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## Local Clips – Full Version

### ***49ers Interview Scott Fitterer for GM***

By Joe Fann, 49ers.com

Seattle Seahawks co-director of player personnel Scott Fitterer is the latest candidate to interview for the San Francisco 49ers open general manager position.

The 49ers met with Fitterer on Monday following Seattle's loss against the Atlanta Falcons in the divisional round of the NFL playoffs. The talented evaluator has 19 years of NFL personnel experience and has been with the Seahawks since 2001.

He was initially hired by Mike Holmgren as an area scout before being elevated to the assistant director of college scouting in 2005. Five years later, Seattle's current general manager retained Fitterer as the team's director of college scouting, a position he held from 2010-14. He was then promoted to his current role in 2015.

Fitterer played an integral part in Seattle's draft day selections of quarterback Russell Wilson, Bobby Wagner, Earl Thomas, Richard Sherman and Kam Chancellor.

Fitterer's career began in 1998 with the New York Giants where he spent three seasons as a scout. A fun fact about San Francisco's latest candidate is that Fitterer played minor league baseball for three years before embarking on his journey in NFL personnel departments.

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### ***Kyle Shanahan: 10 facts about 49ers possible next coach***

By Cam Inman, San Jose Mercury News

Kyle Shanahan emerged Monday as the favorite for the 49ers coaching vacancy, once Josh McDaniels announced he would be remaining as the New England Patriots offensive coordinator.

The Shanahan surname is no stranger to the 49ers. Mike Shanahan, Kyle's father, was the offensive coordinator when Steve Young & Co. produced the franchise's last Super Bowl win in the 1994 season. Here are 10 other facts worth learning about Kyle Shanahan, whose only competition now for the 49ers gig is apparently ex-Raiders coach Tom Cable, assuming Shanahan doesn't pull a McDaniels and pledge his allegiance to his current job:

1.) Kyle Shanahan is in his second season as the Atlanta Falcons offensive coordinator. They were the league's highest-scoring team in the regular season, and they will host this Sunday's NFC Championship Game against Green Bay after eliminating the Seattle Seahawks 36-20.

2.) He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Dec. 14, 1979 while his father was the University of Minnesota offensive coordinator.

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3.) Six of his nine seasons as a NFL offensive coordinator have produced a top-10 unit in yards gained. The Falcons ranked second this season with 540 yards. He previously served as offensive coordinator for the Houston Texans (2008-09), Washington (2010-13; his father, Mike, was coach), and Cleveland Browns (2014).

- 4.) He also interviewed with the Buffalo Bills and Jacksonville Jaguars before they hired Sean McDermott and Doug Marrone, respectively. An interview with the Los Angeles Rams was postponed by weather and later scuttled with their hiring of Sean McVay.
- 5.) At 26, he was the NFL's youngest position coach in 2006, as the Houston Texans wide receivers coach under Gary Kubiak. At 28, he got promoted and became the NFL's youngest offensive coordinator.
- 6.) His father, Mike, got his first stint as a head coach at age 35 with the Raiders in 1988, after a successful stint as the Denver Broncos offensive coordinator. Shanahan got fired by the Raiders after a 1-3 start to 1989 amid a feud with Al Davis.
- 7.) He got fined \$25,000 in 2012, when as Washington's offensive coordinator, he berated replacement officials. His dad said of the fine: "If you don't abide by the rules, you're going to pay a penalty, and usually after a guy pays 25 grand, they usually learn very quickly."
- 8.) He entered the coaching ranks as a UCLA graduate assistant in 2003, then joined Jon Gruden's staff as a Tampa Bay Buccaneers quality control coach in 2004-05.
- 9.) He was a wide receiver for Cherry Creek High School in Greenwood Village, Colorado, before earning a scholarship to Duke and then transferring to Texas, where he totaled seven receptions in both 2001 and 2002.
- 10.) He married his high school sweetheart, Mandy O'Donnell, in 2005. They have three children.

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### ***PATS OC MCDANIELS 'IMPRESSED' BY YORK, MARATHE***

By Matt Maiocco, CSNBayArea.com

New England Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels announced Monday morning he has pulled his name from consideration for the 49ers' head-coaching job.

