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Local Clips – Full Version

**Source says coach Tom Rathman won't return to 49ers**

By Eric Branch, San Francisco Chronicle

Tom Rathman, 54, who has spent 22 seasons with the 49ers as a fullback or running backs coach, won't be back with the team in 2017, a league source said.

The news didn't come as a surprise after head coach Kyle Shanahan hired running backs coach Bobby Turner, 67, last week. Shanahan said he told Turner he'd hire him as his running backs coach if he ever became a head coach. Shanahan has spent six of the past seven seasons with Turner in Atlanta (2015-16) and Washington (2010-13), where he held the same position.

On Thursday, Shanahan said he was trying to persuade Rathman to stay with the 49ers in a different role. But Rathman has coached only running backs throughout his 20-year coaching career with the 49ers (1997-2002; 2009-16); Lions (2003-05) and Raiders (2006-08).

"I love Tom Rathman," Shanahan said. "He's a hero of mine, and I know how good of a coach he is. I'm really trying hard to get him to be here in whatever other role he wants. But I know Tom, Tom's a running backs coach. I'm going to try my hardest to keep him here. It's definitely going to be up to him, but I'm going to have to do some convincing."

Rathman spent the first eight seasons of his nine-year NFL career as a 49ers fullback. Shanahan was a 49ers ball boy during Rathman's final two seasons with the team.

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**Report: Tom Rathman confirms he's left 49ers**

By Cam Inman, San Jose Mercury News

With Bobby Turner taking over as the 49ers running backs coach, Tom Rathman confirmed Saturday he will not be back with the team in any capacity.

Rathman has been part of the 49ers for 22 of the past 31 seasons, first as a player from 1986-93. He served as their running backs coach in two terms, from 1997-02 and 2009-16.

"I feel like it's the best for everybody if I just parted and let those guys do their thing and take me out of the equation so that nobody's uncomfortable," Rathman told Comcast SportsNet Bay Area. "I'm looking to coach running backs and that's what I want to do. I'm just going to wait for the next opportunity and go for it when it happens."

New coach Kyle Shanahan on Thursday confirmed Turner's hiring while stating he hoped to retain Rathman. "I love Tom Rathman. He's a hero of mine," said Shanahan, a 49ers ball boy during Rathman's playing career. "I'm trying really hard to have him here in whatever other role he wants. But I know Tom. Tom's a running backs coach. I'm going to try hard to keep him here. But it's going to be up to him."

Turner, 67, has coached NFL running backs since 1995 with the Denver Broncos under Mike Shanahan, Kyle's father. Turner stayed in that role with the elder Shanahan through 2009, then joined him in Washington, where Turner worked from 2011-14. Turner spent the past two seasons in that role on the Atlanta Falcons staff while Kyle Shanahan was the offensive coordinator.

"I made a commitment to Bobby if I became a head coach I'd take him where ever I was," said Kyle Shanahan, who met with Rathman on Thursday.

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## **Longtime RBs coach Tom Rathman won't return to 49ers**

By Matt Barrows, Sacramento Bee

SANTA CLARA -- Tom Rathman, one of the few 49ers assistant coaches who survived previous regime changes in San Francisco, won't be part of the team's current overhaul.

The 49ers' longtime running backs coach says he wants to do just that -- coach running backs -- and likely will sit out the 2017 season with the hope that a position opens up somewhere in the NFL in 2018. Incoming 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan last week hired Bobby Turner to coach the running backs.

A former fullback, Rathman won two Super Bowls with the 49ers and has had two long stints (1997-2002 and 2009-16) as the team's running backs coach. Rathman, 54, said in a phone interview there were no hard feelings with the 49ers, who tried to find a spot for him in another area of the organization.

Rathman said he wanted to continue to be on the field and to interact with the running backs.

"There wasn't really anything that was really appealing in that regard," he said of alternative jobs with the 49ers. "... That's just the way the business is."

He noted he was fortunate to have remained in one place for as long as he had. "These jobs -- they used to be two or three years. Then they became two and now they're one," he said. "Any time you can be in one place for as long as I have, it's kind of unique."

Rathman also sat out the 2006 following a three-year stint as the Detroit Lions' running backs coach. He got a job with the Raiders the following two seasons before rejoining the 49ers in 2009.

Turner, 67, spent the last two years in Atlanta on Shanahan's offensive staff. He had stints in Washington and Denver before that, at both points serving under then-head coach Mike Shanahan.

