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## Local Clips – Full Version

### ***49ers: Kyle Shanahan could be in controlling position***

By Eric Branch, San Francisco Chronicle

Just more than two decades ago, 49ers offensive coordinator Mike Shanahan was hired as the Broncos' head coach after a wildly successful season.

In 1994, Shanahan's offense scored more than 500 points, quarterback Steve Young was the NFL's MVP and the dominant attack carried the 49ers to a Super Bowl title.

Like father, like son, evidently.

Atlanta offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan, who reportedly is "almost certain" to accept the 49ers' head-coaching offer, will step into his new role under very similar circumstances: This season, Atlanta scored more than 500 points, quarterback Matt Ryan is the favorite to be named the NFL's MVP and the Falcons are two wins away from a Super Bowl title.

Also: It's conceivable the father-son parallel could hold when it comes to the matter of personnel control with the new team.

The 49ers, of course, have yet to hire a general manager. CEO Jed York has said he wants the next head coach and general manager to form a strong partnership, but it's unknown how the union will work as far as who will have final say on football matters.

The 49ers have interviewed 10 general-manager candidates and they pared their list Tuesday by inviting three executives to have a second interview: Green Bay's Brian Gutekunst and Eliot Wolf, and Minnesota's George Paton, CSN Bay Area reported. Arizona's Terry McDonough also is still a possibility.

Meanwhile, Shanahan, 37, has tremendous leverage before he signs a contract by virtue of being the 49ers' last available candidate. In addition, if he's anything like his father, the matter of personnel control will be significant.

Consider: Starting with his hiring by Denver in 1995, Mike Shanahan had control of the roster and other football matters during his final 18 seasons as a head coach. It was control Shanahan demanded based on his failed 20-game tenure as the Raiders' head coach from 1988 to 1989, when owner Al Davis had final say on everything from roster moves to offensive game plans.

In 1994, Shanahan explained he'd turned down head-coach offers after leaving the Raiders because they didn't offer enough autonomy.

"I think I've been around enough to know that if you're going to have your name on something, you better be able to control your own destiny," Shanahan said. "That's what I'm looking for, so whatever happens, you can say, 'That's Mike Shanahan's football team.'"

This doesn't necessarily mean Kyle Shanahan is cut from the same cloth, but it's notable that an issue over control led to him to leave a recent job. Shanahan resigned as the Browns' offensive coordinator after the 2014 season reportedly because of front-office pressure to start rookie quarterback Johnny Manziel.

Two years later, Shanahan, who worked under his father as Washington's offensive coordinator from 2010 through '13, apparently will have a say in the general manager the 49ers hire.

The 49ers can't hire Shanahan until the Falcons' season ends. However, if Atlanta beats the Packers on Sunday in the NFC Championship Game, the 49ers will have a second interview next week during which

the general-manager position will be addressed. Shanahan, who would be a rookie head coach, has no clear ties to Gutekunst, Wolf, Paton or McDonough, who have not been general managers.

It's not quite the arrangement the 49ers were envisioning when they started their search for a head coach and general manager to pair.

They began by hoping to link their top choice, New England offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, with the Patriots' director of player personnel, Nick Caserio, his friend and teammate at John Carroll University. However, Caserio declined the 49ers' interview request. And McDaniels, who also was connected to GM candidate Louis Riddick, withdrew from consideration Monday.

Despite the twists and turns, it's quite possible that Shanahan and the new general manager will form a strong partnership.

But if questions remain about personnel control, Shanahan could be in a position to dictate the answers.

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***Falcons owner: Kyle Shanahan's leadership skills improved***

By Eric Branch, San Francisco Chronicle

In his first season as a head coach, the 49ers hope Kyle Shanahan will continue to do what he did in his second season as the Falcons offensive coordinator.

No, this isn't about his play-calling, but his people skills.

Today, Falcons owner Arthur Blank said Shanahan, 37, made strides in that area in an interview with ESPN.

"I think Kyle has focused hard on being inclusive this year (with) the other players and coaches," Blank said. "He's focused on that. He's focused on being a good listener and trying to understand where they were coming from. Kyle is a brilliant offensive mind and a great play-caller.

"Part of being good at any position of leadership in life is being a good listener and understanding where other people are coming from. That just makes you better. I think he got better this year in that regard. And I think he and (quarterback) Matt (Ryan) were more on the same page this year than they've been in the past."

