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2015 SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PT)
PRESEASON (1-1)		
Aug. 15	@ Houston	L, 10-23
Aug. 23	Dallas	W, 23-6
Aug. 29	@ Denver	6:00PM
Sept. 3	San Diego	7:00PM
REGULAR SEASON		
Sept. 14	Minnesota	7:20PM
Sept. 20	@ Pittsburgh	10:00AM
Sept. 27	@ Arizona	1:05PM
Oct. 4	Green Bay	1:25PM
Oct. 11	@ New York Giants	5:30PM
Oct. 18	Baltimore	1:25PM
Oct. 22	Seattle	5:25PM
Nov. 1	@ St. Louis	10:00AM
Nov. 8	Atlanta	1:05PM
Nov. 15	BYE	
Nov. 22	@ Seattle	1:25PM
Nov. 29	Arizona	1:05PM
Dec. 6	@ Chicago	10:00AM
Dec. 13	@ Cleveland	10:00AM
Dec. 20	Cincinnati	5:30PM
Dec. 27	@ Detroit	10:00AM
Jan. 3	St. Louis	1:25PM

MEDIA CENTER

The 49ers media center is updated daily and contains all of the necessary information to cover the team. On the site, you will find a compilation of 49ers game releases, rosters, updated player bios, gamebooks, transcriptions, statistics, audio files and much more.

To access the site, please visit: media.49ers.com

MEDIA GUIDE

The 49ers 2015 media guide is available online at <http://49ers.1stroundmediagroup.com/> and will be updated weekly throughout the season.

WEEKLY BOOK

The electronic version of the 49ers weekly book is available online. To access the book, please visit:

<http://49ers.1stroundmediagroup.com/weeklybooks/>

49ERS AT BRONCOS

The 49ers hit the road for their third preseason game as they travel to Denver to take on the Broncos. The 49ers and Broncos have met 36 times in the preseason, including every year since 2012. The Broncos lead the all-time preseason series, 20-16.

Last week, the Niners earned a 23-6 victory over the Dallas Cowboys at Levi's® Stadium. The defense registered a trio of interceptions from S Craig Dahl, CB Dontae Johnson and NT Mike Purcell. Purcell took his interception 37 yards to the end zone for a touchdown. San Francisco's defense also recorded 4.0 sacks on the day.

The Niners special teams units shined as WR Quinton Patton blocked a punt by Cowboys P Tom Hornsey and recovered the kick in the end zone for a touchdown. RB Jarryd Hayne returned three punts for 84 yards (28.0 average), P Bradley Pinion knocked three punts inside the 20-yard line, and K Phil Dawson and K Corey Acosta combined to go three for three on field goal attempts.

RADIO & TV COVERAGE

49ERS TELEVISION NETWORK

KPIX 5 and CW Bay Area are the official television partners of the San Francisco 49ers preseason broadcasts, and the flagship television stations of the 49ers Television Network. **Ted Robinson**, the 49ers radio play-by-play voice, will have the call. He enters his seventh season with the 49ers. He is joined by former Chicago Bears and USC All-American defensive lineman **Tim Ryan**, who enters his second season in the 49ers radio booth with Robinson. Ryan is a Bay Area native who was previously a color analyst for 49ers preseason games along with 12 seasons with the NFL on FOX. Veteran broadcaster **Dennis O'Donnell** returns for his 15th season as part of the 49ers preseason broadcast. He will be handling sideline duties.

49ERS RADIO NETWORK

All 49ers preseason games can be heard on KGO (810-AM), The Bone (KSAN 107.7-FM) and the 49ers Radio Network. **Bob Fitzgerald** will be on play-by-play. He currently calls NFL and college football games for Sports USA Radio and is the lead play-by-play announcer for Golden State Warriors basketball on Comcast SportsNet Bay Area. Fitzgerald is also a co-host of the "Fitz and Brooks" show on KNBR 680-AM. Former 49ers linebacker **Keena Turner** will be the color analyst. Turner played for San Francisco from 1980-90, and currently serves as the team's Vice President of Football Affairs.

SPANISH RADIO

All 49ers regular season games can be heard on KTRB 860-AM - ESPN Deportes (San Francisco). **Jesus Zarate** will be handling the play-by-play duties and **Luis Landero** will provide the color.

NFL CALENDAR

Sept. 1: Roster cut-down to maximum of 75 players by 1 PM (PT)

Sept. 5: Roster cut-down to maximum of 53 players by 1 PM (PT)

Sept. 6: After 10 AM (PT), clubs may establish a Practice Squad of 10 players

Sept. 10, 13-14: 2015 Regular Season opens

Bob Lange - Vice President of Communications • **Dan Beckler** - Senior Manager of Football Communications
Roger Hacker - Senior Manager of Corporate Communications • **Mike Chasanoff** - Manager of Football Communications
Emily Lucas - Coordinator of Corporate Communications • **Peter Volmut** - Football Communications Assistant

THE HEAD COACHES



Jim Tomsula was named the 19th head coach of the San Francisco 49ers on January 14, 2015, after spending the past eight seasons as the team's defensive line coach. Tomsula also served as San Francisco's interim head coach for the final game of the 2010 season, a 38-7 victory over the Arizona Cardinals. Tomsula has coached 31 seasons of football at

the high school, college and professional levels since the fall of 1989, including eight (2007-14) with the 49ers since being named San Francisco's defensive line coach in 2007. Tomsula joined the 49ers after enjoying one of the most successful stints in NFL Europe history. Prior to being named the head coach of the Rhein Fire in 2006, which made him the youngest head coach in NFL history at age 38. Tomsula served as the Berlin Thunder's defensive coordinator for two seasons, winning World Bowl XII in his first season with a defense that ranked first in the NFL against the run. Tomsula joined the NFL in 1998 as the defensive line coach of the England Monarchs. He then went on to serve in the same capacity for five seasons with the Scottish Claymores, where he established a reputation for producing some of the league's most dominant lines. He also played a leading role in mentoring and teaching young talent in the league's National Player Development program. Between NFL Europe seasons, Tomsula spent each fall as a member of Division II Catawba College's coaching staff, since coaching in the NFL was not a year-round position. He was a defensive lineman at Catawba College (1987-88) in Salisbury, NC, after transferring from Middle Tennessee State (1985).

COACHES COMPARISON

Jim Tomsula		Gary Kubiak
1-1 (.500)	Preseason Record as Head Coach	21-13 (.618)
1-1 (.500)	Preseason Record with Current Team	2-0 (1.000)
1-0 (1.000)	Overall Record (Regular/Postseason)	63-66 (.488)
1st	Years as Head Coach with Team	1st
1st	Years as Head Coach in NFL	9th
9th	Years as an NFL Coach	22nd



Gary Kubiak is in his first season as head coach of the Denver Broncos. He most recently served as the Baltimore Ravens offensive coordinator in 2014, where he oversaw one of the NFL's most improved and explosive units to help the Ravens advance to the AFC Divisional Round of the playoffs. Kubiak spent eight years (2006-13) as the Houston

Texans head coach, leading the franchise to a 61-64 (.488) regular-season record and a 2-2 mark in the playoffs. He was named AFC Coach of the Year by the KC 101 Club in 2011 after guiding the Texans to a 10-6 record and the franchise's first AFC South Division title, post-season berth and playoff win. Kubiak played in 119 games and tossed 14 touchdowns at quarterback for the Denver Broncos from 1983-91 as the backup for Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway. During his time as a player in the Mile High City, he was a part of three teams that reached the Super Bowl. Kubiak began his coaching career in 1992-93 as the running backs coach at his alma mater, Texas A&M. Kubiak started his NFL coaching career as the quarterbacks coach of the San Francisco 49ers in 1994 and guided Hall-of-Famer Steve Young to his best season as a pro, where he received Most Valuable Player recognition by the Associated Press and earned Super Bowl XXIX MVP honors. Kubiak coached quarterbacks for his first eight seasons (1995-02) in Denver and spent 11 years (1995-2005) as the Broncos offensive coordinator, helping Denver lead the NFL in scoring (24.8 PPG) and total yards (360.3 YPG) during that span.

2014 COMPARISON

49ERS (rank)

8-8 (3rd NFCW)
19.1 (25th)
327.4 (20th)
136.0 (4th)
191.4 (30th)
31:16 (7th)
21.3 (10th)
321.4 (5th)
100.8 (7th)
220.7 (5th)
36 (t-21st)
23 (1st)
46.2 (8th)
+7 (t-6th)

49ERS

Colin Kaepernick.....3,369

Frank Gore.....1,106
Colin Kaepernick.....639

Anquan Boldin.....83
Michael Crabtree.....68

Anquan Boldin.....1,062
Michael Crabtree.....698

Perrish Cox.....5
Antoine Bethea.....4
Chris Culliver.....4

Ahmad Brooks.....6.0
Aaron Lynch.....6.0
Two Players.....5.0

BRONCOS (rank)

Record	12-4 (1st AFCW)
Points Per Game	30.1 (2nd)
Total Offense	402.9 (4th)
Rushing Offense	111.6 (15th)
Passing Offense	291.3 (4th)
Possession Average	30:35 (12th)
Points Allowed Per Game	22.1 (t-16th)
Total Defense	305.2 (3rd)
Rushing Defense	79.8 (2nd)
Passing Defense	225.4 (9th)
Sacks	41 (t-9th)
Interceptions	18 (t-7th)
Punting Avg. (Gross)	44.2 (22nd)
Turnover Differential	+5 (t-11th)

BRONCOS

Peyton Manning.....4,727

C.J. Anderson.....849
Ronnie Hillman.....434

Demaryius Thomas.....111
Emmanuel Sanders....101

D. Thomas.....1,619
E. Sanders.....1,404

Rahim Moore.....4
Aqib Talib.....4
Chris Harris.....3

Von Miller.....14.0
DeMarcus Ware.....10.0
Malik Jackson.....3.0



PRESEASON HISTORY

Broncos Lead Preseason Series vs. 49ers 20-16

Winning				Winning			
Year	Team	Score	Loc.	Year	Team	Score	Loc.
1968	49ers	22-6	Den.	1991	49ers	24-6	SF
1969	Broncos	19-15	Den.	1992	49ers	13-7	SF
1970	49ers	23-7	Ore.	1993	49ers	16-13	Den.
1971	49ers	33-17	Was.	1994	49ers	20-3	SF
1972	Broncos	27-24	SF	1995	Broncos	25-10	T
1973	49ers	43-7	SF	1995	Broncos	9-7	Den.
1974	Broncos	10-3	SF	1996	Broncos	20-17	SF
1975	49ers	44-10	SF	1997	Broncos	31-17	Den.
1976	49ers	17-7	SF	1999	Broncos	34-3	Den.
1977	Broncos	20-0	SF	2000	Broncos	28-24	SF
1978	49ers	24-13	Den.	2001	Broncos	35-7	Den.
1979	Broncos	21-0	SF	2002	49ers	12-7	Den.
1984	Broncos	21-20	Den.	2005	Broncos	26-21	Den.
1985	Broncos	20-13	SF	2007	Broncos	17-13	SF
1986	Broncos	14-9	SF	2009	49ers	17-16	SF
1988	Broncos	34-24	Den.	2012	49ers	29-24	Den.
1989	49ers	35-17	SF	2013	Broncos	10-6	SF
1990	49ers	27-24	Den.	2014	Broncos	34-0	SF

Ore. - Oregon; Was. - Washington; T - Tokyo, Japan



SERIES HIGHLIGHTS

Preseason Matchups: 36

Preseason Series: Broncos lead series 20-16

First Preseason Meeting: 8/23/68, 49ers win, 22-6, at Den.

Last Preseason Meeting: 8/17/14, Broncos win, 34-0, at SF

Current Streak: Lost 2

Longest 49ers Win Streak: 6 (8/19/89 - 8/12/94)

Longest Broncos Win Streak: 7 (7/29/95 - 8/31/01)

Most 49ers Points: 44 (9/7/95): 49ers win 44-10, at SF

Most Broncos Points: 35 (8/31/01): Broncos win 35-7, at Den.

49ers Shutouts: None

Broncos Shutouts: 3 (Last 8/17/14), Broncos win 34-0, at SF

2015 PRESEASON COMPARISON

49ERS		BRONCOS
1-1	Record	2-0
16.5	Points Per Game	18.0
202.0	Total Offense	369.5
128.5	Rushing Offense	117.0
73.5	Passing Offense	252.5
24:52	Possession Average	30:10
14.5	Points Allowed Per Game	15.0
328.5	Total Defense	231.5
124.0	Rushing Defense	80.0
204.5	Passing Defense	151.5
4	Sacks	12
3	Interceptions	0
47.3	Punting Avg. (Gross)	43.3
+2	Turnover Differential	0

49ERS

BRONCOS

PASSING YARDS

Blaine Gabbert.....107	Brock Osweiler.....272
Dylan Thompson.....52	Trevor Siemian.....179

RUSHING YARDS

Jarryd Hayne.....117	Ronnie Hillman.....120
Mike Davis.....52	Juwan Thompson.....44

RECEPTIONS

Blake Bell.....3	Virgil Green.....6
Quinton Patton.....3	Bennie Fowler.....5
Jerome Simpson.....3	Cody Latimer.....5
Three Players.....2	Owen Daniels.....4

RECEIVING YARDS

Jerome Simpson.....40	Bennie Fowler.....99
Busta Anderson.....32	Andre Caldwell.....61

INTERCEPTIONS

Craig Dahl.....1	None
Dontae Johnson.....1	
Mike Purcell.....1	

SACKS

Desmond Bishop.....1.0	Shaquil Barrett.....2.0
Shawn Lemon.....1.0	Darius Kilgo.....2.0
Marcus Rush.....1.0	Seven Players.....1.0
Quinton Dial.....0.5	Two Players.....0.5
Eli Harold.....0.5	

BUSH'S NFL ACCOLADES

- Has appeared in 116 games (94 starts) throughout his 9-year career.
- Is the leader among active RBs in repts. (466) and ranks 3rd in rec. TDs (18) and 4th in rec. yds. (3,489).
- Has registered at least one regular season TD against 26 of 32 NFL teams.
- In 2013, registered his second 1,000-yd. season in three years as he led Det. with 1,006 yds. on 223 carries and 4 TDs. Also added 506 rec. yds. and 3 rec. TDs.
- Registered the longest TD repts. of his career with a 77-yd. TD vs. Min. (9/8/13).
- Rushed for 117 yds. on 20 carries (5.9 avg.) vs. GB (11/28/13), reaching 5,000 yds. rushing in his career.



PEARS' NFL ACCOLADES

- Appeared in 101 games (86 starts) and has started all 16 games in three of the past four seasons as a member of the Buffalo Bills.
- In 2013, was part of a Bills offensive line that helped the offense rank 2nd in the NFL and led the AFC in rushing yds. per game (144.2).
- In 2012, helped block for just the 2nd Bills RB duo in franchise history to reach 800-or-more rushing yds. in a season.
- Started 16 games in 2011 as the offensive line allowed a NFL-low 23 sacks.



DOCKETT'S NFL ACCOLADES

- Played in 158 games (156 starts) in 11 seasons with the Arizona Cardinals, where he registered 530 tackles, 40.5 sacks, 4 INTs, 13 FR, 7 FF and 18 PD.
- Led the NFL in sacks among DTs in both 2007 (9.0) and 2009 (7.0).
- In Super Bowl XLIII against the Steelers (2/1/09), tied the NFL record for sacks in a Super Bowl with 3.0 (Reggie White, SB XXXI).
- Has the most Pro Bowl appearances (2007, 2009-10) among DL in Arizona Cardinals franchise history.
- Set a single-game career-high 3.0 sacks twice in his career [at Ten. (11/29/09) and at NO (9/22/13)].
- Has two TDs in his career with an 11-yd. FR for a TD vs. StL (12/7/08) and a FR in the end zone vs. Den. (12/12/10).



