeles Rams have a second interview with Washington offensive coordinator Sean McVay, according to multiple reports. The 49ers interviewed McVay, the grandson of longtime 49ers executive John McVay, on Monday.

The top candidates for the 49ers' head-coaching vacancy appear to be New England offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels and Atlanta offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan.

CEO Jed York and Paraag Marathe, the 49ers' chief strategy officer and vice president of football operations, are conducting interviews simultaneously for the coach and general manager positions. The 49ers hope to hire individuals for those positions who will work well together.

ESPN analyst Louis Riddick appears to be aligned with McDaniels, while it is believed Arizona vice president of player personnel Terry McDonough prefers Kyle Shanahan as his coach.

The 49ers last week interviewed Green Bay executives Eliot Wolf and Brian Gutekunst, both of whom made favorable impressions with York and Marathe, a source told CSNBayArea.com.

The 49ers are also scheduled to interview Seattle offensive line/assistant head coach Tom Cable on Sunday and Seattle co-directors of player personnel Trent Kirchner and Scott Fitterer on Monday.

Upcoming 49ers interviews

Friday, Jan. 13

Arizona vice president of player personnel Terry McDonough (GM)

Sunday, Jan. 15

Seattle offensive line/assistant head coach Tom Cable (coach)

Monday, Jan. 16

Seattle co-director of player personnel Scott Fitterer (GM)

Seattle co-director of player personnel Trent Kirchner (GM)

49ers candidate McDermott becomes Bills coach

By Matt Maiocco, CSNBayArea.com

Sean McDermott, who interviewed with the 49ers on Tuesday in New York, became the head coach of the Buffalo Bills on Wednesday, the team announced.

The former Carolina Panthers defensive coordinator was one of just two candidates for the 49ers' job with a defensive background. The other, Vance Joseph, became head coach of the Denver Broncos on Wednesday.

McDermott interviewed with 49ers executives Jed York and Paraag Marathe one day after Carolina assistant general manager Brandon Beane interviewed with the 49ers for the vacant GM position.

The 49ers, Los Angeles Rams and San Diego Chargers are the only remaining teams who have yet to fill their head-coaching positions.

The 49ers have interviewed New England offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, Atlanta offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan and Washington offensive coordinator Sean McVay, as well as Buffalo assistant Anthony Lynn, who finished the season as the team's interim head coach.

The 49ers are scheduled to interview Seattle offensive line/assistant head coach Tom Cable on Sunday.

McVay is considered the front-runner for the Rams job. He is taking part in a second interview on Wednesday, according to multiple media reports. McVay, 30, the grandson of longtime 49ers executive John McVay, could become the youngest head coach in modern NFL history.

NaVorro Bowman visits injured fan at hospital

By Nick Wagoner, ESPN.com

San Francisco 49ers fan Sienna was en route to the team's season finale against the Seattle Seahawks on New Year's Day when she was involved in an accident that left her injured.

Instead of getting to see her favorite team, she spent the first day of 2017 in a hospital. Making matters worse, her No. 53 NaVorro Bowman jersey also didn't make it through the accident unscathed.

On Tuesday, Bowman decided to pay a surprise visit to cheer up Sienna and provide a replacement.

Bowman took some time to chat and hand-delivered the jersey before taking to Twitter to wish Sienna the best.

It's been a busy week for Bowman, who had fan Jesse Fricker tweet him on Saturday to inform him that his newborn son's middle name would be a combination of Bowman and former Niners teammate Patrick Willis' last names.

Bowman is working his way back from an injury of his own, a torn left Achilles suffered in Week 4. Bowman recently started running again in a pool and expressed optimism that he's on his way back to full strength.

"I've started running in the pool and things like that, but not yet full speed on the field," Bowman said after Sunday's season-ending loss to Seattle. "It's looking good, man. It's just hard sitting back and watching everything."

Report: Josh McDaniels has 'fantastic shot' at becoming 49ers coach

By Chris Biderman, NinersWire.com

As the coaching carousel continues and coaching candidates get linked more closely to other teams, so does Josh McDaniels to the 49ers.

The MMQB's Albert Breer, who reported earlier this week that the Patriots offensive coordinator "has had the inside track" on replacing Chip Kelly with San Francisco, went on CSN New England on Wednesday and indicated that McDaniels could be getting closer to the 49ers' job while other candidates land elsewhere.

From Breer's CSNNE appearance:

"I think Josh has got a fantastic shot [at the 49ers' job]," Breer told Gary Tanguay on Patriots Wednesday Live. "And I've said this before, I think that's Josh's pick, too . . . Of the [three teams he interviewed with], I think that was the one he preferred. Because you don't have a sitting GM, like you have in L.A. and like you have in Jacksonville. And it doesn't matter what you think of the quarterback. You're going to be able to go and pick your own. Whereas if you go to Jacksonville, you got to live with Blake Bortles. If you go to L.A., you got to live with Jared Goff.

"I think Josh can look at that San Francisco situation and say, 'I'm coming in with my own GM, I get to pick my own quarterback, and this is a situation where there aren't bad contracts that I can't get out of.' In

essence, San Francisco's like an expansion team. So that's why I think Josh preferred the San Francisco job over the Jacksonville job, over the Los Angeles job, from the start.

"That's why I think the likelihood is that he winds up there."

That thought comes on the back of other teams nearing agreements with candidates that have been linked to the 49ers' opening, including Panthers defensive coordinator Sean McDermott and Dolphins defensive coordinator Vance Joseph, who are nearing deals with the Bills and Broncos, respectively, as of this writing.

The 49ers have also been linked with Washington offensive coordinator Sean McVay, 30, who would be the youngest head coach in NFL history if he takes a job this offseason.