As detailed in this NFL.com story, Shanahan and Ryan have downplayed the notion of a previous rift in their relationship, but have acknowledged they met in the offseason to work out some issues before their second season together. Shanahan, Falcons head coach Dan Quinn and quarterback coach Matt LaFleur met with Ryan in Southern California.

"We just worked it out over a couple of beers," Ryan said last week. "Last year was overblown, but we basically sat there and figured out some things. He learned what works for me, and I learned what works for him. And it was that simple. And we're in a really, really good place now."

Shanahan has no head-coaching experience, which could partly explain why Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels was the 49ers' preferred pick before he withdrew his name from consideration Monday. McDaniels, 40, has admitted his people skills were part of his undoing during his 11-17 tenure with the Broncos, which ended with his dismissal in 2010.

McDaniels has since said he learned from that experience and has become a better leader.

The 49ers hope Shanahan won't require too much learning on the job.

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**REPORT: SHANAHAN ANNOUNCED AS 49ERS' COACH TO FALCONS' STAFF**

By Matt Maiocco, CSNBayArea.com

The 49ers feel certain they have landed their head coach, according to sources.

And the Atlanta Falcons are reportedly convinced offensive Kyle Shanahan will be entering the head-coaching ranks with the 49ers next season, too.

Atlanta coach Dan Quinn made an announcement to coaches that Shanahan would be the 49ers' next coach, Mike Silver of the NFL Network reported Wednesday, adding everyone in the room was "super supportive."

On Wednesday, Quinn was asked at a press conference about Shanahan and the 49ers.

"I know it's for sure out there, (but it's) definitely not our story to tell," Quinn said. "They (the 49ers) will for sure reach out to (general manager) Thomas (Dimitroff) and to the organization and there will be a window for them if they'd like to visit with him for next week. But that's really where it's at, and there's nothing left to do until then."

The Falcons will face the Green Bay Packers on Sunday in the NFC Championship game. The 49ers will have a second interview with Shanahan after the game. Shanahan will also become involved in the process to hire the 49ers' next general manager.

The 49ers are checking with the NFL to determine what is allowable under the league's anti-tampering policy, according to a league source. If the Falcons win on Sunday, the 49ers would not be able to officially hire Shanahan until after the Super Bowl on Feb. 5.

According to sources, the 49ers have narrowed their initial search for the next general manager to four candidates: Eliot Wolf and Brian Gutekunst of Green Bay, Minnesota's George Paton and Terry McDonough of Arizona.

The general manager candidates are expected to meet with Shanahan, but it's unclear whether Shanahan can interview the candidates if the Falcons advance to the Super Bowl and he is not officially the 49ers' coach. The 49ers are expected to hold a second round of general manager interviews early next week and could fill the position by the end of next week.

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**Kiper's 2017 NFL Mock Draft 1.0**

By Mel Kiper Jr., ESPN.com

The deadline for underclassmen to declare for the 2017 NFL draft has passed, and the field is set. That means it's time for Mock Draft 1.0.

A few reminders:

NFL teams are still early in their evaluations. No team has a draft board yet, and we still have to get through postseason all-star games, combine testing, medicals, pro days and individual workouts.

There's a long time until the draft, and we have to get through free agency before we truly know each team's needs. That's why several of these picks are based on who I think is the best player available. In some cases, I have identified a few needs that could be targeted.

Any questions? Good. Off we go.

Note: One asterisk denotes a junior, and two asterisks denote a redshirt sophomore.

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\*Mitch Trubisky, QB, North Carolina

This isn't a strong draft for quarterbacks. Trubisky is the best QB in the draft, but he's only No. 16 on my Big Board. He has only one season of collegiate starting experience, completing 68.2 percent of his passes with 30 touchdown passes and six interceptions. The 49ers still don't have a general manager or coach, and Colin Kaepernick could be on his way out.

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### ***Mock draft 1.0: 49ers, Jets, Texans fill QB needs***

By Daniel Jeremiah, NFL.com

With the deadline for underclassmen to declare for the draft behind us, we finally have full view of the entire 2017 class, which, of course, only means one thing: Mock Draft Season is upon us. Approximately 100 days away from the real draft, here's the first iteration of how I could see the first round unfolding.

PICK NO. 2

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MITCH TRUBISKY      QB      NORTH CAROLINA

The 49ers need to address the quarterback position and Trubisky has a very intriguing skill set. Trading down would also make a lot of sense because of the lack of talent on this roster.