SMITH'S NFL ACCOLADES

- Started 62 of his 64 games played with the Baltimore Ravens over his first four seasons in the NFL.
- Ranks 2nd among active wide receivers with 62 consecutive regular season games started.
- Finished his time in Baltimore as the Ravens career leader in yds.-per-catch avg. (16.9), registering 213 repts. for 3,591 yds. and 30 TDs.
- Led the Ravens with a career-high 11 TD repts. in 2014, becoming the first Ravens player with 10-or-more TD repts. since WR Michael Jackson had 14 in 1996.
- With 1,128 rec. yds. in 2013, became the first Ravens player with 1,000-or-more rec. yds. in a season since since WR Derrick Mason had 1,028 rec. yds. in 2009.
- Had his first 3 career repts. go for TDs (74, 41 and 18 yds.) at StL (9/25/11), becoming the first rookie in NFL history and the 12th player since 1991 with 3 TD repts. in the 1st qtr.



WRIGHT'S NFL ACCOLADES

- Has appeared in 44 games (27 starts) with San Diego over the past four seasons. He has started each of the last 27 games he has played in.
- Registered a career-high 58 tackles with SD in 2014, ranking 3rd on the team among DBs.



A LOOK AT 2015

FREQUENT FLYER MILES

A trip around the world is approximately 25,000 miles. The **49ers** are one of three teams (Mia. & Oak.) that will essentially travel around the world with their 2015 road schedules.

The Niners aren't alone however, as the teams in the NFC West (90,990) have the highest combined mileage total of all divisions.

TOTAL MILES TRAVELED IN 2015

Team	Miles
1. San Francisco	27,912
2. Miami	26,622
3. Oakland	26,268
4. Seattle	24,976
5. San Diego	24,328

A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE

The 49ers 2015 coaching staff has accumulated a combined **385** seasons of coaching experience at the NFL, College and Pro levels.

49ERS COACHING STAFF EXPERIENCE (TOTAL SEASONS COACHED)

Coach	NFL	College	Pro
Jim Tomsula	8	13	9*
Geep Chryst	22	4	2**
Eric Mangini	18	-	-
Thomas McGaughey Jr.	9	6	-
D.J. Boldin	2	-	-
Scott Brown	-	36	-
Ronald Curry	2	-	-
Ejiro Evero	7	3	-
Chris Foerster	22	11	-
Aubrayo Franklin	-	-	-
Adam Henry	5	13	-
Richard Hightower	8	1	-
Tim Lewis	20	8	-
Steve Logan	3	25	3*
Mick Lombardi	3	2	-
T.C. McCartney	1	3	-
Clancy Pendergast	15	8	-
Tom Rathman	17	1	-
Joe Scola	-	8	-
Tony Sparano	16	15	-
Jason Tarver	13	6	-
Eric Wolford	-	20	-
Total Seasons Coached	191	183	14

*NFL Europe

** World League

In addition to coaching experience, a large number of San Francisco's coaching staff has also played in the NFL. Together, a total of six 49ers coaches have been with NFL franchises for a combined **35** seasons as players.

In total, the Niners coaching staff has been part of **226** NFL seasons throughout their respective playing/coaching careers.

49ERS COACHES WITH NFL PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Coach	Seasons
Thomas McGaughey Jr.	1
Ronald Curry	7
Aubrayo Franklin	11
Adam Henry	3
Tim Lewis	4
Tom Rathman	9
Total Seasons Played	35

KNOW YOUR OPPONENT

Based off of 2014 results, San Francisco has the 3rd toughest schedule in 2015. The 49ers have nine games against teams that were .500-or-better and nine play-off teams last season.

HIGHEST OPPONENT WIN PCT. IN 2014

Team	Win Pct.
1. Pittsburgh	.578
2. Cincinnati	.563
3. San Francisco	.561
4. Seattle	.559
5. Arizona	.557

GET 'EM WHERE YOU WANT 'EM

It is extremely difficult to win games in the NFL. While the overall winning percentage of San Francisco's 2015 opponents is high, the 49ers home/away opponent breakdown outside the division is more favorable based off of 2014 results.

49ERS HOME OPPONENT'S 2014 AWAY RECORD (NON DIVISION)

Team	Away Record
Atlanta	3-5
Baltimore	4-4
Cincinnati	5-3
Green Bay	4-4
Minnesota	2-6

49ERS AWAY OPPONENT'S 2014 HOME RECORD (NON DIVISION)

Team	Home Record
Chicago	2-6
Cleveland	4-4
Detroit	7-1
New York Giants	3-5
Pittsburgh	6-2

Since 2009, San Francisco's 34-13-1 (.719) record at home is 5th-best in the NFL. Part of the success is due to the stout defense over that time. The 49ers have allowed the least amount of points in their home stadium during that timespan (765 pts.).

FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED AT HOME (2009-14)

Team	PA
1. San Francisco	765
2. Baltimore	775
3. Seattle	791
4. Pittsburgh	847
5. New England	890

49ERS IN PRIMETIME

The 49ers are slated for four primetime appearances during the 2015 season. All-time, San Francisco holds a 68-37 record in primetime games. The season opener versus Minnesota is just the sixth time in franchise history the team will open the season on *Monday Night Football* where the team has a 3-2 record.

SAN FRANCISCO'S PRIMETIME GAMES IN 2015

Week	Date	Opponent	Time	Network
1	Sep. 14	vs. Min.	7:20 pm	ESPN
5	Oct. 11	at NYG	5:30 pm	NBC
7	Oct. 22	vs. Sea.	5:25 pm	CBS/NFLN
15	Dec. 20	vs. Cin.	5:30 pm	NBC



THE BIG GAME COMES TO THE BAY AREA



Levi's® Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers, will host Super Bowl 50 on February 7, 2016.

"It's a testament to everybody in the Bay Area," says 49ers CEO **Jed York**. "The city of Santa Clara came together, obviously San Francisco stepped up for the Super Bowl, San Jose has been a big part of this, and I think you're going to see everybody from Napa all the way to

Monterey step up for this. Sports are supposed to bring people together; they bring communities together, and nothing emphasizes that more than the Bay Area hosting Super Bowl 50."

The first Super Bowl was played in California in 1967 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The game will return to Northern California for the first time since Super Bowl XIX, which was held on January 20, 1985 at Stanford Stadium. Super Bowl XIX featured future Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterbacks Dan Marino and Joe Montana. Montana led the 49ers to victory, defeating Marino's Miami Dolphins 38-16.

To celebrate this golden moment, the NFL will break away from its traditional use of branding the Super Bowl with Roman numerals and will instead use the Arabic numeral "50." The league will return to Roman numerals for Super Bowl LI, scheduled to take place on February 5, 2017 at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas.

Before the Super Bowl, fans can head over to Super Bowl City and the NFL Experience to partake in a week-long series of family-friendly events. Super Bowl City is a free-to-the-public fan village, centered in Justin Herman Plaza, on the Embarcadero at the foot of San Francisco's famed Market Street. Fans will have the opportunity to sample locally grown food, experience the Bay Area's cultural diversity, view performances from national and local artists and participate in football-themed activities. In addition to serving as a hub of fan, sponsor, media and NFL activities, Super Bowl City will be the broadcast home for the CBS Television Network - the exclusive broadcaster of Super Bowl 50 - as well as NFL Network.

"Super Bowl City will give every San Franciscan a chance to share in the fan experience of Super Bowl 50," says San Francisco Mayor Edwin M. Lee. "As San Francisco hosts the most philanthropic Super Bowl ever, our Bay Area region's small local businesses, hotels and restaurants will share in all these events. I'm excited that the San Francisco Bay Area and all we have to offer will be once again seen on one of the world's largest stages."

The NFL Experience will be housed at Moscone Center North and South. For its first visit to the Bay Area, pro football's interactive theme park will feature participatory games, displays, entertainment attractions, youth football clinics and free autograph sessions with NFL players.



Moscone Center West will be home to the NFL Fan Viewing Gallery and the NFL

Media Center. The Fan Viewing Gallery provides fans with the opportunity to get up close and personal as current players, NFL legends and celebrities are interviewed live by national radio personalities.

Both Super Bowl City and the NFL Experience will open on January 30, 2016, providing local residents the opportunity to experience the festival before out-of-town guests arrive. Additionally, 25 percent of every dollar raised by the San Francisco Bay Area Super Bowl 50 Host Committee will go toward supporting local community initiatives and high-performing nonprofits.



Geep Chryst is in his fifth season with the 49ers and first as the offensive coordinator, having spent his first four years as the team's quarterbacks coach.

With 27 seasons of coaching experience, including 22 years in the NFL, Chryst joined the 49ers, in 2011 and has played a significant role in the development of QB Colin Kaepernick, which was evident when he became the starter in Week 11 of the 2012 season and led the team to an appearance in Super Bowl XLVII.

In 2014, Kaepernick set career highs in passing yards (3,369) and rushing yards (639). His 639 rushing yards set the franchise record for most rushing yards by a quarterback in a season. Kaepernick also tied the franchise record for most consecutive games with a touchdown pass (18 - Steve Young, 10/9/94-11/26/95).



During the 2013 season, Kaepernick led the team to its third consecutive NFC Championship Game appearance. Under Chryst's tutelage, Kaepernick ranked 10th in the NFL with a quarterback rating of 91.6, throwing for 21 touchdowns and only 8 interceptions.

The 2012 season showed Chryst's strengths and expertise as the teams quarterbacks coach in capitalizing on the strengths of the starting quarterback. Midway through the season, Kaepernick was named the team's starter. Chryst's quarterback duo of Kaepernick and Alex Smith, tied for the fewest interceptions in the NFL (8), ranked 4th in quarterback rating (101.2), and 4th in completion percentage (66.3).

In 2011, Chryst helped guide Smith to his best NFL season, setting career highs in passing yards (3,144), completions (273), and passer rating (90.7). He also set the franchise record for fewest interceptions thrown in a single-season with just five. Smith's five interceptions are tied for third in NFL history (min. 400 atts.) and his interception percentage of 1.1 also ranks third in NFL history (min. 400 atts.). Most importantly, he posted a 14-4 overall record as the starter, in 2011.

Chryst joined the 49ers in 2011 after five years as the tight ends coach/offensive quality control for the Carolina Panthers. In 2009, Chryst was part of an offensive coaching staff that helped the Panthers become the first team in the history of the NFL to garner two running backs with more than 1,100 yards rushing in the same season. His tight end unit also posted the most productive receiving season for Panthers tight ends in a decade that year.

CHRYST'S NFL COACHING BACKGROUND

<u>Years</u>	<u>Coaching Position</u>	<u>Team</u>
2015-current	Offensive Coordinator	San Francisco 49ers
2011-14	Quarterbacks	San Francisco 49ers
2006-10	Tight Ends/Quality Control	Carolina Panthers
2001-03	Quarterbacks	Arizona Cardinals
1999-2000	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	San Diego Chargers
1998	Quarterbacks	Arizona Cardinals
1996-97	Tight Ends	Arizona Cardinals
1991-95	Director of Reseach/Quality Control	Chicago Bears

Before joining Carolina in 2006, Chryst served as the Arizona Cardinals quarterbacks coach (2001-03) and San Diego Chargers offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach (1999-2000). Chryst implemented the no-huddle offense in San Diego in 1999, which led to Jim Harbaugh enjoying the second-highest passing output (2,761 passing yards) of his 15-year career. The Chargers also completed the most passes (332) in 13 years with Chryst directing the offense and Harbaugh became the first quarterback in team history since Hall of Famer Dan Fouts to pass for 400 yards in a game, that year.

Chryst spent three seasons with the Cardinals, serving as the team's tight ends coach from 1996-97 before becoming the quarterbacks coach in 1998. He began his NFL coaching career with the Chicago Bears in 1991 as the director of research/quality control, a position he held until 1995. In the spring of 1992, Chryst, after being out of uniform for eight years, took a 15-day hiatus from the Bears to long snap in three playoff games for the short-handed Orlando Thunder of the World League. Interestingly, he had made his professional coaching debut with the Thunder in 1991, serving as the wide receivers/running backs coach.

Chryst began his coaching career at University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 1987 before moving over to the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1988. Chryst then spent two years at the University of Wyoming, serving as the offensive line coach in 1989 and the quarterbacks coach in 1990.

A three-year starter at linebacker for Princeton University, Chryst also played baseball for two seasons for the Tigers. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Princeton as well as a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Wisconsin.

CHRYST'S FAMILY TREE

Chryst comes from a football-enriched family, as his father, George, was the head coach at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville beginning in 1979 and later became athletic director in 1981. He guided the Pioneers to a 79-60-2 record, including a Wisconsin State University Conference championship in 1980.

Similar to Geep, his brother, Paul, has an extensive background with experience at both the NFL and collegiate levels. He spent the last three seasons as the head football coach at the University of Pittsburgh prior to being introduced as the 30th head coach in University of Wisconsin-Madison's history in December of 2014.

COLIN CARD

Going into his third full season as a starter in 2015, **Colin Kaepernick** looks to build off of one of the most productive statistical seasons of his young career. Last season, Kaepernick set career highs in completions (289), passing yards (3,369) and rushing yards (639). His resume speaks for itself, as Kaepernick guided the 49ers to the NFC Championship and a berth in Super Bowl XLVII in only his 10th career start, the 3rd fewest of any starting Super Bowl QB. He set the all-time single-game rushing record (regular or postseason) for a QB with 181 yds. against the Green Bay Packers in the NFC Divisional Playoff game. He followed that season with another trip to the NFC Championship Game in 2013, winning the first three road playoff games of his career in the process [at Atl. (1/20/13), at GB (1/5/14) and at Car. (1/12/14)].

2014 Highlights...

- Threw for a career-high 3,369 yds. to go along with 19 TDs while also adding a career-best 639 rushing yds.
- Completed 15 of 26 pass atts. for 204 yds., 2 TDs and a passer rating of 108.5 vs. Arz. (12/28). Had a 76-yd. TD pass to WR Anquan Boldin which marked the 2nd longest completion of his career [80t - at StL (10/13/14)].
- Rushed for 151 yds. on 7 carries (21.6 avg.) vs. SD (12/20), the 3rd most in a single game by a QB in NFL history in the regular season. Scored on a 90-yd. rush, marking the 2nd longest TD run by a QB in NFL history [93t - Oak. QB Terrell Pryor vs. Pit. (10/27/13)]. It also marked the 2nd longest run in franchise history [96t - RB Garrison Hearst vs. NYJ (9/6/98)].
- Completed 20 of 29 pass atts. for 256 yds. and 1 TD vs. Was. (11/23). Threw at least one TD pass in 18 straight games, tied for the longest streak by a quarterback in franchise history. [Steve Young - 18: (10/9/94 - 11/26/95)].
- Threw for 343 yds. and 3 TDs, on 22 of 35 atts. for a QB rating of 123.9 at StL (10/13). Became the first QB in franchise history to win his first four starts on *Monday Night Football*.
- Threw for 218 yds. and 2 TDs on 17 of 30 atts. vs. Phi. (9/28). Added 7 rushing atts. for 58 yds. which marked the first time in his career that he rushed for 50+ yds. in three consecutive games and just the third time in franchise history.
- Completed 29 of 37 attempts for 245 yards, one touchdown and a QB rating of 103.3 at Ari. (9/22). His 29 completions, including each of his first nine attempts, set new career highs.
- Completed 11 of 13 atts. for 157 yds., 2 TDs and a QB rating of 156.6. in the first half at Dal. (9/7). His 156.6 QB rating was the highest in any half of his career. Finished the game with 201 yds. and an overall passer rating of 125.5, his highest rating since Week 1 of 2013 vs. GB (129.4).