Atlanta finished fifth in the NFL -- one spot behind the 49ers -- in rushing offense during the regular season. Under Shanahan, the Falcons favored a smaller, pass-catching running back in Devonta Freeman, who finished with 1,079 rushing yards along with 54 receptions for 462 yards. Another Falcons runner, Tevin Coleman, had 421 yards on 31 catches in 2016.

### 49ers staff hires

Jon Embree, assistant head coach/tight ends

Rich Scangarello, quarterbacks

Bobby Turner, running backs

T.C. McCartney, offensive assistant

Ray Wright, strength and conditioning coach

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## **49ERS MAILBAG: QUARTERBACK TALK DOMINATES OFFSEASON**

By Matt Maiocco, CSNBayArea.com

This edition of the 49ers Mailbag is all quarterbacks, all the time.

The 49ers have their head coach. They have their general manager. They even added two top personnel executives.

Now, Kyle Shanahan, John Lynch, Adam Peters and Martin Mayhew must come up with a plan for the 49ers to approach the offseason at the quarterback position.

Thanks to those on Facebook who submitted questions. Here we go. . .

What are the chances, if any, that Kaepernick remains with the team? (Chris Standart)

Lynch and the personnel department will have a voice. But this decision has to come straight from Shanahan. Here is what Shanahan said during Super Bowl week when I asked him what he values when evaluating a quarterback:

“If you’re born to throw and it’s effortless, you can do it with ease and you don’t have to think about the throwing part because everything else is so hard. And if you have that, you want a guy who’s fearless. If you sit and watch the rush in this league or you’re thinking about getting hit or have any hesitation, you don’t have much of a chance. The game moves too fast and you have to keep your eyes downfield.

“And you got to have a certain amount of intelligence so that you can handle everything. But it’s not just your IQ, it’s being able to handle it under pressure and think fast and react. Once the game starts, your mind has to shut off. It’s got to be a feel and you react, usually based off the preparation you did throughout the week and your natural feel of the game.”

Colin Kaepernick had his best statistical season since 2013, which was his first full season as the 49ers’ starter. Kaepernick is expected to opt out of his contract in early March. If he does not, then the 49ers would be expected to release him to avoid being on the hook for his scheduled \$14.9 million pay.

Lynch said whatever the team decides with Kaepernick, it will be a “football decision.” So is he the kind of quarterback with whom Shanahan wants to work? Does he sit in the pocket and go through his progressions in a way that excites Shanahan? Or does Shanahan value the possibilities of having a quarterback who can gain as many yards with his legs as with his arm?

The 49ers have a new head coach and coaching staff. They have a new general manager and personnel department. The question becomes whether they want to hold onto the same quarterback who has started 58 of the 49ers’ past 71 regular-season games? If they believe he is the best option, the answer is yes.

What would the Niners have to potentially give up to acquire Jimmy Garoppolo from the Pats? (Ronnie Dominguez)

The answer to that is vague yet simple: The 49ers would have to be willing to give up more than the next team.

If the Patriots decide to entertain trade offers for Garoppolo this offseason, the 49ers are set up beautifully to acquire him. No team in the NFL has as much draft capital as the 49ers. So the only way the 49ers do not acquire him is if another team wants him more.

Shanahan made no secret that he placed a very high pre-draft grade on Garoppolo in 2014. This is how he described him:

“He was a very good thrower. Tough guy, kept his eyes down the field, could get rid of the ball fast. Really liked the person. Had a chance to go out to dinner with him and stuff. He played at Eastern Illinois, and it was a different type of offense where you can’t always evaluate with how quick they get rid of the ball. But I really thought he was a very intelligent, tough player with a good throwing motion.”

Garoppolo enters the final year of his original contract with the Patriots. If New England does not maximize his return in a trade, they would likely lose him as a free agent after the 2017 season. And if

that's the case, there's only the possibility of the Patriots receiving a compensatory pick (no earlier than the 33rd selection of the third round in the 2019 draft).

What are the chances of landing Kirk Cousins? (Misael Guzman)

This decision is entirely up to Washington. If Cousins' team places the exclusive franchise tag on him, it's over. If Washington tags him as their non-exclusive franchise player, then there's some room for the 49ers to maneuver. It would cost two first-round picks, plus a contract that could make him the highest-paid quarterback in the league. Or the 49ers could try to negotiate a lower price with Washington for a trade. It seems a trade for Cousins ranks as the least-likely possibility for the 49ers to land their quarterback this offseason.

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### ***RATHMAN WILL NOT RETURN AS ASSISTANT ON 49ERS STAFF***

By Matt Maiocco, CSNBayArea.com

Tom Rathman, who has spent 22 seasons with the 49ers as a player and coach, will not return to the team's coaching staff for the 2017 season, he told CSNBayArea.com on Sunday.

