

49ers Clips – January 22, 2017

Local Media

WAITING FOR SHANAHAN COULD BE A GOOD THING FOR 49ERS

By Matt Maiocco, CSNBayArea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/49ers/waiting-shanahan-could-be-good-thing-49ers>

National Media

Injuries: Jordy Nelson (ribs) expected to play Sunday

By Max Meyer, NFL.com

<http://www.nfl.com/news/story/0ap3000000777287/article/jordy-nelson-ribs-expected-to-play-vs-falcons>

Source: Patriots' Martellus Bennett, receiver duo expected to play

By Staff, ESPN.com

http://www.espn.com/nfl/story/_/id/18529539/new-england-patriots-martellus-bennett-chris-hogan-malcolm-mitchell-expected-play

Eagles expected to name Groh new receivers coach

By Zach Berman, Philadelphia Inquirer

http://www.philly.com/philly/sports/eagles/20170122_Eagles_expected_to_name_Groh_new_receivers_coach.html

Broncos' Paxton Lynch expecting offensive changes, eager for Year 2

By Nicki Jhabvala, Denver Post

<http://www.denverpost.com/2017/01/22/broncos-paxton-lynch-eager-for-year-2/>

Hartman: Spielman begins offseason process of solving Vikings' issues

By Sid Hartman, Star Tribune

<http://www.startribune.com/rick-spielman-begins-offseason-process-of-solving-vikings-issues/411429695/>

Local Clips – Full Version

WAITING FOR SHANAHAN COULD BE A GOOD THING FOR 49ERS

By Matt Maiocco, CSNBayArea.com

The 49ers were willing to be patient in securing their next head coach.

Depending on the outcome of the Atlanta Falcons' game Sunday against the Green Bay Packers in the NFC Championship game, they could be required to wait another two weeks.

The other five organizations with vacancies after the regular season have filled their head-coach positions with four assistants from teams that did not qualify for the playoffs and former Miami Dolphins defensive coordinator Vance Joseph, whom the Denver Broncos hired after his team was bounced in the AFC wild-card round.

Early in the 49ers' search to replace Chip Kelly, the top targets appeared to be Josh McDaniels and Kyle Shanahan, the offensive coordinators for two of the top-three scoring teams in the NFL.

The coach-general manager team of McDaniels and New England Patriots director of player personnel Nick Caserio was the runaway favorite to be the package deal, according to sources close to the 49ers' coaching search.

But when Caserio chose to remain as Bill Belichick's top personnel lieutenant – just as he has in the past when other opportunities presented themselves – the job became less attractive to McDaniels, according to those sources. McDaniels announced on Monday he would remain with the Patriots for at least another year.

With McDaniels out of the picture, Shanahan became the clear favorite over Seattle assistant Tom Cable. And once Cable publicly stepped aside due to suspicions he was only being used to secure a commitment from Shanahan, only one candidate remained for the job.

Since the middle of this week, Shanahan has been the presumptive coach of the 49ers. Falcons coach Dan Quinn was the Seahawks' defensive coordinator two years ago when he was officially hired just hours after the Super Bowl. He knows he drill. And this week he announced to the Falcons staff that Shanahan would be the next coach of the 49ers, according to the NFL Network.

Regardless of the outcome of Sunday's game, the 49ers will be allowed to interview Shanahan next week – most likely, Tuesday in Atlanta. Shanahan will be involved in the process to hire the next general manager. Minnesota assistant general manager George Paton appears to be the favorite. The 49ers expect the general manager position to be filled early in the week.

If the Falcons lose, the 49ers would be able to hire Shanahan on their own time frame. It would not be expected to take long.

But if the Falcons win, the 49ers would have to wait until after Feb. 5, when the Super Bowl will be played in Houston, to hire Shanahan.

There is an advantage to being forced to wait. In the long term, the 49ers could benefit from their next head coach gaining the experience of a Super Bowl week and calling a game on the biggest stage in all of sports.