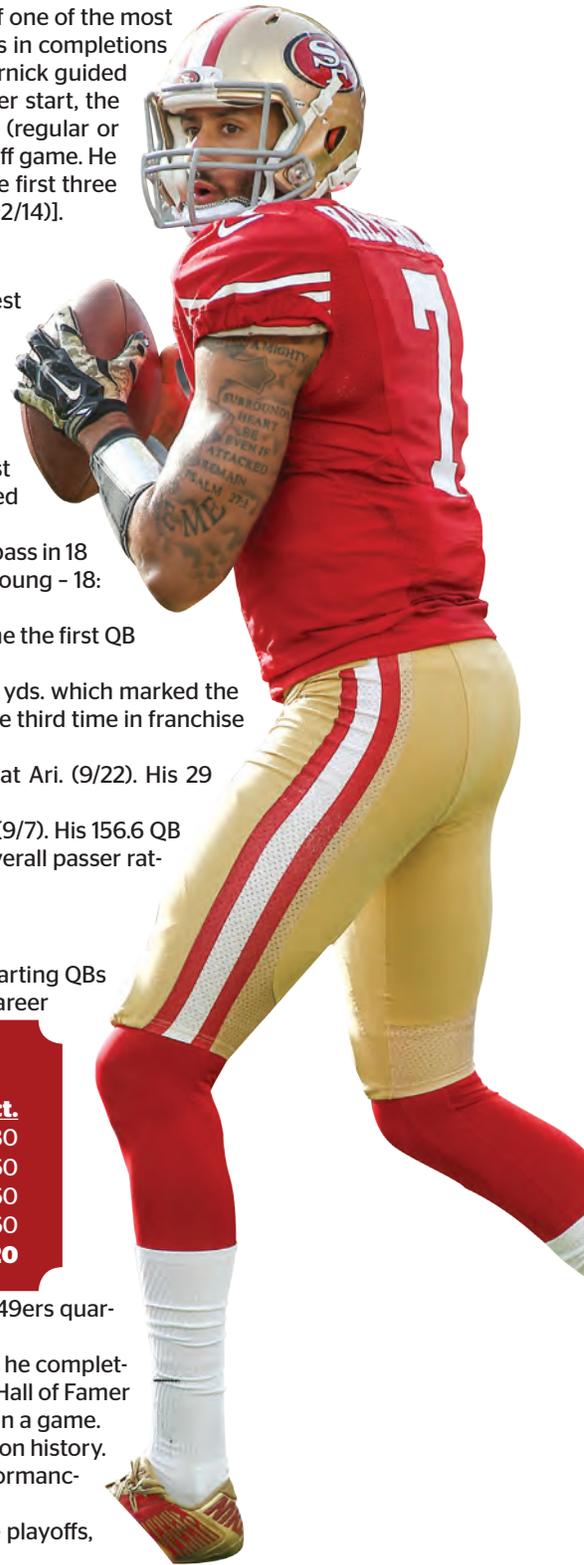
Career Highlights...

- Kaepernick made his 25th career start against the Bears on 9/14/14. Among all current starting QBs in the NFL, Kaepernick's 18-7 (.720) record is the 5th best through the first 25 starts of a career

HIGHEST WINNING PCT. IN A QUARTBACK'S FIRST 25 CAREER STARTS, ACTIVE QB'S

Player	Yards	TDs	Rating	Record	Pct.
1. Ben Roethlisberger, Pit.	4,830	32	99.0	22-3	.880
2. Russell Wilson, Sea.	4,963	41	99.3	19-6	.760
3. Tony Romo, Dal.	6,766	52	98.1	19-6	.760
4. Philip Rivers, SD	5,131	32	87.0	19-6	.760
5. Colin Kaepernick, SF	5,254	34	93.4	18-7	.720

- Finished the 2013 season with a 91.6 passer rating, the highest single-season rating by a 49ers quarterback since 2001 (Jeff Garcia - 94.8).
- Set the 49ers franchise record for most passing yds. in a season opener vs. GB (9/8/13) as he completed 27 of 39 atts. for 412 yds., 3 TDs and a QB rating of 129.4. Since 1960, Kaepernick joined Hall of Famer Joe Montana as the only QBs in franchise history to throw for 400 yds, 3 TDs and 0 INTs in a game.
- Had a 58-yd. run at Sea. (1/19/14) (NFC-C), which is the longest run by a QB in NFL postseason history. Finished the game with 130 rushing yds. and now owns three of the top five rushing performances by a QB in NFL postseason history.
- Helped defeat the Panthers, 23-10, at Car. (1/12/14) (NFC-D) to earn his 3rd road win in the playoffs, which is the most among all QBs in franchise history.
- In his first career postseason start, set the NFL single-game rushing record (regular season and playoffs) by a QB with 181 yds. vs. GB (1/12/13), surpassing Michael Vick's 173 rushing yds. in 2002 (12/1/02 at Min.).



FAST AS EVER



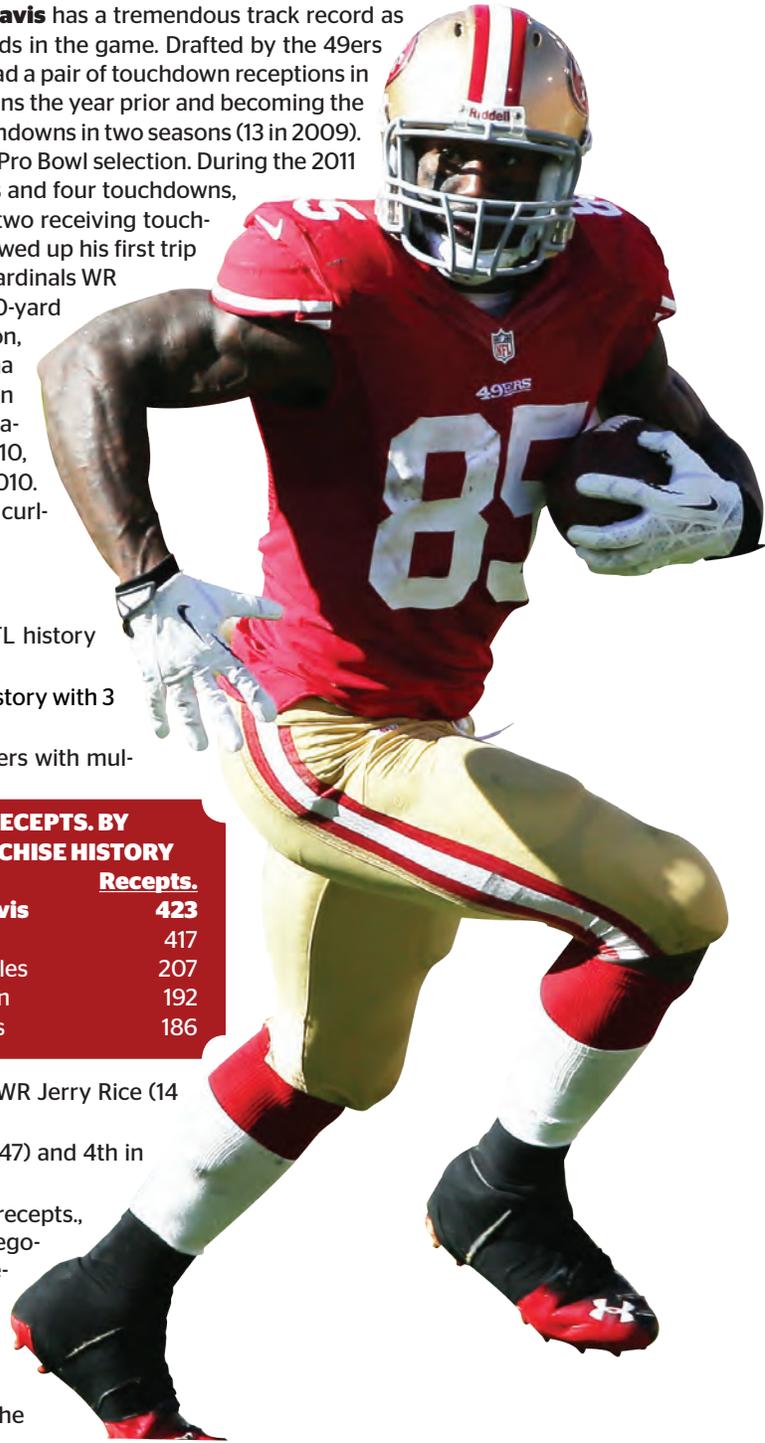
The longest tenured member of the 49ers, **Vernon Davis** has a tremendous track record as being one of the most versatile and explosive tight ends in the game. Drafted by the 49ers with the 6th overall pick in the 2006 NFL Draft, Davis had a pair of touchdown receptions in the 2014 season after hauling in 13 touchdown receptions the year prior and becoming the first tight end in NFL history to register 13-or-more touchdowns in two seasons (13 in 2009). His performance in 2013 earned him his second career Pro Bowl selection. During the 2011 NFL playoffs, Davis registered 10 catches for 292 yards and four touchdowns,

becoming just the fifth player in the Super Bowl era to register at least two receiving touchdowns in consecutive postseason games in the same season. Davis followed up his first trip to the playoffs with 254 receiving yards in the 2012 postseason, joining Cardinals WR Larry Fitzgerald as the only two players in NFL history to register four, 100-yard receiving games in their first five playoff contests. In the 2013 postseason, Davis hauled in a touchdown at Green Bay (1/5/14), and another at Carolina (1/12/14) the following week. He is currently tied for the most postseason touchdown receptions among all tight ends in NFL history with seven. Davis led the team in both receiving yards and touchdowns in 2009 and 2010, and was rewarded with a five-year contract extension on September 11, 2010. Davis is just as active off the field as he is on it, pursuing everything from curling and painting to humanitarian trips overseas.

Career Highlights...

- Reached 50 TDs in just 115 games, the third fastest among TEs in NFL history (Antonio Gates - 92; Jerry Smith - 100).
- Passed Brent Jones for the most career recepts. by a TE in franchise history with 3 recepts. for 21 yds. vs. Was. (11/23/14).
- According to ESPN Stats & Information, Davis is one of only three 49ers with multiple seasons of 10-plus receiving touchdowns in the past 40 years.
- Ranks 1st in franchise history among TEs in TDs (55), rec. yds. (5,446) and recepts. (423). His 55 rec. TDs are 4th most in 49ers history.
- Has nine 100-yd. rec. games, which ranks 1st in franchise history among TEs.
- Has tallied 600 career postseason rec. yds., ranking 6th most in NFL postseason history among TEs.
- Compiled 11 career 25+ yd. recepts. in 8 career postseason games, which ranks 2nd in 49ers postseason history, trailing WR Jerry Rice (14 recepts. in 23 games).
- Since 2009, Davis ranks 1st in the NFL in recepts. of 25-or-more yds. (47) and 4th in receiving TDs (46), among all TEs.
- Set single-season career highs with 78 recepts., 965 rec. yds. and 13 TD recepts., in 2009. He was one of only two TEs to lead their team in all three categories (Kellen Winslow, TB). His rec. yds. and TD totals were both single-season records among 49ers TEs all-time.
- In 2009, his 13 TD recepts. tied the then-NFL record for most in a season by a TE (Antonio Gates - 13 TDs in 2004). Davis' TD recepts. tied for the most in the NFL with Patriots WR Randy Moss and Cardinals WR Larry Fitzgerald, making him the second TE (Rob Gronkowski - 17) in the Super Bowl era to lead the league (or tie for the lead) in TD recepts.

MOST RECEPTS. BY A TE, FRANCHISE HISTORY	
Player	Recepts.
1. Vernon Davis	423
2. Brent Jones	417
3. Monty Stickles	207
4. Eric Johnson	192
5. Russ Francis	186





Anquan Boldin has been the definition of consistent since joining the 49ers in 2013. In 2014, he led the team in receptions (83) and receiving yards (1,062) and once again provided veteran leadership to many of the team's younger players last season. The 12-year veteran and three-time Pro Bowl selection became just the fourth player in franchise history to have multiple 1,000-yard seasons with the 49ers and the first player to do so in his first two seasons with the team. Boldin's final stat line from the 2014 season moved him into a tie for 15th place on the all-time career receptions list and into 19th for most receiving yards in a career. Additionally, his efforts both on the field and off the field with the Anquan Boldin Foundation, he was named a finalist for both the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year and ESPN Sports Humanitarian of the Year. Boldin has always had a knack for starting fast, exemplified by his possession of multiple NFL rookie records, including most receptions in a season (101) and most receiving yards in the first game of a career (217). He was named the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year in 2003 and selected to the Pro Bowl that season for his efforts. He is the fastest player in NFL history to haul in his 400th, 500th and 600th career receptions and notched his 900th career reception during the season vs. St. Louis (11/2/14) to become the third fastest in NFL history to accomplish the milestone (164 games).

2014 Highlights...

- Reached 1,000 rec. yds. on the season with 81 yds. vs. Arz. (12/28). Finished the season with 1,062 rec. yds. and became the 4th player in franchise history to have multiple 1,000-yd. seasons with the 49ers (WR Jerry Rice - 12; WR Terrell Owens - 5; WR John Taylor - 2) and the first player to do so in his first two seasons with the team.
- Registered 9 recs. for 137 yds. and 1 TD vs. Was. (11/23). Ranks 7th in the NFL among active players with 36 career games with 100-or-more yds.
- Had a game-high 95 rec. yds. on 6 recpts. (15.8 avg.) and 1 TD in the team's 27-24 overtime win at NO (11/9). He is one of only five players in NFL history to reach the mark in 12 straight seasons, and one of only two players to do it in each of his first 12 seasons, joining WR Jerry Rice.
- Recorded 6 recpts. for 93 yds. and 1 TD vs. StL (11/2), giving him 902 career recpts. He is one of only 17 players in NFL history to reach 900 career recpts., doing so in the 3rd fewest games (164 games).
- He also became one of only four players in NFL history to register 500-or-more rec. yds. in each of his first 12 seasons (WR Jerry Rice, WR Terrell Owens and WR Randy Moss) vs. StL (11/2).
- Caught a game-high 7 recpts. for 94 yds. and 1 TD at StL (10/13). Recorded his fifth straight game with a TD on *Monday Night Football*. His 10 career TDs on *Monday Night Football* are the most among active players.
- Led the team with 62 rec. yds. on 5 recpts. vs. Phi. (9/28) in the team's 26-21 victory.
- Hauled in a game-high 99 rec. yds. on 8 recpts. to open the season at Dal. (9/7).

MOST CAREER 100-YD. REC. GAMES AMONG ACTIVE PLAYERS

Player	Games
1. Andre Johnson, Hou.	51
2. Steve Smith, Bal.	47
3. Calvin Johnson, Det.	44
4. Reggie Wayne, Ind.	43
5. Roddy White, Atl.	39
6. Larry Fitzgerald, Arz.	38
7. Anquan Boldin, SF	36

Career Highlights...

- Ranks 15th in NFL history with 940 career recpts. and 19th with 12,406 rec. yds.