"I'm not going to be back," Rathman said. "I feel like it's the best for everybody if I just parted and let those guys do their thing and take me out of the equation so that nobody's uncomfortable.

"I'm looking to coach running backs and that's what I want to do. I'm just going to wait for the next opportunity and go for it when it happens."

Rathman's spot as the 49ers' running backs coach the past eight seasons was filled on Friday when the club announced the hiring of Bobby Turner to serve in that capacity on Kyle Shanahan's staff.

Shanahan said he made a promise to Turner a long time ago to hire him to his coaching staff if he were to ever become an NFL head coach. Turner coached under Shanahan's father, Mike, with Denver and Washington.

Shanahan and general manager John Lynch met with Rathman on Thursday morning and discussed ways to keep Rathman on the staff. Rathman said there was not a role on the staff that made sense for him or the 49ers.

"It was all positive," said Rathman, 54. "I have no hard feelings. It's just the nature of the business. Everybody just has to understand that. In pro football, coaches get fired and new guys come in and they bring their guys. I totally understand it. I don't have a problem with it. Being in the business for 28 years, playing and coaching, you understand what it is. You can never take anything for granted."

Rathman was a fullback with the 49ers from 1986 to '93, during which time he was a starter on two Super Bowl-winning teams and seven NFC West champions. He finished his career in 1994 with the Los Angeles Raiders before transitioning into coaching.

He spent one season as the offensive coordinator at Menlo College. Rathman was then hired the following year to Steve Mariucci's staff with the 49ers, where he coached from 1997 to 2002. Rathman followed Mariucci to the Detroit Lions for three seasons before serving as Lane Kiffin's running backs coach with the Raiders in 2007 and '08.

Rathman returned to the 49ers in 2009, where he has worked on coaching staffs with head coaches Mike Singletary, Jim Harbaugh, Jim Tomsula and Chip Kelly.

"It's been fantastic," Rathman said of his time with the 49ers. "Just going back to the playing days in the DeBartolo era. Playing for the organization and coaching for Eddie and the York family and Jed. They've

shown me nothing but respect. I have no hard feelings. I still feel like I'm part of the family. Even though I won't be there, I'll still feel part of the family."

Rathman said he wanted to reach out to some people with whom he has worked to inform them before news of his exit from the 49ers became public. Among those with whom he spoke were Carlos Hyde and Frank Gore. Hyde posted a photo of Rathman on social media Saturday night with no caption.

"I did talk to Frank, too," Rathman said.

Gore's reaction, according to Rathman, "That sucks."

"You try to explain it to everybody that it's the way the business works," Rathman said. "He understands that, because as a player, the 49ers had to let him go. Whether you're playing or whether you're coaching, it's pretty much the same thing. It's a very volatile industry. You have to go out and produce. That's the bottom line in this industry, whether you're coaching or playing. We just didn't do enough producing."

Rathman said he will look to resume coaching in the NFL.

"Because it's so late, all the jobs are pretty much snagged," Rathman said. "I'll continue to hunt. If I have to be out this year, I'll get back in next year and take my coaching show on the road for however long I have to.

"I'm looking to do another stint, one more push, in pro football and just try to get to that Super Bowl level and win another Super Bowl."

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### ***Tom Rathman not returning to 49ers coaching staff next season***

By Nick Wagoner, ESPN.com

SANTA CLARA, Calif. -- San Francisco 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan made it abundantly clear last week he wanted to keep Tom Rathman with the organization that has been home for most of Rathman's football life. But he also acknowledged that keeping Rathman after hiring Bobby Turner as his running backs coach probably would be an uphill battle.

As it turned out, it was one Shanahan and the Niners just couldn't win. As CSN Bay Area first reported and ESPN confirmed Sunday, Rathman indeed will not be back with the 49ers for the 2017 season.

"I'm not going to be back," Rathman told CSN Bay Area. "I feel like it's the best for everybody if I just parted and let those guys do their thing and take me out of the equation so that nobody's uncomfortable."

Rathman's decision ultimately came down to the fact that Turner will be stepping in to coach running backs, and though Shanahan proposed other alternatives to keep him on staff, there simply wasn't anything else that appealed to Rathman.

After all, Rathman played fullback and coached running backs for the organization for a total of 22 years, eight as a player and 14 as a coach. Being a running back or coaching them is all he's ever known.

