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Local Clips – Full Version

Hello, again: 49ers reportedly sign former Browns CB Williams

By Eric Branch, San Francisco Chronicle

The first player new 49ers general manager John Lynch has signed is familiar with new head coach Kyle Shanahan and secondary coach Jeff Hafley.

The 49ers have signed former Browns cornerback K'Waun Williams, 25, who spent his first two seasons with Cleveland before sitting out of the NFL last year with an ankle injury. The NFL Network reported the one-year deal.

Williams, an undrafted free agent, was with Shanahan, then the Browns offensive coordinator, in Cleveland in 2014. Hafley was his position coach as Williams played in 26 games his first two seasons. Hafley also was Williams' position coach at Pittsburgh in 2010.

Williams could compete with a group that includes Will Redmond for the starting nickel corner role. Redmond, a 2016 third-round pick, didn't play last year because of a torn ACL he sustained in college.

In August, the Browns suspended Williams he disagreed with the team about the severity of his ankle injury. He was eventually waived on Aug. 29 and claimed by the Bears. However, he failed a physical due to bone spurs in his injured ankle that required surgery.

49ers add free-agent cornerback Williams

By Matt Barrows, Sacramento Bee

SANTA CLARA

The 49ers have added another young cornerback to their growing collection.

The team signed free agent K'Waun Williams, 25, to a one-year deal, the NFL Network reported. Williams is familiar to 49ers secondary coach Jeff Hafley, who coached Williams in Cleveland in 2014 and 2015. Lining up as a nickel cornerback, Williams had 60 tackles, 10 pass break-ups and two forced fumbles over that span.

The Browns waived him after training camp last year and he was picked up by the Chicago Bears but failed a physical and did not play any snaps in 2016.

The 49ers have holes all over their roster, but not at cornerback, a position that former general manager gravitated to in the draft. Tramaine Brock, Prince Charles Iworah, Dontae Johnson, Keith Reaser, Will Redmond, Rashard Robinson, JaCorey Shepherd and Jimmie Ward are signed for next season. Chris Davis and Marcus Cromartie are scheduled to be restricted free agents.

Davis began the season as the 49ers' nickel cornerback before getting injured and giving way to Reaser. Redmond, however, was drafted in the third round of last year's draft to play the position. It's possible that Ward could be moved back to safety, his college position, but no determination has been made yet.

49ers add seven more coaches, including John Benton, DeMeco Ryans

By Nick Wagoner, ESPN.com

SANTA CLARA, Calif. -- For all intents and purposes, San Francisco 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan's staff is complete. While it's always possible another coach or two could be brought on board, the Niners announced the addition of seven more coaches on Tuesday afternoon.

With the latest group of hires, the 49ers now have filled the majority of the positions on the staff.

Here's a quick look at the seven newest hires:

John Benton, offensive line coach -- Benton has been coaching NFL offensive lines in some capacity every year since 2004 with stops along the way with the St. Louis Rams, Houston Texans, Miami Dolphins and Jacksonville Jaguars. Benton worked with Shanahan with the Texans and played collegiately at Colorado State.

Daniel Bullocks, assistant defensive backs -- Entering his second season coaching in the league, Bullocks held the same title with the Jaguars in 2016. He began his coaching career at Northern Iowa in 2012 and also had a stop at Eastern Michigan in 2015. He's a former second-round pick of the Lions and played collegiately at Nebraska.

Michael Clay, strength and conditioning assistant -- Clay is a holdover from last season's staff but will be transitioning to a new role. He worked as assistant special teams coach in 2016 after working two seasons on the Philadelphia Eagles staff. He played linebacker at Oregon from 2009 to 2012.

Stan Kwan, assistant special teams -- Kwan spent the past four seasons in the same job with the New Orleans Saints and also had three years in that capacity with the Buffalo Bills and six years with the Detroit Lions. He also has NFL stops with the Arizona Cardinals and San Diego Chargers.

Vince Oghobaase, assistant defensive line -- Another holdover for Shanahan's staff who will remain in the same role he held in 2016. Oghobaase joined the 49ers after spending the previous three years as a defensive graduate assistant at Ohio State. He played his college ball at Duke and spent time with the Miami Dolphins and Washington Redskins as a defensive tackle.