MOST RECEPTIONS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	Recepts.
13t. Derrick Mason	943
Jason Witten	943
15t. Anquan Boldin	940
Art Monk	940
17. Torry Holt	920

MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	Yards
17. Irving Fryar	12,785
18. Art Monk	12,721
19. Anquan Boldin	12,406
20. Jimmy Smith	12,287
21. Larry Fitzgerald	12,151

- Caught his 900th career recpt. vs. StL (11/2/14). Became the 3rd fastest player in NFL history to reach the milestone.
- Recorded his 800th career recpt vs. Arz. (10/14/13). Became the 4th fastest player in NFL history to reach the milestone.
- Recorded the 700th recpt. of his career at Cle. (12/4/11), reaching the milestone in his 123rd game (3rd fastest all-time: Marvin Harrison - 114 and Andre Johnson - 120).
- Is the fastest player in NFL history to record 600 career recpts., reaching the milestone on 9/26/10 vs. Cle. in his 98th-career game, four games faster than the Colts' Marvin Harrison (102). Also holds the NFL record for the fastest to tally 500 career recpts., reaching the milestone on 12/14/08 vs. Min. in his 80th-career game, nine games faster than Denver's Lionel Taylor (89 games).
- Was the fastest in NFL history to reach 400 career recpts., connecting against Atl. (12/23/07) in his 67th-career game, five games faster than the previous record holder (Hall of Famer Kellen Winslow Sr.).
- Hauled in 13 recpts. for 208 yds. and 1 TD vs. GB (9/8/13). There have been only three 10+ catch, 200+ yd. receiving performances on Kickoff Weekend in NFL history and Boldin has two of them. His 208 rec. yds. set the 49ers franchise record for most rec. yds. on opening day.
- Registered 9 recpts. for 149 yds. and 1 TD at Arz. (12/29). This marked the 35th career 100-yd. rec. game for Boldin, which is the 6th most among all active players. Boldin registered his 7th TD on the season and 65th career TD.
- Finished his Cardinals career as the franchise's all-time recpts. leader (586, since broken by Larry Fitzgerald). Also ranks 3rd in rec. yds. (7,520) and 5th in rec. TDs (44).
- In 2003, set NFL rookie records for the most pass recpts. (101), most rec. yds. in the first game of a career (217) and the Cardinals' then single-season recpts. record (101) en route to Offensive Rookie of the Year honors.
- Reached the 4,000-yd. rec. mark in his 48th career game and became the 3rd-fastest player in NFL history to reach the milestone behind Lance Alworth (42) and Randy Moss (47); Charley Hennigan and Jerry Rice also did it in 48 games.
- Despite missing two games in the middle of the 2005 season, caught 102 passes, breaking his previous personal best and franchise record of 101 (2003).
- At this point in his career, Boldin has very similar stats to wide receivers who are currently enshrined in the Hall of Fame.

ANQUAN BOLDIN VS. HALL OF FAME WR'S

	GP	Rec.	Yards	Avg	TD
Anquan Boldin	172	940	12,406	13.2	70
Avg. of 24 HOF WRs:	176	650	10,388	16.1	80

CONFUSE & CONQUER



Eric Mangini is in his third season with the 49ers and first as the defensive coordinator. A former two-time NFL head coach, Mangini spent the 2014 season as the tight ends coach and the 2013 season as the team's senior offensive consultant.

Mangini's wealth of football coaching experience, including stints as a head coach with the Cleveland Browns (2009-10) and New York Jets (2006-08), has been evident in his time with the team. In his 18 years as an NFL coach, he has been a part of seven playoff teams, including five division titles and three Super Bowl Championships. Prior to joining the 49ers, Mangini worked as an NFL analyst at ESPN from 2011-12.

As a NFL rookie head coach with the New York Jets in 2006, Mangini took a team that went 4-12 the previous season and directed it to a 10-6 regular season record and a playoff appearance. He was later recognized as AFC Coach of the Year by the Kansas City Committee of 101. Eight different Jets earned Pro Bowl honors over the three years that Mangini was head coach. Of the eight, three were drafted in Mangini's first two seasons with the team (C Nick Mangold, CB Darrelle Revis and KR Leon Washington), while four others (DT Kris Jenkins, QB Brett Favre, RB Thomas Jones and G Alan Faneca) were acquired while he was the head coach.

MANGINI'S NFL COACHING BACKGROUND

Years	Coaching Position	Team
2015-current	Defensive Coordinator	San Francisco 49ers
2014	Tight Ends	San Francisco 49ers
2013	Senior Offensive Consultant	San Francisco 49ers
2009-10	Head Coach	Cleveland Browns
2006-08	Head Coach	New York Jets
2005	Defensive Coordinator	New England Patriots
2000-04	Defensive Backs	New England Patriots
1997-99	Defensive Assistant/Quality Control	New York Jets
1996	Offensive Assistant/Quality Control	Baltimore Ravens
1995	Coaches' Assistant	Cleveland Browns

Prior to being named head coach of the Jets, Mangini spent six seasons with the New England Patriots as their defensive backs coach (2000-04) and defensive coordinator (2005), where he was part of three Super Bowl Championships. In Mangini's six seasons with the Patriots, the Patriots ranked fifth in interceptions (109) and second in interceptions returned for touchdowns (16). As the defensive coordinator in 2005, New England won 10 games and the AFC East despite having 45 different players make at least one start, an NFL record for a division champion.



Mangini served as a defensive assistant with the Jets from 1997-99, after spending 1996 as an offensive assistant with the Baltimore Ravens. He began his NFL coaching career with the Cleveland Browns as a coaches assistant in 1995, after serving as a ball boy and public relations intern with the team the previous year.

A native of Hartford, CT, Mangini played collegiately at Wesleyan University and graduated with a degree in political science. A nose tackle on the football team, Mangini still holds school records for single-season (11.5) and career (36.5) sacks.

COUNT HIM IN



Going into his 10th season and second with the 49ers, **Antoine Bethea** has made an instant impact on his teammates and coaches since joining the team in 2014. Last season, he was selected by his coaches as the team's Bill Walsh Award recipient, given to the team MVP, as well as earning his third trip to the Pro Bowl. In 2014, he led the 49ers defense with 85 solo tackles, and registered the first interception return for a touchdown of his career, a 49-yard interception vs. San Diego (12/20/14). Since being

drafted in 2006, he has proven to be one of the most consistent and reliable tacklers in the NFL. He has started 112 consecutive games dating back to 2008 and has started all 139 games that he's appeared in over his career. He has made an impact off the field as well by launching his Safe Coverage Foundation, hosting free football camps for youth and donating game tickets to underserved children.

2014 Highlights...

- Tied a career high with 4 INTs on the season, ranking t-8th in the NFL. His 4 INTs were the most in a single season for Bethea since 2009.
- Intercepted Chargers QB Philip Rivers and returned it 49 yds. for a TD vs. SD (12/20). It marked the longest INT return of his career and his first career TD.
- Intercepted Saints QB Drew Brees on the opening drive of the game at NO (11/9). The takeaway led to a 4-yd. TD run by RB Frank Gore.
- Recorded his 2nd INT of the season and 16th of his career vs. StL (11/2), picking off Rams QB Austin Davis early in the 2nd qtr. The takeaway led to a TD pass from QB Colin Kaepernick to WR Anquan Boldin.
- Registered his first sack as a member of the 49ers at StL (10/13), bringing down Rams QB Austin Davis. He now has 4.5 career sacks.
- Was named NFC Defensive Player of the Week in his 100th consecutive start vs. Phi. (9/28). Registered 1 INT and 1 FF, becoming the first 49ers player to register an INT and FF in the same game since LB NaVorro Bowman at Arz. (12/29/13). Bethea also tackled Eagles RB LeSean McCoy at the SF 2-yd. line on 2nd and goal on what would eventually be a game-sealing goal-line stand.

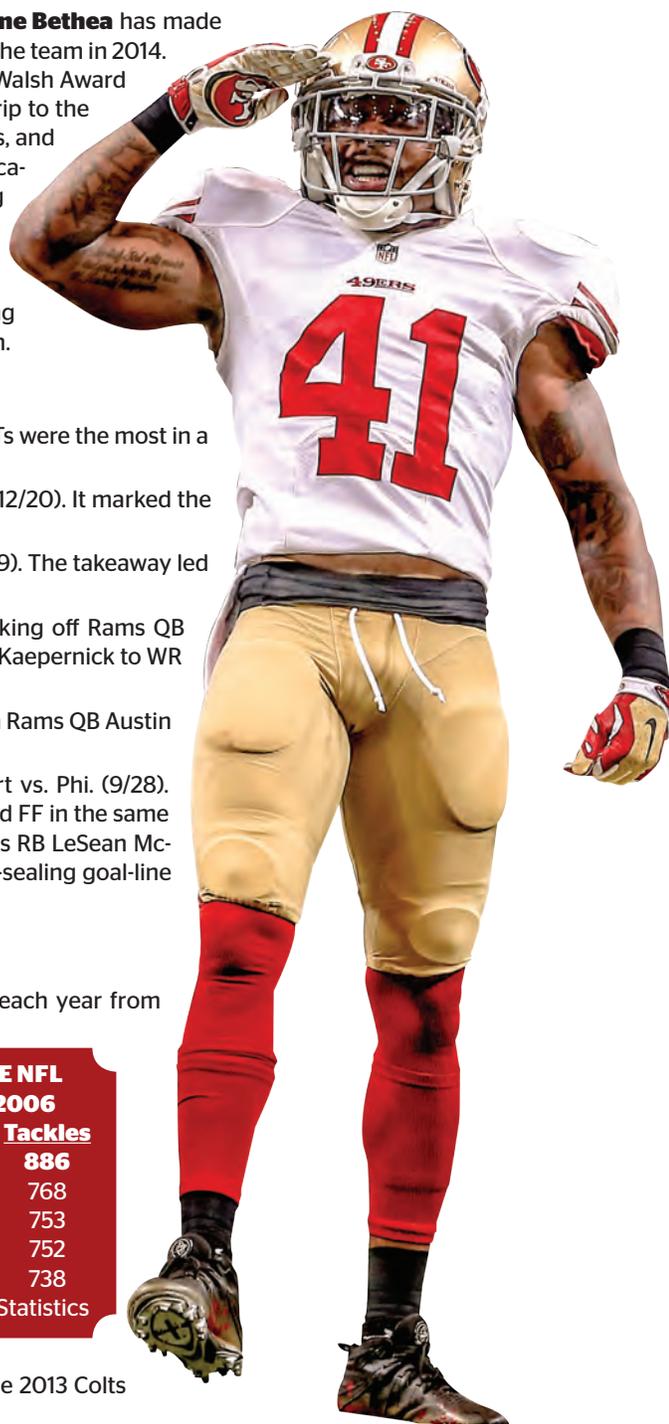
Career Highlights...

- Has started all 139 games he's appeared in since 2006, including 16 games each year from 2008-14.
- According to NFL Gamebook statistics, he has recorded the most tackles (886) among all defensive backs since 2006.
- Selected by the coaches as the team's Bill Walsh Award recipient in 2014, given to the 49ers team MVP.
- As a rookie in 2006, was a member of an Indianapolis Colts team that won Super Bowl XLI over the Chicago Bears, 29-17.
- Selected to the Pro Bowl in 2007, 2009 and 2014.
- Was the recipient of the Colts Ed Block Courage Award in 2012. Also voted the 2013 Colts Man of the Year.

MOST TACKLES IN THE NFL AMONGS DBs SINCE 2006

Player	Tackles
1. Antoine Bethea	886
2. Donte Whitner	768
3. Ryan Clark	753
4. Antrel Rolle	752
5. Dawan Landry	738

*According to Gamebook Statistics



REID-ING THE OFFENSE



Selected as the 18th overall draft choice in the 2013 NFL Draft, **Eric Reid** has done everything you could ask for since earning his starting spot in training camp of his rookie year. Reid has started 31 of a possible 32 games over his first two seasons. In 2014, he started each of the team's first 15 games and registered 55 tackles, seven passes defended and three interceptions. He quickly made a name for himself as a rookie in 2013, finishing the season as the only player in the NFC to record four interceptions and two fumble recoveries. He became the first 49ers rookie safety to be named to the Pro Bowl in franchise history. Reid was the recipient of the Thomas Herrion Memorial Award given by the 49ers coaches to the rookie or first-year player who has taken advantage of every opportunity and turned it into a positive situation. Off the field in 2015, Reid hosted the inaugural "Eric Reid Invitational," a golf tournament which raised over \$70,000 for the Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Foundation.

2014 Highlights...

- As time expired in the first half at Sea. (12/14), intercepted Seahawks QB Russell Wilson for his 3rd INT of the season and 7th of his career, and returned the pick 73 yds.
- Intercepted Giants QB Eli Manning vs. NYG (11/16).
- Registered his 5th career INT and returned it 48 yds. to the Cowboys 2-yd. line vs. Dal. (9/7). Has now recorded an INT in each of his two season openers.

Career Highlights...

- Made his NFL debut vs. GB (9/8/13), recording 7 tackles, 1 INT, 1 PD and 1 special teams tackle. His first career INT came off of Packers QB Aaron Rodgers. Reid became the first 49ers rookie to intercept a pass on opening day since both DB Don Griffin and CB Tim McKyer each registered an INT at TB (9/7/86).
- Registered his 2nd INT of his career picking off a pass by Seahawks QB Russell Wilson vs. Sea. (9/15/13). According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Reid was the only 49ers rookie, since the merger in 1970, to register an INT in each of the team's first 2 games. The last rookie in the NFL to register an INT in the team's first 2 games was Phi. S Nate Allen in 2010.
- Notched a single-game career-high 9 tackles vs. Hou. (10/6), and also added 1 PD.
- Tallied 1 INT vs. Arz. (10/13/13), the 3rd of his career, picking off QB Carson Palmer and returning it 53 yds to the Cardinals 7-yd. line. Also recorded his first career FR, recovering a fumble by Arz. WR Larry Fitzgerald. The takeaway led to a 6-yd. TD run by RB Kendall Hunter.
- Recorded his first career special teams FR, picking up the loose ball after it was touched by Panthers CB Drayton Florence vs. Car. (11/10/13). The takeaway led to a 43-yd. FG by K Phil Dawson.
- Picked off QB Mike Glennon at TB (12/15/13), registering the 4th INT of his career. He also added 5 tackles and 1 PD.
- Finished the 2013 season as the only player in the NFC to record 4 INTs and 2 FRs.
- Named to the 2013 NFC Pro Bowl. Also earned the Thomas Herrion Memorial Award given by the 49ers coaches to the rookie or first-year player who has taken advantage of every opportunity and turned it into a positive situation

THE MCGAUGHEY SPECIAL



Thomas McGaughey Jr. (muh-GAY-hee) enters his ninth season in the NFL and first with the 49ers as the team's special teams coordinator. Having served as a special teams coordinator at the professional, collegiate and high school levels, he is a veteran of 18 coaching seasons.

As the New York Jets special teams coordinator, Jets K Nick Folk ranked tied for third in the league with 32 field goals made, in 2014. His 32 field goals made under McGaughey were the second-most in a single season in his career. The kickoff return unit also averaged 83.9 return yards per game (23.1 yards per return average), which ranked second in the NFL.

During McGaughey's three seasons as special teams coordinator at Louisiana State University (2011-13), the Tigers saw future NFL Draft choices WR Odell Beckham, Jr. and S Tyrann Mathieu earn All-America honors as returners. K Drew Alleman was named Second-Team All-SEC in 2012, while P Brad Wing garnered Second-Team All-America honors in 2011. While at LSU, McGaughey guided the Tigers special teams to seven touchdowns.

Prior to leading the Tigers special teams, McGaughey served as the assistant special teams coordinator with the New York Giants from 2007-10. In 2008, the team ranked fourth in the NFL in field goal percentage and saw K John Carney, P Jeff Feagles and LS Zak DeOssie each earn Pro Bowl honors. That year, Carney set a franchise record by connecting on 35-of-38 field goals (92.1 percent).

McGaughey joined the Giants after two seasons as the assistant special teams coach with the Denver Broncos. In 2006, Denver held opposing punt returners to an average of 6.9 yards per return, which ranked fifth in the NFL. The year prior, McGaughey worked with the Broncos special teams that saw the club go 13-3 and advance to the AFC Championship Game.



McGaughey spent two years (2003-04) working at the University of Houston before going to Denver. While with the Cougars, he was the special teams coordinator in 2003 and special teams coordinator and cornerbacks coach in 2004.