Shanahan even cited Rathman as a player he looked up to when he was a kid and his father, Mike Shanahan, was coaching for the Niners in the early 1990s. But Kyle Shanahan also had longstanding loyalty to Turner, who he promised long ago would have a job wherever he landed his first head coaching job. The 49ers announced Turner as one of their first six hires for Shanahan's staff on Friday.

General manager John Lynch and Shanahan met with Rathman last week and discussed other possibilities on the staff, but Shanahan left that meeting knowing it was possible Rathman might decline those other options.

"I made a commitment to Bobby Turner a long time ago that if I got a head coaching job I was going to take him with me, regardless of where that was," Shanahan said last week. "And Bobby's a lifelong running back coach just like Tom. So Bobby is going to come in here and be the running back coach. That's something that, I love Tom Rathman, he's a hero of mine and I know how good of a coach he is. I'm really trying hard to get him to be here in whatever other role he wants. But I know Tom, and Tom's a running back coach. I'm going to try my hardest to keep him here. It's definitely going to be up to him, but I'm going to have to be doing some convincing."

In the end, it wasn't enough, and Rathman will seek other opportunities to continue coaching the position he knows best.

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***Now 49ers coach, Kyle Shanahan looks back and laughs at lost backpack***

By Nick Wagoner, ESPN.com

SANTA CLARA, Calif. -- New San Francisco 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan admitted at his introductory news conference that he will "go back through every play" of Super Bowl LI for the rest of his life. And though the ending of that Super Bowl and his tenure as Atlanta Falcons offensive coordinator will undoubtedly be hard to shake, not everything from Shanahan's Super Bowl experience will take on such a serious tone.

After last week's news conference and making the rounds with various media outlets, Shanahan popped into the media room to chat with a group of writers in a more informal session. At the start of that sit-down, Shanahan recounted the case of his missing backpack, which included his iPad playbook, from early in Super Bowl week.

It was a particularly amusing story for Bay Area media considering the accidental thief of the backpack was Art Spander of the San Francisco Examiner. Spander is a local legend in San Francisco sports writing, earning the McCann Award from the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1999.

Here's Shanahan's recollection of what happened in his own words:

"It was a very panicked feeling," Shanahan said.

But Shanahan wasn't panicked because of the presence of his game plan, which would still have needed a password to access.

"[But] that had all my Super Bowl tickets in it for all my friends and family, so it's basically a \$30,000 bag of cash that was missing," Shanahan said. "So that was my panic."

It was a panic that held Shanahan for a long time as he tried to figure out where the backpack went.

"I was just looking for my backpack," Shanahan said. "I didn't know who took it. But I couldn't get more than five feet without someone stopping me. And I was getting insecure because people were trying to talk to me and I can't even look them in the eye. [I was thinking] 'I've got to find my backpack!' And they're [thinking] 'this guy's weird.'"

"So finally I went back to my seat where I was and there was this one backpack sitting there. And so I just went and started looking in that backpack and finally I found Art's name on it. I was asking some reporters around and someone had his cellphone, so they called him."



But recovering the backpack wasn't that easy.

"They talked to Art," Shanahan said. "And I was like, 'Does he have it?' He goes, 'I don't know.' I'm like 'you just talked to him for 30 seconds, what do you mean you don't know?' [He said] 'I don't know. He's coming down here, though.'"

So Shanahan sat down and waited 30 minutes for Spander to return with his backpack. He missed the team bus while waiting.

"Finally he came, he was wearing the backpack," Shanahan said. "But he still didn't know it was mine. I tried to grab it from him and he shook me off. And then eventually he realized it and then he was awesome. Just a mistaken backpack."

Shanahan said the backpacks were placed in a dark area so it was understandable that his black backpack could be mistaken for Spander's blue one. He also acknowledged that he has a knack for misplacing things.

"The worst part about it is I am a forgetful person, besides football," Shanahan said. "My wallet, I lose regularly. All the quarterbacks, my wife, every friend I've ever had, they're like, 'Of course, you lost the gameplan.' I'm like, 'No I didn't! Someone jacked me, I promise.'"

"No one believed me."

Eventually, the backpack was returned with everything intact. Shanahan looks back at it and laughs now.

"I messed with Art on that," Shanahan said, chuckling. "'What, do you work for [Patriots coach Bill] Belichick or something?' He didn't get my joke, though."

Spander was unable to attend Shanahan's first news conference. He was tending to his other sporting passion: covering the AT&T pro-am golf tournament at Pebble Beach but they will be reunited soon enough.

"I was waiting to see him," Shanahan said. "We have a bond now."