McDaniels interviewed with 49ers executives Jed York and Paraag Marathe on Saturday, Jan. 7, while the Patriots were on the bye week as the No. 1 seed in the AFC playoffs. McDaniels indicated he also met with Brian Hampton, the 49ers' director of football administration and analytics.

"I was really impressed with Jed York and Paraag and Brian, and people that came for the 49ers organization," McDaniels said in a conference call with reporters who cover the Patriots.

"They did a great job with their presentation," McDaniels added. "Again, (I'm) humbled to be included in that process. At this time, it's just best for my family and myself to remain here in New England, and focus on this year's playoffs and finish out the year however it turns out."

McDaniels said his main focus would be on helping prepare the Patriots to face the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday in the AFC Championship game.

McDaniels, 40, was viewed as one of the hot head-coaching candidates, along with Atlanta offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan, this offseason. He has served the past five seasons as New England's offensive coordinator under Bill Belichick.

Shanahan becomes the leading candidate for the 49ers' job. The 49ers interviewed Seattle offensive line/assistant head coach Tom Cable on Sunday. Shanahan and Cable are the only known remaining candidates for the job to replace Chip Kelly, who was hired after a 2-14 season.

McDaniels became Denver's head coach in 2009. He was fired after 12 games in 2010 after his teams compiled an 11-17 record. He returned to the Patriots in 2012 and has served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach on Bill Belichick's staff.

McDaniels, who also interviewed with the 49ers last year, also had interviews on Jan. 7 with Jacksonville and the Los Angeles Rams. Jacksonville hired Doug Marrone, while the Rams hired Sean McVay.

"I've always said how grateful I am for this opportunity to work here for Mr. Kraft his family and coach under Bill with a lot of great guys on our staff and have the privilege to work with the players we get to work with each day," McDaniels said. "It's a great opportunity. Very thankful to be here and very much looking forward to this week against Pittsburgh."

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### ***To land Kyle Shanahan, 49ers must be willing to give***

By Nick Wagoner, ESPN.com

SANTA CLARA, Calif. -- The process of elimination has left the San Francisco 49ers with just two of their original candidates for their open head-coaching position still available.

After New England offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels took his name out of consideration Monday afternoon, the Niners were left with a candidate pool that includes only Atlanta offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan and Seattle assistant head coach/offensive line coach Tom Cable. All of the others the 49ers have interviewed or expressed interest in interviewing have already accepted other jobs.

And now the focus has turned to Shanahan. Whether that happened because the Niners lost out on McDaniels or because they truly prefer Shanahan as their top candidate doesn't really matter at this point. What does matter is that the 49ers find a way to land Shanahan. If they don't, the only other options are Cable -- a choice that would go over among 49ers faithful about as well as if the team were to rehire Jim Tomsula -- or another reboot of an already arduous search.

In other words, Shanahan holds pretty much all the cards here. Of the six teams with coaching openings when this process started, the Niners proved to be the only one willing to wait for a coach on a team that has advanced deep into postseason play. It's a patient approach that could theoretically pay off, but only if they are willing to take the steps necessary to, you know, actually land one of those coaches.

To be sure, there's nothing wrong with the approach, and it's actually a good idea to be patient and land the right person for the job. But the Niners also aren't exactly selling the most appealing job, at least not for a head coach. While a general manager could look at what the Niners have to offer as a clean slate and a chance to build an iconic franchise in his vision, the coach might be more inclined to see a position with no stability and a barren roster that needs major upgrades at pretty much every important position.

As you'd expect, McDaniels said all the right things publicly about how he appreciated the Niners for considering him.

"I was really impressed with Jed York and Paraag [Marathe] and Brian [Hampton] and people that came for the 49ers organization," McDaniels told New England media. "They did a great job with their presentation. Again, humbled to be included in that process. At this time, it's just best for my family and myself to remain here in New England and focus on this year's playoffs and finish out the year, however it turns out."

But it's also reasonable to conclude that McDaniels had at least some reservations about the 49ers job given his past interest in becoming a head coach again.

Which leads us back to Shanahan. It was already pretty much a given that York and the Niners would have to concede a lucrative, long-term contract to whoever they hire as head coach. No strong candidate

would walk into this situation after the events of the past few years without plenty of built-in security. Likewise, there are some concessions the Niners might have to make in terms of personnel control, or at least in terms of making sure Shanahan has a general manager he feels comfortable with.