MCGAUGHEY JR.'S NFL COACHING BACKGROUND

<u>Years</u>	<u>Coaching Position</u>	<u>Team</u>
2015-current	Special Teams Coordinator	San Francisco 49ers
2014	Special Teams Coordinator	New York Jets
2007-10	Assistant Special Teams Coordinator	New York Giants
2005-06	Assistant Special Teams Coordinator	Denver Broncos
2002	Assistant Special Teams Coordinator	Kansas City Chiefs
2001	Minority Coaching Fellowship	Kansas City Chiefs

McGaughey originally entered coaching in the NFL as part of the NFL's minority coaching fellowship with the Kansas City Chiefs during the training camp of 2001, McGaughey joined the staff full time in 2002 as an assistant special teams coach.

In 2001, McGaughey worked as a pro scouting assistant with the Houston Texans, the year before the club's inaugural season. Prior to his time with the Texans, McGaughey served as the defensive backs and special teams coach for Willowridge High School in Texas from 1998 to 2001.

McGaughey began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Houston, where he was a four-year safety and special teams captain as a senior.

Following his senior season at the University of Houston, McGaughey spent time in training camp with the Cincinnati Bengals in 1996. Late in the 1996 season, McGaughey joined the Philadelphia Eagles practice squad and also spent training camp with the Eagles in 1997. He was a member of a Barcelona Dragons team out of NFL Europe that won the NFL Europe World Bowl title, in 1997. Interestingly, McGaughey has been apart of two football championships - Super Bowl XLII in 2007 with the New York Giants and an SEC Championship in 2011 with LSU.



Entering his third season with the 49ers, **Phil Dawson** joined the 49ers in 2013 after spending the previous 14 seasons with the Cleveland Browns. In his second year with the club in 2014, he finished the season with 25 made field goals and 108 total points. During the 2013 regular season he had the second most made field goals (32) and points scored (140) in 49ers history, and kicked the game-winning 33-yard field goal in the Wild Card round at Green Bay (1/5/14). Head coach Jim Tomsula expressed his appreciation for what Dawson brings to the team, saying, "If you brought somebody in, anybody in that locker room, you want to get them around Phil. Great family man, good person, has his head really locked in right and knows how to be able to perform in this game and then walk out the door and perform everywhere. He's just a quality person in every sense of the word." Dawson made the move to San Francisco after establishing himself as one of the most accurate kickers in NFL history, ranking 12th all-time with a field goal percentage of 84.2% (362 of 430) and 4th in NFL history from 50-plus yards, making 69.4% (34 of 49) of his kicks. Dawson has proven himself to be one of the most reliable kickers in extreme weather conditions in NFL history, registering a single-season career-high with 140 points in 2013.

2014 Highlights...

- With 1 PAT at Sea. (12/14), became the 19th kicker in NFL history to reach 1,500 kicking pts.
- Connected on all 3 FGAs (31, 37, 44) in the first half vs. NYG (11/16). This marked the 8th time Dawson has hit 3-or-more FGs in the first half [last time: 12/8/13 vs. Sea. (23, 48, 52)].
- Made the game-tying 45-yd. FG with 49 seconds left in regulation and later made the game-winning 35-yd. FG in OT at NO (11/9).
- Was named NFC Special Teams Player of the week for Week 5 when he connected on 5 of 5 FG atts. vs. KC (10/5), from 31, 55, 52, 27 and 30 yds. His 5 FGs made tied the 2nd most he's made in a single game in his career.
- Made all 4 of his FG atts. vs. Phi. (9/28), from 29, 51, 46 and 31 yds.
- Connected on 2 of 2 FG atts. vs. Chi. (9/14), including the first FG in Levi's® Stadium history from 27 yds. in the 1st qtr.

Career Highlights...

- Set a new 49ers postseason record for longest FG made with a 49-yd. FG at Car. (1/12/14) (NFC-D).
- Holds the 49ers record for most consecutive made FGs with 27.
- Has the 3rd highest all-time FG percentage, among kickers with 300+ FG atts., in NFL history at 84.2%.
- Ranks as the Browns franchise leader in FG percentage with a mark of 84% (305-363).
- Is 1st on the Browns all-time FGs made list with 305 kicks made.
- Ranks 2nd in Browns franchise history with 1,265 career points (Lou Groza - 1,349).
- Holds the Browns franchise single-season record with 30 FGs made in 2008.
- Is the only player in Browns franchise history to account for 6 100-point seasons.
- In 2008, he became the first player in Browns franchise history to convert a 50+ yd. FG in three consecutive games.
- In 2004, he established a Browns franchise record with 27 consecutive FGs made [vs. SD (10/19/03) - vs. NYJ (11/21/04)], only to one-up his own record in 2012 with 29 consecutive FGs made [vs. Bal. (12/4/11) - at Oak. (12/2/12)].
- According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Dawson, who also holds the Cleveland Browns franchise record for most consecutive made FGs (29), joined K Olindo Mare (Mia. and Sea.) and Neil Rackers (Arz. and Hou.) as the only kickers who currently hold the record for most consecutive made FGs for two different franchises.

On TE Blake Bell



"Here's a guy 6-6, I think he weighed in at over 260 pounds, but what you see when you watch him on the field isn't size or girth, you're seeing an athleticism, a savvy, an ability to really be a nice weapon. So as a young receiver, he's got a lot of attributes."

- Offensive Coordinator Geep Chryst

On LB NaVorro Bowman

"He has a well-known presence on the field, something everyone respects. They respect how hard he works. The time and effort he puts in and ultimately the way he plays this game. So, it's exciting for this team to have him back out there."

- QB Colin Kaepernick



"With NaVorro coming back, I haven't played with him personally, but just being a fan of the game and seeing how he played the game, I'd love to see him in front of me."

- S Antoine Bethea

On K Phil Dawson



"If you brought somebody in and you want somebody, not only Bradley Pinion, anybody in that locker room, you want to get them around Phil. Again, great family man, good person, has his head really locked in right and knows how to be able to perform in this game and then walk out the door and perform everywhere. He's just a quality person in every sense of the word."

- Head Coach Jim Tomsula

On TE Vernon Davis

"I've been very impressed in what I've seen from Vernon. It's hard to cover him with a linebacker or a safety. From what I've seen in practice, the guy is almost unstoppable when he wants to be. This is the first year I've been able to play with him and really watch him on an everyday basis, but everything I've seen tells me that this guy is a great player and he hasn't lost a step. He's still fast, one of the fastest guys out there. He has great hands, great size. I love watching him run routes."

- RB Reggie Bush



"He's helped a lot. He's definitely a guy you can go to and ask questions. He's not going to give you the wrong answer or lead you in the wrong direction. I've asked him a lot of questions on routes, or he'll come up to me and say, 'do this, or try and tweak that,' and I do it and it helped me a lot."

- TE Blake Bell

On DT Quinton Dial



"He's an incredible person, incredible father, husband, friend. Great in the locker room and he is incredibly scary when it comes to putting a helmet on. So, he's that guy that we want. He's the true definition of a switch."

- Head Coach Jim Tomsula

"I think when you play a guy like that, he really brings out the best in you because you do have to think more. It's not just a 350-pound dude who's going to run into you full speed. It's a guy that can move, he's got good hands, he's smart, he knows what he's doing, where he's at. When you get a guy like that, it brings your level of play up and it starts to bring you into the season in a good way."

- G/T Alex Boone

On RB Jarryd Hayne

"He's coming along great. From what I've seen, he's working hard, he's working on the details. He's out after practice almost every day working on the mechanics and his footwork and how to hold the ball and all those little things that add up to being a great running back in this league. He's definitely putting in the work and the overtime to help make a difference on this team."

- RB Reggie Bush



On QB Colin Kaepernick



"Having been around Kap for four years, I think it's great that every offseason Kap wants to have a plan to get better. He's traveled to Atlanta, he's traveled to Miami, he's traveled to Arizona, but he's worked hard at it and I think he's continuing to improve. I don't know if he's tapped out. When you talk to some older quarterbacks, they very rarely threw in the offseason. They wanted to save their arms for the season. Kap's a different athlete. He's chomping at the bit a week afterwards."

- Offensive Coordinator Geep Chryst

"Putting in a new offense and the new things that we want to do this year, he's really taken a good leadership position as far as getting everybody dialed in on the same page. He's a guy that's going to study every detail of what we need to do and we have a ton of confidence in him to do that and also bring other guys along with him."

- T Joe Staley

"The thing that people don't realize is how hard this guy works. Me seeing that at a workout facility is completely different than seeing it here in the classroom, being a student, the way he communicates, trying to make sure we are all on the same page. I have that much more respect for him. There's no one that works harder than Kap."

- WR Torrey Smith

SOUNDING BOARD

On LB Nick Moody



"He had the best offseason of anyone I was training with down in Miami. He's the first one in, last one to leave. He's asking more questions, he's doing more things outside of football to take care of his body. I've seen the work that he put in and I'm very impressed. The sky's the limit for him."

- **DT Darnell Dockett**

On P Bradley Pinion

"Very, very mature for his age. Just turned 21. Has tremendous upside. The hang-to-distance ratio with this kid is very, very good. Just got to get him consistent directionally, but the sky's the limit with this kid."

- **Special Teams Coordinator Thomas McGaughey Jr.**



On NT Mike Purcell



"You feel great for him. Michael Purcell, he's another one, I tell you all the time. He's one of those guys that, he's a father, he's a husband, he's a hard working guy, he's a good person, great teammate. He's got all those things and he's got a lot of ability. So, you're rooting for him, you're pulling for him and it excites you."

- **Head Coach Jim Tomsula**

On WR Torrey Smith

"Opens up a lot of possibilities, a lot of opportunities. He's a great player. He's shown he can make plays in big-time situations. That's something we want to take advantage of."

- **QB Colin Kaepernick**



On S Jaquiski Tartt



"I've seen his highlight tape and the kid lays the hammer. He wants to get better, he wants to learn and that's all you can ask from a young guy. He has a bright future."

- **S Eric Reid**

On Head Coach Jim Tomsula



"The thing I love about Jim is, Jim is Jim. He's going to be who he is. He's not going to try to be anybody else and guys appreciate that honesty, that sincerity. And he does care about the players. He cares deeply about them and that resonates, I believe, in the locker room. He cares about the coaches. He cares about the organization. That's

just his personality. His relationship with everybody in the building, from the GM to the people that he meets in stadium ops that maybe he doesn't have contact with, treats everybody the same way and I have a lot of respect for that."

- **Defensive Coordinator Eric Mangini**

"He's so respected and loved around here because it's not about him, it's about everybody else. That's why this team is going to give great effort every practice and every game."

- **Current NFL Network Analyst and former 49ers/NFL Head Coach, Steve Mariucci**

"Clearly he's a player's coach. You can see that he cares about his players and sets a good environment for his players. He tries to be very upbeat. He's very detailed in the things that he's trying to do as far as getting with the players and getting them on the same page. You can see that he's coming in with different philosophical things with the up-tempo offense and up-tempo defense. So far, so good. You root for a guy like Jim Tomsula."

- **ESPN Insider, John Clayton**

"Coach Tomsula is the most genuine head coach I've ever had in my football career. He really cares. If he says something, you can rest assured that he's going to try to get it done. You can be pretty confident that he's going to do whatever he can do for you. I think the guys respect that, I know I love him. I'll do anything for him. I think that'll translate on the field for us."

- **S Eric Reid**

On WR DeAndrew White

"He's definitely developed, learned to be a pro. I'm trying to teach him how to take care of his body because it's a long season. I'm trying to take him under my wing. He's an awesome playmaker."

- **DT Quinton Dial**



2015 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS UNOFFICIAL DEPTH CHART

AS OF AUGUST 24, 2015

OFFENSE

WR	81	Anquan Boldin	11	Quinton Patton	18	<u>DeAndrew White</u>	19	<u>DiAndre Campbell</u>
			10	Bruce Ellington	1	<u>Isaac Blakeney</u>	4	<u>Nigel King</u>
LT	74	Joe Staley	68	<u>Patrick Miller</u>	76	Sean Hooley		
LG	75	Alex Boone	61	Andrew Tiller				
C	78	Joe Looney	62	<u>Ian Silberman</u>	56	Dillon Farrell		
RG	66	Marcus Martin	60	Brandon Thomas				
RT	71	Erik Pears	77	<u>Trent Brown</u>	64	Justin Renfrow		
TE	85	Vernon Davis	89	Vance McDonald	88	Garrett Celek	83	Xavier Grimble
					84	<u>Blake Bell</u>	48	<u>Busta Anderson</u>
WR	82	Torrey Smith	14	Jerome Simpson	17	Chuck Jacobs	6	<u>Dres Anderson</u>
							3	<u>Mario Hull</u>
FB	49	Bruce Miller	33	Trey Millard				
RB	28	Carlos Hyde	23	Reggie Bush	32	Kendall Hunter	38	<u>Jarryd Hayne</u>
					20	<u>Mike Davis</u>	40	Kendall Gaskins
QB	7	Colin Kaepernick	2	Blaine Gabbert	13	<u>Dylan Thompson</u>		

DEFENSE

LDT	91	Glenn Dorsey	63	Tony Jerod-Eddie	90	Darnell Dockett	68	Kaleb Ramsey
							69	<u>Arik Armstead</u>
NT	93	Ian Williams	64	Mike Purcell	65	Garrison Smith		
RDT	92	Quinton Dial	95	Tank Carradine	98	Lawrence Okoye		
OLB	55	Ahmad Brooks	59	Aaron Lynch	45	<u>Marcus Rush</u>		
ILB	53	NaVorro Bowman	48	Shane Skov	51	Desmond Bishop	50	Nick Bellore
ILB	54	Nick Moody	44	Philip Wheeler	40	Steve Beauharnais		
OLB	96	Corey Lemonier	58	Eli Harold	46	Shawn Lemon		
LCB	26	Tramaine Brock	36	Dontae Johnson	27	Keith Reaser	33	<u>Mylan Hicks</u>
RCB	24	Shareece Wright	47	Marcus Cromartie	20	Kenneth Acker	30	Leon McFadden
FS	35	Eric Reid	25	Jimmie Ward	29	<u>Jaquiski Tartt</u>	38	<u>Jermaine Whitehead</u>
SS	41	Antoine Bethea	43	Craig Dahl	31	L.J. McCray		

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	5	<u>Bradley Pinion</u>		
K	9	Phil Dawson	4	<u>Corey Acosta</u>
H	5	<u>Bradley Pinion</u>		
PR	23	Reggie Bush	10	Bruce Ellington
			38	<u>Jarryd Hayne</u>
KOR	23	Reggie Bush	18	<u>DeAndrew White</u>
			3	<u>Mario Hull</u>
LS	86	Kyle Nelson		

Active/Physically Unable to Perform – G/C Daniel Kilgore

Active/Non-Football Injury – WR DeAndre Smelter, LB Michael Wilhoite

COACHING STAFF

Jim Tomsula	Head Coach
Greep Chryst	Offensive Coordinator
Eric Mangini	Defensive Coordinator
Thomas McGaughey Jr.	Special Teams Coordinator
D.J. Boldin	Offensive Assistant
Scott Brown	Defensive Line
Ronald Curry	Wide Receivers
Ejiro Evero	Defensive Assistant
Chris Foerster	Offensive Line
Aubrayo Franklin	Defensive Assistant
Adam Henry	Wide Receivers
Richard Hightower	Assistant Special Teams
Tim Lewis	Secondary
Steve Logan	Quarterbacks
Mick Lombardi	Defensive Assistant
T.C. McCartney	Offensive Assistant
Clancy Pendergast	Linebackers
Tom Rathman	Running Backs
Joe Scola	Offensive Assistant
Tony Sparano	Tight Ends
Jason Tarver	Senior Defensive Assistant/Linebackers
Eric Wolford	Assistant Offensive Line
Mark Uyeyama	Director of Human Performance
Kurt Schmidt	Strength, Conditioning & Nutrition Assistant
Brian Johnson	Strength & Conditioning Assistant
David Young	Strength & Conditioning Assistant
Bill Naves	Special Assistant to the Head Coach