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### ***Tom Brady Tells the Story of the Super Bowl 51 Comeback***

By Peter King, MMQB.com

Pod People

Love the pod this week—New England offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels on the game (much of it covered at the top of this column) and San Francisco GM John Lynch. I chose a couple of the Lynch bites, because they give you a view into the person.

- Lynch on how the story of him being a GM was such a shock to so many people: "Early on, the story broke that I was doing the silence part to test [CEO] Jed York, and that's true, but that was probably third on the list. I have four kids. My wife, when I went to her, she said, 'John, listen. It is hard for me to wrap my arms around something until you have an offer. So, develop this thing if you wish, but I don't want to tell the kids at this point, because kids get anxiety about that.' That spoke to me. I have a son who is going to be a junior right now. He checks Pro Football Talk, he checks The MMQB on a constant basis. I didn't want him learning— and that's the way this world works now. [My family members] were the top priority. But also because I had read the stories that there were a lot of leaks out of that San Francisco building. I said, 'Jed, it's very important to me. Actually, it's a non-starter. If this gets out, my name's out of the hat.' To his credit, it worked, and it stayed quiet. One person had the story, and he is a good man

because he never leaked it. He's a father, and I told him, as a father, I'm asking you to hold on to it, and he did."

- Lynch on his baseball history—especially starting the first game in the history of the Florida Marlins organization: "Unfortunately what I remember is that the first seven pitches that day were balls. A four-pitch walk, and then I got to 3-0, and then I came back and I got it going, but oh wow, what an experience ... It was so short to right field in the park, Erie, Pennsylvania. Mr. [Wayne] Huizenga brought up all the dignitaries, and I throw the first pitch and they run out and take my hat, take my jersey, they give me another one, they stop the game. Every pitch they were taking something for the Hall of Fame, so the fact that some of that stuff still resides at the Baseball Hall of Fame is pretty fun. I think I would have been a good pitcher. I had great sink, heavy sink. And I think it would have worked, but now just thinking about it, it's the same reason I took this job. I learned right there, my dad wanted me to play baseball. What are you doing? Look at the career—no injuries! A lot of people thought I was crazy to leave the Marlins where I was the second pick ever, I threw the first pitch, and had a fast track to the major leagues. What I did is I followed my heart ... I realized that I loved baseball but I had to have football. That same line of thinking is what allowed me to pursue this opportunity without fear. I'm going to give it my best shot. I don't fail at many things that I try in life. I am going to have some failures but I'll overcome those."

#### Ten Things I Think I Think

f. Kyle Shanahan wasn't kidding, knowing him, when he said four days after the game: "I remember every single play, and I will go over those for the rest of my life."

6. I think I wouldn't be concerned about the mass exodus of Atlanta coaches, except for two: Kyle Shanahan and Bobby Turner. Shanahan made Matt Ryan better. He made the offense better because it was so diverse and so unpredictable. Turner's the unsung loss. He's the veteran running backs coach who, back in Denver, made a slew of low-drafted backs (Terrell Davis most notably) play great, and he was vital in the development of Devonta Freeman and Tevin Coleman in Atlanta. But I applaud the Falcons. They could have played hardball and kept Turner. But Turner wanted to go with Shanahan—Turner obviously was close with Mike Shanahan—and he becomes a very influential senior adviser (he is 67) to Kyle Shanahan.

7. I think it doesn't hurt that the 49ers have rewarded Turner by making him one of the highest-paid (if not the highest-paid) running backs coaches in the NFL, with a salary of at least \$625,000.

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#### ***Tom Rathman won't remain on 49ers staff***

By Josh Alper, ProFootballTalk.com

49ers General Manager John Lynch said last week that he wants to build stronger relationships with the team's former players, but one longtime member of the organization is on his way out.

Tom Rathman played fullback for eight seasons in the 1980s and 1990s and has had two stints as an assistant coach with the team, including the last eight years as the team's running backs coach. Bobby Turner joined head coach Kyle Shanahan in the move from Atlanta to fill that position, although Shanahan said he hoped to find a way to keep Rathman around.

Rathman said Sunday that he will be moving on, however.

"I'm not going to be back," Rathman said, via Matt Maiocco of CSN Bay Area. "I feel like it's the best for everybody if I just parted and let those guys do their thing and take me out of the equation so that nobody's uncomfortable. I'm looking to coach running backs and that's what I want to do. I'm just going to wait for the next opportunity and go for it when it happens."

Rathman said there were “no hard feelings” about his departure and that he knows it may be late in the game to land a job for the 2017 season, which may mean a year off before he’s able to resume his coaching career.