DeMeco Ryans, defensive quality control -- Perhaps the most recognizable name on the Niners' coaching staff, this is Ryans' first coaching job after a long and successful playing career. Ryans played linebacker for the Texans and Eagles for a total of 10 seasons, earning All Pro honors in 2007 and a pair of Pro Bowl trips. Ryans played for Houston when Shanahan was coaching there and has similar ties to new defensive coordinator Robert Saleh.

Adam Stenavich, assistant offensive line -- This is Stenavich's first NFL coaching job after spending the past two seasons as the offensive line coach at San Jose State. He's also had stints at Northern Arizona and Michigan. He played left tackle for Wolverines and had time in the NFL with the Green Bay Packers, Dallas Cowboys and Texans.

49ers to add K'Waun Williams

By Michael David Smith, ProFootballTalk.com

Former Browns cornerback K'Waun Williams had four contract offers, and now he's chosen his next team.

Williams is signing a one-year contract with the 49ers, Ian Rapoport of NFL Network reports.

The Jets, Lions, Vikings and Dolphins all showed interest in Williams as well.

Williams entered the NFL as an undrafted free agent with the Browns in 2014. Last year the Browns released him after he clashed with the team about his treatment for an ankle injury, and he ended up not

playing at all as that injury healed. But the 25-year-old Williams should be good to go this year, and the 49ers will hope they got a talented young player in their secondary.

DeMeco Ryans named to Niners' coaching staff

By Nick Shook, NFL.com

As the Niners continue to work feverishly to catch up with the rest of the league on offseason activities, Kyle Shanahan's coaching staff is taking shape.

San Francisco announced the addition of seven new assistants to the staff: John Benton (offensive line), Daniel Bullocks (assistant defensive backs), Michael Clay (strength and conditioning assistant), Stan Kwan (assistant special teams), Vince Oghobaase (assistant defensive line), Adam Stenavich (assistant offensive line) and DeMeco Ryans (defensive quality control).

The standout from that list is Ryans, who played 10 seasons in the NFL as a linebacker with the Houston Texans and Philadelphia Eagles before spending 2016 out of football. Ryans' career included a hot start in Houston from 2006-2009, a stretch during which he was named AP Defensive Rookie of the Year (2006), first-team All-Pro (2007) and twice named to the Pro Bowl (2007, 2009).

From there, Ryans went to Philadelphia, where he was effective in his first two seasons as an Eagle but saw his production drop off in 2014 and 2015, with much of the blame due to age and injuries. Ryans was cut in February of 2016 after a switch to the 4-3 left one less inside linebacker position available.

Ryans finished with 735 solo tackles, 13.5 sacks, 44 passes defense, seven interceptions and seven forced fumbles. Ryans' addition to Shanahan's staff is the former linebacker's first foray into coaching. He'll coach under defensive coordinator Robert Saleh, who was snagged by Shanahan away from Los Angeles, where Saleh was headed to serve as linebackers coach under new Chargers DC Gus Bradley.

Another interesting name on the list is strength and conditioning coach Michael Clay, who was a holdover from previous head coach Chip Kelly's staff. Clay spent 2015 as the Niners' assistant special teams coach and moves into his new role under Shanahan, while Kwan fills Clay's previous position.

Clay played under Kelly at the University of Oregon from 2009-2012, signed with the Miami Dolphins as an undrafted free agent in 2013 and joined the Eagles as a defensive quality control coach in 2014 before moving to special teams assistant in 2015.

49ers hire DeMeco Ryans, Daniel Bullocks as assistants

By Staff, Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers have hired former NFL players DeMeco Ryans and Daniel Bullocks as assistants on coach Kyle Shanahan's staff.

The Niners announced Tuesday that Ryans will be defensive quality control coach and Bullocks will be assistant defensive backs coach next season.

Ryans played 10 seasons in the NFL as a linebacker for Houston and Philadelphia. He won AP Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2006 and was a first-team All-Pro the following season.

Bullocks played four seasons as a safety in Detroit. He entered coaching in 2012 at Northern Iowa and was assistant defensive backs coach in Jacksonville last season.

San Francisco also hired John Benton as offensive line coach, Michael Clay as a strength and conditioning assistant, Stan Kwan as assistant special teams coach, Vince Oghobaase as assistant defensive line coach and Adam Stenavich as assistant offensive line coach.