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Nick Bellore	ba-LORE	Corey Lemonier	lemon-YAY
Antoine Bethea	ANN-twahn,	Lawrence Okoye	uh-KOY-yay
	buh-THAY	Bradley Pinion	PIN-yunn
NaVorro Bowman	nuh-VARR-oh,	Erik Pears	PEERS
Tramaine Brock	truh-MAIN	Mike Purcell	purr-SELL
Ahmad Brooks	uh-MAHD	Shayne Skov	SCOVE
Tank Carradine	CARE-uh-deen	Joe Staley	STAY-lee
Garrett Celek	SELL-ick	Jaquiski Tartt	juh-KWAH-skee
Craig Dahl	DOLL	Michael Wilhoite	WILL-hoyt
Colin Kaepernick	CAP-ur-nick	Shareece Wright	shuh-REESE
Daniel Kilgore	KILL-gore		

2015 SAN FRANCISCO NUMERICAL 49ERS ROSTER

AS OF AUGUST 24, 2015

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	Age	EXP	COLLEGE	ACQUIRED
1	Issac Blakeney	WR	6-6	225	22	R	Duke	FA in '15
2	Blaine Gabbert	QB	6-4	235	25	5	Missouri	TR in '14 (Jax)
3	Mario Hull	WR	6-1	200	22	R	Rice	FA in '15
4	Corey Acosta	K	6-0	190	24	R	Southern Mississippi	FA in '15
4	Nigel King	WR	6-3	210	22	R	Kansas	FA in '15
5	Bradley Pinion	P	6-5	229	21	R	Clemson	D-5 in '15
6	Dres Anderson	WR	6-2	190	23	R	Utah	FA in '15
7	Colin Kaepernick	QB	6-4	230	27	5	Nevada	D-2 in '11
9	Phil Dawson	K	5-11	200	40	17	Texas	FA in '13
10	Bruce Ellington	WR	5-9	197	24	2	South Carolina	D-4A in '14
11	Quinton Patton	WR	6-0	204	25	3	Louisiana Tech	D-4A in '13
13	Dylan Thompson	QB	6-3	218	23	R	South Carolina	FA in '15
14	Jerome Simpson	WR	6-2	190	29	6	Coastal Carolina	FA in '15
17	Chuck Jacobs	WR	6-0	178	25	2	Utah State	FA in '13
18	DeAndrew White	WR	6-0	192	23	R	Alabama	FA in '15
19	DiAndre Campbell	WR	6-2	206	23	R	Washington	FA in '15
20	Kenneth Acker	CB	6-0	195	23	2	Southern Methodist	D-6 in '14
20	Mike Davis	RB	5-9	217	22	R	South Carolina	D-4B in '15
23	Reggie Bush	RB	6-0	205	30	10	Southern California	FA in '15
24	Shareece Wright	CB	5-11	182	28	5	Southern California	FA in '15
25	Jimmie Ward	DB	5-11	193	24	2	Northern Illinois	D-1 in '14
26	Tramaine Brock	CB	5-10	197	27	6	Belhaven	FA in '10
27	Keith Reaser	CB	6-0	190	24	1	Florida Atlantic	D-5B in '14
28	Carlos Hyde	RB	6-0	235	23	2	Ohio State	D-2 in '14
29	Jaquiski Tartt	S	6-1	221	23	R	Samford	D-2 in '15
30	Leon McFadden	CB	5-10	190	24	3	San Diego State	FA in '14
31	L.J. McCray	S	6-0	210	24	2	Catawba	FA in '14
32	Kendall Hunter	RB	5-7	199	26	5	Oklahoma State	D-4 in '11
33	Mylan Hicks	CB	5-11	197	22	R	Michigan State	FA in '15
33	Trey Millard	FB	6-2	247	24	1	Oklahoma	D-7B in '14
35	Eric Reid	S	6-1	213	23	3	Louisiana State	D-1 in '13
36	Dontae Johnson	CB	6-2	200	23	2	North Carolina State	D-4B in '14
38	Jarryd Hayne	RB	6-2	220	27	R	No College	FA in '15
38	Jermaine Whitehead	S	5-11	193	22	R	Auburn	FA in '15
40	Steve Beauharnais	LB	6-2	230	25	2	Rutgers	FA in '15
40	Kendall Gaskins	RB	6-1	238	24	1	Richmond	FA in '14
41	Antoine Bethea	S	5-11	206	31	10	Howard	FA in '14
43	Craig Dahl	S	6-1	212	30	9	North Dakota State	FA in '13
44	Philip Wheeler	LB	6-2	245	30	8	Georgia Tech	FA in '15
45	Marcus Rush	DL	6-3	251	24	R	Michigan State	FA in '15
46	Shawn Lemon	LB	6-2	251	26	1	Akron	FA in '15
47	Marcus Cromartie	CB	6-0	195	24	2	Wisconsin	FA in '14
48	Shayne Skov	LB	6-3	247	25	1	Stanford	FA in '14
48	Busta Anderson	TE	6-4	246	22	R	South Carolina	D-7B in '15
49	Bruce Miller	FB	6-2	248	28	5	Central Florida	D-7A in '11
50	Nick Bellore	LB	6-1	250	26	5	Central Michigan	FA in '15
51	Desmond Bishop	LB	6-2	244	31	8	California	FA in '14
53	NaVorro Bowman	LB	6-0	242	27	6	Penn State	D-3 in '10
54	Nick Moody	LB	6-1	245	25	3	Florida State	D-6 in '13
55	Ahmad Brooks	LB	6-3	259	31	10	Virginia	W in '08 (Cin.)
56	Dillon Farrell	G/C	6-5	303	24	2	New Mexico	FA in '14
58	Eli Harold	LB	6-3	247	21	R	Virginia	D-3 in '15
59	Aaron Lynch	LB	6-6	270	22	2	South Florida	D-5A in '14
60	Brandon Thomas	G	6-3	317	24	1	Clemson	D-3C in '14
61	Andrew Tiller	G	6-4	324	26	3	Syracuse	FA in '14
62	Ian Silberman	OL	6-5	306	22	R	Boston College	D-6 in '15
63	Tony Jerod-Eddie	DT	6-5	301	25	3	Texas A&M	FA in '12
64	Justin Renfrow	OL	6-6	310	25	1	Miami	FA in '15
64	Mike Purcell	NT	6-3	303	24	2	Wyoming	FA in '13
65	Garrison Smith	NT	6-1	300	23	1	Georgia	FA in '14
66	Marcus Martin	C	6-3	321	21	2	Southern California	D-3A in '14
68	Kaleb Ramsey	DT	6-3	285	26	2	Boston College	D-7A in '14
68	Patrick Miller	OL	6-7	289	22	R	Auburn	FA in '15
69	Arik Armstead	DL	6-7	292	20	R	Oregon	D-1 in '15
69	Jordan Devey	OL	6-6	320	27	2	Memphis	TR in '15 (NE)
71	Erik Pears	G/T	6-8	316	33	10	Colorado State	FA in '15
74	Joe Staley	T	6-5	315	30	9	Central Michigan	D-1B in '07
75	Alex Boone	G/T	6-8	300	28	6	Ohio State	FA in '09
76	Sean Hooye	T	6-9	304	25	1	Cincinnati	W in '15 (NYJ)
77	Trent Brown	OL	6-8	355	22	R	Florida	D-7A in '15
78	Joe Looney	G	6-3	315	24	4	Wake Forest	D-4 in '12
81	Anquan Boldin	WR	6-1	220	34	13	Florida State	TR in '13 (Bal.)
82	Torrey Smith	WR	6-0	205	26	5	Maryland	FA in '15
83	Xavier Grimble	TE	6-4	261	22	1	Southern California	FA in '14
84	Blake Bell	TE	6-6	252	24	R	Oklahoma	D-4A in '15
85	Vernon Davis	TE	6-3	250	31	10	Maryland	D-1A in '06
86	Kyle Nelson	TE/LS	6-2	240	28	4	New Mexico State	FA in '14
86	Garrett Celek	TE	6-5	252	27	4	Michigan State	FA in '12
89	Vance McDonald	TE	6-4	267	25	3	Rice	D-2B in '13
90	Darnell Dockett	DT	6-4	290	34	12	Florida State	FA in '15
91	Glenn Dorsey	DL	6-1	297	30	8	Louisiana State	FA in '13
92	Quinton Dial	DT	6-5	318	25	3	Alabama	D-5 in '13
93	Ian Williams	NT	6-1	305	25	5	Notre Dame	FA in '11
95	Tank Carradine	DT	6-4	295	25	3	Florida State	D-2A in '13
96	Corey Lemonier	LB	6-3	255	23	3	Auburn	D-3 in '13
98	Lawrence Okoye	DL	6-6	304	23	2	No College	FA in '13

Active/Non-Football Injury List

15	DeAndre Smelter	WR	6-2	227	23	R	Georgia Tech	D-4C in '15
57	Michael Wilhoite	LB	6-0	240	28	4	Washburn	FA in '11

Active/Physically Unable to Perform List

67	Daniel Kilgore	G/C	6-3	308	27	5	Appalachian State	D-5 in '11
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2015 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

AS OF AUGUST 24, 2015

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	Birthdate	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
20	Acker, Kenneth	CB	6-0	195	2-6-92	2	Southern Methodist	Portland, OR
4	Acosta, Corey	K	6-0	190	7-12-91	R	Southern Mississippi	Memphis, TN
48	Anderson, Busta	TE	6-4	246	10-2-92	R	South Carolina	Powder Springs, GA
6	Anderson, Dres	WR	6-2	190	7-20-92	R	Utah	Riverside, CA
69	Armstead, Arik	DL	6-7	292	11-15-94	R	Oregon	Elk Grove, CA
40	Beauharnais, Steve	LB	6-2	230	5-2-90	2	Rutgers	Saddle Brook, NJ
84	Bell, Blake	TE	6-6	252	8-7-91	R	Oklahoma	Wichita, KS
50	Bellore, Nick	LB	6-1	250	5-12-89	5	Central Michigan	Whitefish Bay, WI
41	Bethea, Antoine	S	5-11	206	7-27-84	10	Howard	Newport News, VA
51	Bishop, Desmond	LB	6-2	244	7-24-84	8	California	Fairfield, CA
1	Blakeney, Issac	WR	6-6	225	11-18-92	R	Duke	Monroe, NC
81	Boldin, Anquan	WR	6-1	220	10-3-80	13	Florida State	Pahokee, FL
75	Boone, Alex	G/T	6-8	300	5-4-87	6	Ohio State	Cleveland, OH
53	Bowman, NaVorro	LB	6-0	242	5-28-88	6	Penn State	Forestville, MD
26	Brock, Tramaine	CB	5-10	197	8-20-88	6	Belhaven	Long Beach, MS
55	Brooks, Ahmad	LB	6-3	259	3-14-84	10	Virginia	Woodbridge, VA
77	Brown, Trent	OL	6-8	355	4-13-93	R	Florida	Albany, GA
23	Bush, Reggie	RB	6-0	205	3-2-85	10	Southern California	La Mesa, CA
19	Campbell, DiAndre	WR	6-2	206	12-19-91	R	Washington	Oakland, CA
95	Carradine, Tank	DT	6-4	295	2-18-90	3	Florida State	Cincinnati, OH
88	Celek, Garrett	TE	6-5	252	5-29-88	4	Michigan State	Cincinnati, OH
47	Cromartie, Marcus	CB	6-0	195	12-3-90	2	Wisconsin	Mansfield, TX
43	Dahl, Craig	S	6-1	212	6-17-85	9	North Dakota State	Mankato, MN
20	Davis, Mike	RB	5-9	217	2-19-93	R	South Carolina	Stone Mountain, GA
85	Davis, Vernon	TE	6-3	250	1-31-84	10	Maryland	Washington, DC
9	Dawson, Phil	K	5-11	200	1-23-75	17	Texas	Dallas, TX
69	Devey, Jordan	OL	6-6	320	1-11-88	2	Memphis	American Fork, UT
92	Dial, Quinton	DT	6-5	318	7-21-90	3	Alabama	Clay, AL
90	Dockett, Darnell	DT	6-4	290	5-27-81	12	Florida State	Burtonsville, MD
91	Dorsey, Glenn	DL	6-1	297	8-1-85	8	Louisiana State	Gonzalez, LA
10	Ellington, Bruce	WR	5-9	197	8-22-91	2	South Carolina	Moncks Corner, SC
56	Farrell, Dillon	G/C	6-5	303	9-7-90	2	New Mexico	Baton Rouge, LA
2	Gabbert, Blaine	QB	6-4	235	10-15-89	5	Missouri	Ballwin, MO
40	Gaskins, Kendall	RB	6-1	238	11-4-90	1	Richmond	Woodberry Forest, VA
83	Grimble, Xavier	TE	6-4	261	9-22-92	1	Southern California	Las Vegas, NV
58	Harold, Eli	LB	6-3	247	1-20-94	R	Virginia	Virginia Beach, VA
38	Hayne, Jarryd	RB	6-2	220	2-15-88	R	No College	Minto, NSW, Australia
33	Hicks, Mylan	CB	5-11	197	1-21-93	R	Michigan State	Detroit, MI
76	Hooley, Sean	T	6-9	304	7-26-90	1	Cincinnati	Hillsdale, MI
3	Hull, Mario	WR	6-1	200	8-29-92	R	Rice	Altair, TX
32	Hunter, Kendall	RB	5-7	199	9-16-88	5	Oklahoma State	Tyler, TX
28	Hyde, Carlos	RB	6-0	235	9-20-91	2	Ohio State	Naples, FL
17	Jacobs, Chuck	WR	6-0	178	5-11-90	2	Utah State	Richmond, CA
63	Jerod-Eddie, Tony	DT	6-5	301	3-29-90	3	Texas A&M	DeSoto, TX
36	Johnson, Dontae	CB	6-2	200	12-1-91	2	North Carolina State	Pennington, NJ
7	Kaepernick, Colin	QB	6-4	230	11-3-87	5	Nevada	Turlock, CA
4	King, Nigel	WR	6-3	210	10-9-92	R	Kansas	Raleigh, NC
46	Lemon, Shawn	LB	6-2	251	8-25-88	1	Akron	Charleston, SC
96	Lemonier, Corey	LB	6-3	255	11-19-91	3	Auburn	Hialeah, FL
78	Looney, Joe	G	6-3	315	8-31-90	4	Wake Forest	Lake Worth, FL
59	Lynch, Aaron	LB	6-6	270	3-8-93	2	South Florida	Cape Coral, FL
66	Martin, Marcus	CB	6-3	321	11-29-93	2	Southern California	Crenshaw, CA
31	McCray, L.J.	S	6-0	210	6-18-91	2	Catawba	Charlotte, NC
89	McDonald, Vance	TE	6-4	267	6-13-90	3	Rice	Winnie, TX
30	McFadden, Leon	CB	5-10	190	10-26-90	3	San Diego State	Bellflower, CA
33	Millard, Trey	FB	6-2	247	7-25-91	1	Oklahoma	Columbia, MO
49	Miller, Bruce	FB	6-2	248	8-6-87	5	Central Florida	Woodstock, GA
68	Miller, Patrick	OL	6-7	289	3-30-93	R	Auburn	Palm Beach, FL
54	Moody, Nick	LB	6-1	245	1-29-90	3	Florida State	Philadelphia, PA
86	Nelson, Kyle	TE/LS	6-2	240	10-3-86	4	New Mexico State	China Springs, TX
98	Okoye, Lawrence	DL	6-6	304	10-6-91	2	No College	Croydon, England
11	Patton, Quinton	WR	6-0	204	8-9-90	3	Louisiana Tech	Lavergne, TN
71	Pears, Erik	G/T	6-8	316	6-25-82	10	Colorado State	Denver, CO
5	Pinion, Bradley	P	6-5	229	6-1-94	R	Clemson	Concord, NC
64	Purcell, Mike	NT	6-3	303	4-20-91	2	Wyoming	Highlands Ranch, CO
68	Ramsey, Kaleb	DT	6-3	285	6-20-89	2	Boston College	Uniontown, PA
27	Reaser, Keith	CB	6-0	190	7-31-91	1	Florida Atlantic	Miami, FL
35	Reid, Eric	S	6-1	213	12-10-91	3	Louisiana State	Geismar, LA
64	Renfrow, Justin	OL	6-6	310	11-23-89	1	Miami	Philadelphia, PA
45	Rush, Marcus	DL	6-3	251	6-19-91	R	Michigan State	Cincinnati, OH
62	Silberman, Ian	OL	6-5	306	10-10-92	R	Boston College	Orange Park, FL
14	Simpson, Jerome	WR	6-2	190	2-4-86	6	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, NC
48	Skov, Shayne	LB	6-3	247	7-9-90	1	Stanford	Pawling, NY
65	Smith, Garrison	NT	6-1	300	10-9-91	1	Georgia	Atlanta, GA
82	Smith, Torrey	WR	6-0	205	1-26-89	5	Maryland	Falmouth, VA
74	Staley, Joe	T	6-5	315	8-30-84	9	Central Michigan	Rockford, MI
29	Tartt, Jaquiski	S	6-1	221	2-12-92	R	Samford	Mobile, AL
60	Thomas, Brandon	G	6-3	317	2-8-91	1	Clemson	Spartanburg, SC
13	Thompson, Dylan	QB	6-3	218	10-25-91	R	South Carolina	Boiling Springs, SC
61	Tiller, Andrew	G	6-4	324	3-13-89	3	Syracuse	Central Islip, NY
25	Ward, Jimmie	DB	5-11	193	7-18-91	2	Northern Illinois	Mobile, AL
44	Wheeler, Philip	LB	6-2	245	12-12-84	8	Georgia Tech	Columbus, GA
18	White, DeAndre	WR	6-0	192	10-16-91	R	Alabama	Houston, TX
38	Whitehead, Jermaine	S	5-11	193	3-12-93	R	Auburn	Greenwood, MS
93	Williams, Ian	NT	6-1	305	8-31-89	5	Notre Dame	Longwood, FL
24	Wright, Shareece	CB	5-11	182	4-8-87	5	Southern California	Colton, CA