Although the Niners are the only team with a general manager opening and have their pick of the nine candidates they've interviewed so far, they also have put an emphasis on finding one who can pair well with a new coach. Green Bay's Brian Gutekunst and Arizona's Terry McDonough are among the candidates who have been linked to Shanahan.

The Niners can't officially hire Shanahan until after the Falcons' season is complete, something that could happen as soon as Sunday when Atlanta hosts Green Bay in the NFC Championship Game. If Atlanta wins, the Niners can at least have a second interview with Shanahan during the bye week between the NFC championship and the Super Bowl.

In the meantime, the Niners could at least begin working toward striking a deal with Shanahan. Nothing could be officially announced, but the Niners could line up a deal and allow Shanahan to start working behind the scenes to assemble a staff. While that could be considered a distraction for Shanahan in the runup to a possible Super Bowl appearance, if anyone would understand, it would be Falcons head coach Dan Quinn, who did something similar a couple years ago when he was with Seattle and Atlanta was set to hire him.

Undoubtedly, Shanahan already has a good job. His Falcons are in the final four and boast the league's most dynamic offense with MVP candidate Matt Ryan at the controls. Shanahan has been in the mix for head-coaching jobs in the past, and there doesn't seem to be much doubt that he wants to take the next step in his coaching career.

"It's definitely not something that I have to do," Shanahan told ESPN's Vaughn McClure prior to the interviews. "I love it here and love the situation here. I love the team here. There's no one better I could work for. My family loves living here. So by no means is it something that has to get done.

"But [being a head coach is] a goal of most people in our profession, and I'd be surprised if most people didn't tell you they were ready."

The question now is whether the Niners are willing to do what it takes to ensure Shanahan realizes that goal in San Francisco.

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#### ***49ers general manager search turns to Seattle execs Kirchner, Fitterer***

By Nick Wagoner, ESPN.com

SANTA CLARA, Calif. -- The San Francisco 49ers have no set timeline for when they would like to hire a new coach and general manager. But the process of interviewing candidates is drawing closer to a conclusion, with the team set to meet with Seattle Seahawks co-directors of player personnel Trent Kirchner and Scott Fitterer on Monday.

Kirchner and Fitterer are expected to be the last of nine candidates to interview for the general manager vacancy created by the firing of Trent Baalke. The Niners already have interviewed Green Bay executives Brian Gutekunst and Eliot Wolf, Minnesota's George Paton, Indianapolis' Jimmy Raye III, Carolina's Brandon Beane, ESPN's Louis Riddick and Arizona's Terry McDonough for the general manager position.

While more candidates could emerge, the Niners are expected to make their selection from this group. Much of that decision will depend on which candidates pair well with the head coaching candidate the team prefers.

Here's a quick look at Kirchner's candidacy:

Experience: Kirchner attended St. John's (Minn.) University, playing quarterback for a couple of seasons. The story goes that as a senior, he drove to the scouting combine in Indianapolis and met John Schneider, who had just become the Seahawks' director of player personnel. Upon graduation, Kirchner took an internship in Seattle working in public relations and college scouting. He became college scouting coordinator in Washington the next year before moving on to Carolina as a pro scout in 2002. He held that job until 2010, when he returned to Seattle as the assistant director of pro personnel. He was promoted to his current role in 2015. Kirchner's primary role has been focused on the pro side of scouting, working in conjunction with Fitterer and reporting to Schneider. Some of the Seahawks' big moves with Kirchner included trades for Marshawn Lynch and Jimmy Graham and the free-agent signings of Michael Bennett and Cliff Avril.

Ties to the 49ers: There are no known ties between Kirchner and the Niners other than the familiarity he has built by facing off against them in the NFC West division over the years.

Competition: There are no other general manager jobs open right now and it doesn't appear that there will be any coming available. The real competition should the Niners want to hire Kirchner is whether they can offer a better opportunity than what he currently has and could have in the future at Seattle.