McVay took a second interview with the Rams on Wednesday and is believed to be the favorite fill the opening created by Jeff Fisher's firing. McDermott interviewed with the 49ers on Tuesday while Joseph was tentatively scheduled to meet with San Francisco on Thursday.

McDaniels can't be hired until the Patriots season is over. He's unable to have a second interview until the Patriots are eliminated from the playoffs, or during the bye week later this month between the conference championship round and the Super Bowl.

The thinking in hiring McDaniels: he had time to learn from his mistakes from his brief tenure as Broncos head coach from 2009 to 2010, when he was one of the youngest coaches in league history.

McDaniels went 11-17 before being fired after a 3-9 start to his second season. The Broncos with McDaniels at the helm traded away Jay Cutler and eventually brought in Tim Tebow.

There were rumors of discontent behind closed doors and in Denver's locker room, while sideline tirades caught by television cameras painted a grim picture of McDaniels' relationship with his players.

McDaniels then spent 2011 as the Rams offensive coordinator before going back to the Patriots and Bill Belichick. McDaniels interviewed with Los Angeles and Jacksonville for their coaching vacancies. The Jaguars hired Doug Marrone on Monday.

The 49ers' other known coaching candidates Falcons offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan, Bills offensive coordinator/interim head coach Anthony Lynn and Seahawks offensive line coach Tom Cable.

Lynn interviewed last Wednesday, Shanahan Friday, McDaniels Saturday and McVay Monday. The interview with Cable is scheduled for Sunday, according to CSN Bay Area.

The video of Breer's CSNNE appearance:

49ers coaching candidates could be landing elsewhere

By Chris Biderman, NinersWire.com

Two coaching candidates that have been linked with the 49ers' opening might be getting snatched up by other teams as soon as Wednesday. Another took a second interview with the Rams.

Panthers defensive coordinator Sean McDermott, who interviewed with San Francisco Tuesday, is nearing an agreement with the Buffalo Bills to replace Rex Ryan after failing to complete his second season.

Dolphins defensive coordinator Vance Joseph, who was tentatively scheduled to interview with the 49ers on Thursday, might be nearing a deal with the Denver Broncos to take over for the recently retired Gary Kubiak. Joseph is also believed to be a candidate for the Chargers job.

That leaves Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, Falcons offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan and Washington offensive coordinator Sean McVay potentially available for the 49ers. They've also interviewed Bills offensive coordinator and interim head coach Anthony Lynn.

Meanwhile, 49ers CEO Jed York is taking a one-day break from his head coach and general manager search to attend owners meetings in New York to discuss, among other things, the Raiders potential move to Las Vegas.

Shanahan had been linked with the Broncos' opening but cannot be hired until the Falcons' season is over, nor could he take a second interview until the bye week preceding the Super Bowl if Atlanta makes it.

The same is true for McDaniels, whose Patriots host the Texans this weekend in the divisional round of the playoffs. The MMQB reported this week that McDaniels "has had the inside track" on becoming San Francisco's next coach.

McVay, 30, would become the youngest head coach in NFL history if he took a job this offseason. His grandfather is former 49ers executive John McVay, a key executive during the team's run to five Super Bowl victories in the 80s and 90s.

McVay took a second interview with the Rams, according to a report USA TODAY.

NFL Media this week reported he "crushed" his interview with San Francisco Monday.

The 49ers are expected to schedule an interview with Seahawks offensive line coach Tom Cable on Sunday, according to CSN Bay Area.

Report: 49ers to interview Cardinals executive Terry McDonough

By Chris Biderman, NinersWire.com

The 49ers are going to interview Cardinals vice president of player personnel Terry McDonough for their general manager opening, according to a report from CSN Bay Area.

McDonough completed his fourth season with Arizona and the third in his current role, where he oversees both the college scouting and pro personnel departments. He also helps negotiate contracts.

McDonough has been an NFL scout for 25 years and started as an intern with the 49ers in 1989. He spent 10 years with the Jaguars, including the last four as director of player personnel starting in 2009. McDonough recently received public endorsements from former 49ers coach Mike Nolan and NFL Media analyst Gil Brandt.

Sports run in McDonough's family. He's the son of the late Will McDonough, a long-time sports writer and columnist for the Boston Globe who also worked at NBC and CBS Sports. His brother is Phoenix Suns general manager, Ryan McDonough. His other brother is ESPN's Monday Night Football play-by-play voice Sean McDonough.

The Cardinals won 10, 11 and 13 games in the three seasons before taking a dip in 2016, when they finished a disappointing 7-8-1. They entered the seasons as one of the favorites in the NFC to reach the Super Bowl after appearing the conference title game last season against Carolina.

Despite the record, Arizona finished ranked second in total defense and ninth in offense in 2016. San Francisco fired Trent Baalke in the hours following Week 17's loss to the Seahawks after finishing the season 2-14.

The 49ers' most recent interview for their vacancy at general manager was Tuesday when they met with ESPN analyst Louis Riddick, who previously held high-ranking personnel positions with Philadelphia and Washington before transitioning to television.

It was reported Monday by NFL Media that Packers executives Eliot Wolf and Brian Gutekunst were the favorites to land San Francisco's general manager vacancy.

The 49ers' other GM candidates are Minnesota assistant GM George Paton, Colts vice president of football operations Jimmy Raye III, Panther assistant GM Brandon Beane and Seahawks executives Scott Fitterer and Trent Kirchner.

Paton was interviewed Friday, Ray Sunday and Beane Monday. Interviews with Fitterer and Kirchner are expected to happen in the coming days.

Kansas City assistant GM Chris Ballard was blocked by the Chiefs for interviewing for the position last week. Patriots director of player personnel Nick Caserio declined an interview over the weekend. It was reported he was advised to "steer clear" of the opening.