Active/Non-Football Injury List

15	Smelter, DeAndre	WR	6-2	227	12-3-91	R	Georgia Tech	Macon, GA
57	Wilhoite, Michael	LB	6-0	240	12-7-86	4	Washburn	Topeka, KS

Active/Physically Unable to Perform List

67	Kilgore, Daniel	G/C	6-3	308	12-18-87	5	Appalachian State	Kingsport, TN
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2015 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS POSITIONAL ROSTER

AS OF AUGUST 24, 2015

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	DOB	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
Quarterbacks (3)									
2	Gabbert, Blaine	QB	6-4	235	10-15-89	5	Missouri	Ballwin, MO	TR in '14 (Jax)
7	Kaepernick, Colin	QB	6-4	230	11-3-87	5	Nevada	Turlock, CA	D-2 in '11
13	Thompson, Dylan	QB	6-3	218	10-25-91	R	South Carolina	Boiling Springs, SC	FA in '15
Running Backs (8)									
20	Davis, Mike	RB	5-9	217	2-19-93	R	South Carolina	Stone Mountain, GA	D-4B in '15
23	Bush, Reggie	RB	6-0	205	3-2-85	10	Southern California	La Mesa, CA	FA in '15
28	Hyde, Carlos	RB	6-0	235	9-20-91	2	Ohio State	Naples, FL	D-2 in '14
32	Hunter, Kendall	RB	5-7	199	9-16-88	5	Oklahoma State	Tyler, TX	D-4 in '11
33	Millard, Trey	FB	6-2	247	7-25-91	1	Oklahoma	Columbia, MO	D-7B in '14
38	Hayne, Jarryd	RB	6-2	220	2-15-88	R	No College	Minto, New South Wales, Australia	FA in '15
40	Gaskins, Kendall	RB	6-1	238	11-4-90	1	Richmond	Woodberry Forest, VA	FA in '14
49	Miller, Bruce	FB	6-2	248	8-6-87	6	Central Florida	Woodstock, GA	D-7A in '11
Wide Receivers (12)									
1	Blakney, Issac	WR	6-6	225	11-18-92	R	Duke	Monroe, NC	FA in '15
3	Hull, Mario	WR	6-1	200	8-29-92	R	Rice	Altair, TX	FA in '15
4	King, Nigel	WR	6-3	210	10-9-92	R	Kansas	Raleigh, NC	FA in '15
6	Anderson, Dres	WR	6-2	190	7-20-92	R	Utah	Riverside, CA	FA in '15
10	Ellington, Bruce	WR	5-9	197	8-22-91	2	South Carolina	Moncks Corner, SC	D-4 in '14
11	Patton, Quinton	WR	6-0	204	8-9-90	3	Louisiana Tech	Laverge, TN	D-4A in '13
14	Simpson, Jerome	WR	6-2	190	2-4-86	6	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, NC	FA in '15
17	Jacobs, Chuck	WR	6-0	178	5-11-90	2	Utah State	Richmond, CA	FA in '13
18	White, DeAndrew	WR	6-0	192	10-16-91	R	Alabama	Houston, TX	FA in '15
19	Campbell, DiAndre	WR	6-2	206	12-19-91	R	Washington	Oakland, CA	FA in '15
81	Boldin, Anquan	WR	6-1	220	10-3-80	13	Florida State	Pahokee, FL	TR in '13 (Bal)
82	Smith, Torrey	WR	6-0	205	1-26-89	5	Maryland	Falmouth, VA	FA in '15
Tight Ends (6)									
83	Grimble, Xavier	TE	6-4	261	9-22-92	1	Southern California	Las Vegas, NV	FA in '14
84	Bell, Blake	TE	6-6	252	8-7-91	R	Oklahoma	Wichita, KS	D-4A in '15
85	Davis, Vernon	TE	6-3	250	1-31-84	10	Maryland	Washington, DC	D-1A in '06
86	Nelson, Kyle	TE/LS	6-2	240	10-3-86	4	New Mexico State	China Springs, TX	FA in '14
88	Celek, Garrett	TE	6-5	252	5-29-88	4	Michigan State	Cincinnati, OH	FA in '12
89	McDonald, Vance	TE	6-4	267	6-13-90	3	Rice	Winnie, TX	D-2B in '13
Offensive Line (14)									
56	Farrell, Dillon	G/C	6-5	303	9-7-90	2	New Mexico	Baton Rouge, LA	FA in '14
60	Thomas, Brandon	G	6-3	317	2-8-91	1	Clemson	Spartanburg, SC	D-3C in '14
61	Tiller, Andrew	G	6-4	324	3-13-89	3	Syracuse	Central Islip, NY	FA in '14
62	Silberman, Ian	OL	6-5	306	10-10-92	R	Boston College	Orange Park, FL	D-6 in '15
64	Renfrow, Justin	OL	6-6	310	11-23-89	1	Miami	Philadelphia, PA	FA in '15
66	Martin, Marcus	C	6-3	321	11-29-93	2	Southern California	Crenshaw, CA	D-3A in '14
68	Miller, Patrick	OL	6-7	289	3-30-93	R	Auburn	Palm Beach, FL	FA in '15
69	Devey, Jordan	OL	6-6	320	1-11-88	2	Memphis	American Fork, UT	TR in '15 (NE)
71	Pears, Erik	G/T	6-8	316	6-25-82	10	Colorado State	Denver, CO	FA in '15
74	Staley, Joe	T	6-5	315	8-30-84	9	Central Michigan	Rockford, MI	D-1B in '07
75	Boone, Alex	G/T	6-8	300	5-4-87	6	Ohio State	Cleveland, OH	FA in '09
76	Hooley, Sean	T	6-9	304	7-26-90	1	Cincinnati	Hillsdale, MI	W in '15 (NYJ)
77	Brown, Trent	OL	6-8	355	4-13-93	R	Florida	Albany, GA	D-7A in '15
78	Looney, Joe	G	6-3	315	8-31-90	4	Wake Forest	Lake Worth, FL	D-4 in '12
Defensive Line (12)									
45	Rush, Marcus	DL	6-3	251	6-19-91	R	Michigan State	Cincinnati, OH	FA in '15
63	Jerod-Eddie, Tony	DT	6-5	301	3-29-90	3	Texas A&M	DeSoto, TX	FA in '12
64	Purcell, Mike	NT	6-3	303	4-20-91	2	Wyoming	Highlands Ranch, CO	FA in '13
65	Smith, Garrison	NT	6-1	300	10-9-91	1	Georgia	Atlanta, GA	FA in '14
68	Ramsey, Kaleb	DT	6-3	285	6-20-89	2	Boston College	Uniontown, PA	D-7A in '14
69	Armstead, Arik	DL	6-7	292	11-15-94	R	Oregon	Elk Grove, CA	D-1 in '15
90	Dockett, Darnell	DT	6-4	290	5-27-81	12	Florida State	Burtonsville, MD	FA in '15
91	Dorsey, Glenn	DL	6-1	297	8-1-85	8	Louisiana State	Gonzalez, LA	FA in '13
92	Dial, Quinton	DT	6-5	318	7-21-90	3	Alabama	Clay, AL	D-5 in '13
93	Williams, Ian	NT	6-1	305	8-31-89	5	Notre Dame	Longwood, FL	FA in '11
95	Carradine, Tank	DT	6-4	295	2-18-90	3	Florida State	Cincinnati, OH	D-2A in '13
98	Okoye, Lawrence	DL	6-6	304	10-6-91	2	No College	Croydon, England	FA in '14
Linebackers (11)									
40	Beauharnais, Steve	LB	6-2	230	5-2-90	2	Rutgers	Saddle Brook, NJ	FA in '15
44	Wheeler, Philip	LB	6-2	245	12-12-84	8	Georgia Tech	Columbus, GA	FA in '15
46	Lemon, Shawn	LB	6-2	251	8-25-88	1	Akron	Charleston, SC	FA in '15
48	Skov, Shayne	LB	6-3	247	7-9-90	1	Stanford	Pawling, NY	FA in '14
50	Bellore, Nick	LB	6-1	250	5-12-89	5	Central Michigan	Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin	FA in '15
51	Bishop, Desmond	LB	6-2	244	7-24-84	8	California	Fairfield, CA	FA in '14
53	Bowman, NaVorro	LB	6-0	242	5-28-88	6	Penn State	Forestville, MD	D-3 in '10
54	Moody, Nick	LB	6-1	245	1-29-90	3	Florida State	Philadelphia, PA	D-6 in '13
55	Brooks, Ahmad	LB	6-3	259	3-14-84	10	Virginia	Woodbridge, VA	W in '08 (Cin)
58	Harold, Eli	LB	6-3	247	1-20-94	R	Virginia	Virginia Beach, VA	D-3 in '15
59	Lynch, Aaron	LB	6-6	270	3-8-93	2	South Florida	Cape Coral, FL	D-5A in '14
96	Lemonier, Corey	LB	6-3	255	11-19-91	3	Auburn	Hialeah, FL	D-3 in '13
Defensive Backs (15)									
20	Acker, Kenneth	CB	6-0	195	2-6-92	2	Southern Methodist	Portland, OR	D-6 in '14
24	Wright, Shareece	CB	5-11	182	4-8-87	5	Southern California	Colton, CA	FA in '15
25	Ward, Jimmie	DB	5-11	193	7-18-91	2	Northern Illinois	Racine, WI	FA in '14
26	Brock, Tramaine	CB	5-10	197	8-20-88	6	Belhaven	Long Beach, MS	FA in '10
27	Reaser, Keith	CB	6-0	190	7-31-91	1	Florida Atlantic	Miami, FL	D-5B in '14
29	Tartt, Jaquiski	S	6-1	221	2-12-92	R	Samford	Mobile, AL	D-2 in '15
30	McFadden, Leon	CB	5-10	190	10-26-90	3	San Diego State	Bellflower, CA	FA in '14
31	McCray, L.J.	S	6-0	210	6-18-91	2	Catawba	Charlotte, NC	FA in '14
33	Hicks, Mylan	CB	5-11	197	1-21-93	R	Michigan State	Detroit, MI	FA in '15
35	Reid, Eric	S	6-1	213	12-10-91	3	Louisiana State	Geismar, LA	D-1 in '13
36	Johnson, Dontae	CB	6-2	200	12-1-91	2	North Carolina State	Pennington, NJ	D-4B in '14
38	Whitehead, Jermaine	S	5-11	193	3-12-93	R	Auburn	Greenwood, MS	FA in '15
41	Bethea, Antoine	S	5-11	206	7-27-84	10	Howard	Newport News, VA	FA in '14
43	Dahl, Craig	S	6-1	212	6-17-85	9	North Dakota State	Mankato, MN	FA in '13
47	Cromartie, Marcus	CB	6-0	195	12-3-90	2	Wisconsin	Mansfield, TX	FA in '14
Specialists (4)									
4	Acosta, Corey	K	6-0	190	7-12-91	R	Southern Mississippi	Memphis, TN	FA in '15
5	Pinion, Bradley	P	6-5	229	6-1-94	R	Clemson	Concord, NC	D-5 in '15
9	Dawson, Phil	K	5-11	200	1-23-75	17	Texas	Dallas, TX	FA in '13
86	Nelson, Kyle	TE/LS	6-2	240	10-3-86	4	New Mexico State	Norman, OK	FA in '14
Active/Non-Football Injury List (2)									
15	Smelter, DeAndre	WR	6-2	227	12-3-91	R	Georgia Tech	Macon, GA	D-4C in '15
57	Wilhoite, Michael	LB	6-0	240	12-7-86	4	Washburn	Topeka, KS	FA in '11
Active/Physically Unable to Perform List (1)									
67	Kilgore, Daniel	G/C	6-3	308	12-18-87	5	Appalachian State	Kingsport, TN	D-5 in '11