Here's a quick look at Fitterer's candidacy:

Experience: The 43-year-old has been with the Seahawks since 2001, first as an area scout working in the western region. He held that position for five seasons before moving to director of college scouting. In that role, Fitterer had a hand in drafting key pieces such as Earl Thomas, Richard Sherman, Russell Wilson and Bobby Wagner. He was promoted to his current position alongside Kirchner in 2015 and interviewed with the Philadelphia Eagles for their general manager job that offseason. His expertise has mostly been on the college side. Fitterer's athletic background includes a college baseball career at LSU and a pair of seasons in the minor league system of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Ties to the 49ers: There are no known ties between Fitterer and the Niners other than the familiarity he has built by facing off against them in the NFC West division for the past 15 or so years.

Competition: There are no other general manager jobs open right now and it doesn't appear that there will be any coming available. The real competition should the Niners want to hire Fitterer is whether they can offer a better opportunity than what he currently has and could have in the future at Seattle.

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#### ***49ers interview Seahawks exec Scott Fitterer for G.M. job***

By Curtis Crabtree, ProFootballTalk.com

The San Francisco 49ers completed a pair of interviews with members of the Seattle Seahawks front office for their general manager job on Monday.

After speaking with Trent Kirchner in the morning, the 49ers announced they interview Scott Fitterer for the opening Monday afternoon.

Kirchner and Fitterer share the title of co-director of player personnel with the Seahawks under general manager John Schneider. The pair oversees both the college and pro scouting departments of the Seahawks.

The 49ers have interviewed or scheduled interviews with 10 different executives in their search for a replacement for Trent Baalke.

The 49ers also interview Seattle assistant head coach/offensive line coach Tom Cable for their head coaching job.

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## **49ers coach search narrows, GM search expands**

By Josh Dubow, Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The search for San Francisco's new coach narrowed on Monday with New England offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels pulling out of the running for the job, while the 49ers added more candidates for their general manager vacancy.

Shortly after McDaniels said he was no longer a candidate to replace the fired Chip Kelly in San Francisco, team CEO Jed York interviewed Seattle co-directors of player personnel Trent Kirchner and Scott Fitterer later Monday for the GM job previously held by Trent Baalke.

McDaniels, who was the head coach in Denver from 2009-10, was considered one of the favorites to land the coaching job because of his success running New England's offense before deciding to stay with the Patriots for at least another year.

He said he was impressed with York, chief strategy officer Paraag Marathe and director of football administration and analytics Brian Hampton.

"They did a great job with their presentation, and again (I'm) humbled to be included in that process," McDaniels said. "At this time, it's best for my family and myself to remain here in New England and focus on this year's playoffs and finish out the year however it turns out."

That leaves only two coaching candidates remaining unless San Francisco decides to open up the search before making a final decision.

Atlanta offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan previously interviewed for the job, but can't be hired until the Falcons season is over. Seattle offensive line coach Tom Cable also interviewed on Sunday.

Three coaches who interviewed with York have already taken jobs elsewhere with Washington offensive coordinator Sean McVay getting hired by the Los Angeles Rams, Carolina defensive coordinator Sean McDermott getting the job in Buffalo and Bills interim coach Anthony Lynn taking over the Chargers.

Vance Joseph was hired in Denver before he could interview with San Francisco.

The 49ers have the only coach opening left in the NFL after the other five vacancies have all been filled.

York said he was open to hiring either the coach or general manager first. He said the primary goal in the search is finding a coach and general manager who can work well together.

Kirchner has 17 years of experience in the NFL since starting as a scouting intern in Seattle in 2000. He spent one year in Washington as a college scouting coordinator and eight years in Carolina as a pro personnel scout before returning to Seattle in 2010 as assistant director of pro personnel.

In 2013, he was promoted to director of player personnel before assuming his current position in 2015.

Fitterer has 19 years of NFL personnel experience and has been with the Seahawks since 2001. He was Seattle's director of college scouting from 2010-14, before being promoted to his current role in 2015.

York has already interviewed seven other candidates for general manager: Arizona vice president of player personnel Terry McDonough, ESPN analyst Louis Riddick, Carolina assistant GM Brandon Beane on Monday, Indianapolis vice president of football operations Jimmy Raye III, Minnesota assistant GM George Paton, Green Bay director of football operations Eliot Wolf and Packers director of player personnel Brian Gutekunst.