2015 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS ROSTER BREAKDOWN

ROSTER BY EXPERIENCE				HOW THEY WERE BUILT		
PLAYER	EXP	GP/GS	W/SF	YEAR	PLAYER	ACQ
Dawson, Phil	17	247/0	32/0	2006	Vernon Davis	D1a
Boldin, Anquan	13	172/169	32/32	2007	Joe Staley	D1b
Dockett, Darnell	12	158/156	0/0	2008	Ahmad Brooks	W
Bush, Reggie	10	116/94	0/0	2009	Alex Boone	FA
Pears, Erik	10	101/86	0/0	2010	NaVorro Bowman	D3
Bethea, Antoine	10	139/139	16/16		Tramaine Brock	FA
Brooks, Ahmad	10	103/69	90/62	2011	Colin Kaepernick	D2
Davis, Vernon	10	133/131	133/131		Kendall Hunter	D4
Dahl, Craig	9	102/43	32/1		Daniel Kilgore	D5
Staley, Joe	9	114/114	114/114		Bruce Miller	D7a
Wheeler, Philip	8	108/60	0/0		Ian Williams	FA
Bishop, Desmond	8	75/27	2/0		Michael Wilhoite	FA
Dorsey, Glenn	8	82/78	16/13	2012	Joe Looney	D4
Boone, Alex	6	64/46	64/46		Garrett Celek	FA
Bowman, NaVorro	6	64/49	64/49	2013	Tony Jerod-Eddie	FA
Brock, Tramaine	6	49/9	49/9		Anquan Boldin	TR
Simpson, Jerome	6	57/36	0/0		Glenn Dorsey	FA
Hunter, Kendall	5	43/1	43/1		Craig Dahl	FA
Smith, Torrey	5	64/62	0/0		Phil Dawson	FA
Wright, Shareece	5	44/27	0/0		Eric Reid	D1
Gabbert, Blaine	5	29/27	1/0		Tank Carradine	D2a
Kaepernick, Colin	5	48/39	48/39		Vance McDonald	D2b
Miller, Bruce	5	61/42	61/42		Corey Lemonier	D3
Williams, Ian	5	15/9	15/9		Quinton Patton	D4a
Bellore, Nick	5	64/0	0/0		Quinton Dial	D5
Kilgore, Daniel	5	40/7	40/7		Nick Moody	D6
Celek, Garrett	4	28/2	28/2		Chuck Jacobs	FA
Looney, Joe	4	19/4	19/4		Mike Purcell	FA
Nelson, Kyle	4	33/0	16/0	2014	Antoine Bethea	FA
Wilhoite, Michael	4	37/18	37/18		Jimmie Ward	D1
Carradine, Tank	3	9/0	9/0		Carlos Hyde	D2
Dial, Quinton	3	17/6	17/6		Marcus Martin	D3a
Jerod-Eddie, Tony	3	32/4	32/4		Brandon Thomas	D3c
Lemonier, Corey	3	32/1	32/1		Bruce Ellington	D4a
McDonald, Vance	3	23/8	23/8		Dontae Johnson	D4b
McFadden, Leon	3	23/2	7/0		Aaron Lynch	D5a
Moody, Nick	3	20/2	20/2		Keith Reaser	D5b
Patton, Quinton	3	10/0	10/0		Kenneth Acker	D6
Reid, Eric	3	31/31	31/31		Kaleb Ramsey	D7a
Tiller, Andrew	3	1/0	1/0		Trey Millard	D7b
Acker, Kenneth	2	0/0	0/0		L.J. McCray	FA
Beauharnais, Steve	2	5/0	0/0		Dillon Farrell	FA
Cromartie, Marcus	2	3/0	3/0		Kyle Nelson	FA
Ellington, Bruce	2	13/0	13/0		Leon McFadden	FA
Farrell, Dillon	2	8/0	8/0		Andrew Tiller	FA
Hyde, Carlos	2	14/0	14/0		Marcus Cromartie	FA
Jacobs, Chuck	2	0/0	0/0		Kendall Gaskins	FA
Johnson, Dontae	2	16/3	16/3		Xavier Grimble	FA
Lynch, Aaron	2	16/3	16/3		Garrison Smith	FA
Martin, Marcus	2	8/8	8/8		Lawrence Okoye	FA
McCray, L.J.	2	14/0	14/0		Shayne Skov	FA
Okoye, Lawrence	2	0/0	0/0		Desmond Bishop	FA
Purcell, Mike	2	2/0	2/0		Blaine Gabbert	TR
Ramsey, Kaleb	2	0/0	0/0	2015	Torrey Smith	FA
Ward, Jimmie	2	8/1	8/1		Arik Armstead	D1
Devey, Jordan	2	7/4	0/0		Jaquiski Tartt	D2
Hooey, Sean	1	0/0	0/0		Eli Harold	D3
Lemon, Shawn	1	0/0	0/0		Blake Bell	D4a
Renfrow, Justin	1	0/0	0/0		Mike Davis	D4b
Gaskins, Kendall	1	0/0	0/0		DeAndre Smelter	D4c
Grimble, Xavier	1	0/0	0/0		Bradley Pinion	D5
Millard, Trey	1	0/0	0/0		Ian Silberman	D6
Reaser, Keith	1	0/0	0/0		Trent Brown	D7a
Skov, Shayne	1	0/0	0/0		Busta Anderson	D7b
Smith, Garrison	1	0/0	0/0		Steve Beauharnais	FA
Thomas, Brandon	1	0/0	0/0		Issac Blakeney	FA
Acosta, Corey	R	0/0	0/0		Shawn Lemon	FA
Anderson, Busta	R	0/0	0/0		Shareece Wright	FA
Anderson, Dres	R	0/0	0/0		Reggie Bush	FA
Armstead, Arik	R	0/0	0/0		Philip Wheeler	FA
Bell, Blake	R	0/0	0/0		Patrick Miller	FA
Blakeney, Issac	R	0/0	0/0		Nigel King	FA
Brown, Trent	R	0/0	0/0		Nick Bellore	FA
Campbell, DiAndre	R	0/0	0/0		Mylan Hicks	FA
Davis, Mike	R	0/0	0/0		Mario Hull	FA
Harold, Eli	R	0/0	0/0		Marcus Rush	FA
Hayne, Jarryd	R	0/0	0/0		Justin Renfrow	FA
Hicks, Mylan	R	0/0	0/0		Jerome Simpson	FA
Hull, Mario	R	0/0	0/0		Jermaine Whitehead	FA
King, Nigel	R	0/0	0/0		Jarryd Hayne	FA
Miller, Patrick	R	0/0	0/0		Erik Pears	FA
Pinion, Bradley	R	0/0	0/0		Dylan Thompson	FA
Rush, Marcus	R	0/0	0/0		Dres Anderson	FA
Silberman, Ian	R	0/0	0/0		DiAndre Campbell	FA
Smelter, DeAndre	R	0/0	0/0		DeAndrew White	FA
Tartt, Jacquiski	R	0/0	0/0		Darnell Dockett	FA
Thompson, Dylan	R	0/0	0/0		Corey Acosta	FA
White, DeAndrew	R	0/0	0/0		Sean Hooey	W
Whitehead, Jermaine	R	0/0	0/0		Jordan Devey	TR

2015 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS TRANSACTIONS

- 12–30 Signed the following to Reserve/Future contracts: RB Kendall Gaskins, TE Xavier Grimble, WR Lance Lewis, T Chris Martin and NT Garrison Smith
- 1–2 Signed DL Lawrence Okoye to a Reserve/Future contract.
- 1–9 Signed LB Shayne Skov to a Reserve/Future contract.
- 1–14 Named Jim Tomsula head coach of the San Francisco 49ers.
- 2–9 Announced coaching staff: Geep Chryst (Offensive Coordinator); Eric Mangini (Defensive Coordinator); Thomas McGaughey Jr. (Special Teams Coordinator); D.J. Boldin (Offensive Assistant); Scott Brown (Defensive Line); Ronald Curry (Wide Receivers); Ejiro Evero (Defensive Assistant); Chris Foerster (Offensive Line); Aubrayo Franklin (Defensive Assistant); Adam Henry (Wide Receivers); Richard Hightower (Assistant Special Teams); Tim Lewis (Secondary); Steve Logan (Quarterbacks); Mick Lombardi (Defensive Assistant); Clancy Pendergast (Secondary); Tom Rathman (Running Backs); Kurt Schmidt (Strength, Conditioning and Nutrition Asst.); Tony Sparano (Tight Ends); Mark Uyeyama (Head Strength and Conditioning); Jason Tarver (Senior Defensive Assistant/Linebackers); Eric Wolford (Assistant Offensive Line).
- 3–3 Signed undrafted free agent RB Jarryd Hayne to a three-year deal.
- 3–5 Signed WR Jerome Simpson to a two-year deal.
- 3–6 Signed DT Darnell Dockett to a two-year contract.
- 3–9 Signed TE Derek Carrier to a two-year contract extension through 2017.
- 3–10 LB Patrick Willis announced his retirement from the National Football League.
Signed TE/LS Kyle Nelson to a four-year deal.
- 3–11 Signed WR Torrey Smith to a five-year deal, QB Blaine Gabbert to a two-year deal and TE Garrett Celek to a one-year deal. Released WR Stevie Johnson.
- 3–14 Signed CB Chris Cook and CB Shareece Wright to a one-year deal.
- 3–16 LB Chris Borland announced his retirement from the National Football League.
Signed G/T Erik Pears to a two-year deal.
- 3–18 Signed RB Reggie Bush to a one-year deal.
- 3–26 Waived T Jonathan Martin and CB Cameron Fuller.
- 3–31 Signed LB Desmond Bishop to a one-year deal.
- 4–3 Signed LB Nick Bellore to a two-year deal.
- 4–7 Signed DT Tony Jerod-Eddie to a one-year exclusive rights tender.
- 4–30 Signed LB Philip Wheeler to a one-year deal. The team also released WR Trindon Holliday and waived G Fouimalo Fonoti and WR Lance Lewis.
Traded 1st round pick (15) to San Diego for their 1st round pick (17), their 4th round pick (117) and their 5th round pick in 2016.
Selected DL Arik Armstead in the 1st round (17th overall) of the 2015 NFL Draft.
- 5–1 Selected S Jaquiski Tartt in the 2nd round (46th overall) and LB Eli Harold in the 3rd round (79th overall) of the 2015 NFL Draft.
- 5–2 Selected TE Blake Bell (117th overall), RB Mike Davis (126th overall) and WR DeAndre Smelter (132nd overall) in the 4th round of the 2015 NFL Draft.
Selected P Bradley Pinion (165th overall) in the 5th round of the 2015 NFL Draft.
Selected OL Ian Silberman (190th overall) in the 6th round of the 2015 NFL Draft.
Selected OL Trent Brown (244th overall) and TE Busta Anderson (254th overall) in the 7th round of the 2015 NFL Draft.
- 5–4 Waived/Injured LB Chase Thomas.
- 5–5 Signed the following Undrafted Free Agents: WR Dres Anderson, WR Issac Blakeney, WR DiAndre Campbell, WR Darius Davis, OL Patrick Miller, DL Marcus Rush, QB Dylan Thompson, S Jermaine Whitehead and WR DeAndrew White.
- 5–11 The 49ers signed nine of their 10 draft picks, each to four-year deals: S Jaquiski Tartt, LB Eli Harold, TE Blake Bell, RB Mike Davis, WR DeAndre Smelter, P Bradley Pinion, OL Ian Silberman, OL Trent Brown and TE Busta Anderson.
- 5–15 Signed DL Arik Armstead to a four-year deal. With the signing of Armstead, the 49ers now have all 10 of their 2015 draft picks under contract.
- 5–18 DT Justin Smith, a two-time All-Pro and five-time Pro Bowler, retired from the National Football League.
Signed CB Mylan Hicks to a three-year deal and OL Justin Renfrow to a two-year deal.
- 6–5 T Anthony Davis announced his retirement from the National Football League.
- 6–6 Traded P Andy Lee to the Cleveland Browns for an undisclosed 2017 draft pick.
- 6–12 Claimed T Sean Hooley off waivers from the New York Jets.
- 6–15 Signed OL Ben Gottschalk to a two-year deal and K Corey Acosta and WR Mario Hull to three-year deals. The team also waived WR Darius Davis and T Chris Martin.
- 7–28 OL Trent Brown, RB Carlos Hyde, LB Aaron Lynch and WR DeAndre Smelter were placed on the Active/Non-Football Injury List and G/C Daniel Kilgore was placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List.
- 7–29 The 49ers have removed RB Carlos Hyde from the Active/Non-Football Injury List and placed him on the active roster.
- 7–31 LB Aaron Lynch and T Trent Brown were removed from the Active/Non-Football Injury List and placed on the active roster.
- 7–31 Placed LB Michael Wilhoite on the Active/Non-Football Injury List.
- 8–1 Placed LB Nick Bellore on the Active/Illness List.
- 8–5 Released CB Chris Cook and signed WR Nigel King to a two-year deal.
- 8–6 The 49ers waived/injured OL Ben Gottschalk.
- 8–7 Released LB Aldon Smith. Also signed LB Steve Beauharnais to a one-year deal.
- 8–8 Signed LB Shawn Lemon to a two-year deal.
- 8–18 Traded TE Asante Cleveland to the New England Patriots for OL Jordan Devey.
- 8–19 LB Nick Bellore was removed from the Active/Illness List and placed on the active roster.
- 8–21 Traded TE Derek Carrier to the Washington Redskins for an undisclosed draft pick.

2015 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS PRESEASON STATISTICS

Date	W/L	Score	Opponent	Attendance	Rushing	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
8/15	L	10-23	at Houston	71,403	J. Hayne	13	117	9.0	53	0
8/23	W	23-6	Dallas	70,178	M. Davis	11	52	4.7	15	0
8/29			at Denver		C. Hyde	9	45	5.0	17	0
9/3			San Diego		K. Gaskins	15	32	2.1	5	0

Team Statistics

49ers		Opponents	
Total First Downs	19	37	
Rushing	11	12	
Passing	7	20	
Penalty	1	5	
3rd Down: Made/Att	5/25	12/31	
3rd Down Pct.	20.0%	38.7%	
4th Down: Made/Att	1/2	2/5	
4th Down Pct.	50.0%	40.0%	
Possession Avg.	24:52	35:08	
Total Net Yards	404	657	
Avg. Per Game	202.0	328.5	
Total Plays	98	139	
Avg. Per Play	4.1	4.7	
Net Yards Rushing	257	248	
Avg. Per Game	128.5	124.0	
Total Rushes	54	67	
Net Yards Passing	147	409	
Avg. Per Game	73.5	204.5	
Sacked/Yards Lost	7/39	4/15	
Gross Yards	186	424	
Attempts/Completions	37/24	68/38	
Completion Pct.	64.9%	55.9%	
Had Intercepted	1	3	
Punts/Average	13/47.3	10/41.2	
Net Punting Avg.	38.9	28.3	
Penalties/Yards	14/115	13/88	
Fumbles/Ball Lost	0/0	3/0	
Touchdowns	3	3	
Rushing	0	0	
Passing	1	3	
Returns	2	0	

Score By Periods

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	Pts
49ers	3	20	3	7	0	33
Opponents	8	0	9	12	0	29

Scoring

	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	PAT	FG	2Pt	Pts
P. Dawson	0	0	0	0	2/2	3/3	0	11
G. Celek	1	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
M. Purcell	1	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Q. Patton	1	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
C. Acosta	0	0	0	0	1/1	1/1	0	4
49ers	3	0	1	2	3/3	4/4	0	33
Opponents	3	0	3	0	1/1	2/3	1	29

Sacks:

49ers: D. Bishop 1.0, S. Lemon 1.0, M. Rush 1.0, Q. Dial 0.5, E. Harold 0.5
 Total: 4.0, Opponents: 7.0

2-Pt. Conversions: 49ers 0/0, Opponents 1/2

Fumbles Lost: None Total 0

Opponent Fumble Recoveries: None Total: 0

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
J. Simpson	3	40	13.3	25	0
B. Bell	3	20	6.7	9	0
A. Cleveland	3	10	3.3	5	0
Q. Patton	3	2	0.7	7	0
B. Anderson	2	32	16.0	29	0
G. Celek	2	29	14.5	19	1
V. McDonald	2	15	7.5	8	0
A. Boldin	1	14	14.0	14	0
M. Davis	1	7	7.0	7	0
C. Hyde	1	6	6.0	6	0
D. Carrier	1	5	5.0	5	0
X. Grimble	1	3	3.0	3	0
D. White	1	3	3.0	3	0
49ers	24	186	7.8	29	1

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Opponents	38	424	11.2	58t	3
Interceptions	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
M. Purcell	1	37	37.0	37t	1
D. Johnson	1	5	5.0	5	0
C. Dahl	1	3	3.0	3	0
49ers	3	45	15.0	37t	1
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0

	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
Punting	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
B. Pinion	13	615	47.3	38.9	0	3	58	0
49ers	13	615	47.3	38.9	0	3	58	0
Opponents	10	412	41.2	28.3	0	2	66	1

	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Punt Returns	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
J. Hayne	5	0	108	21.6	34	0
D. White	1	2	21	21.0	21	0
49ers	6	2	129	21.5	34	0
Opponents	9	1	109	12.1	26	0

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Kickoff Returns	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
D. White	3	55	18.3	20	0
J. Hayne	1	33	33.0	33	0
M. Hull	1	24	24.0	24	0
M. Cromartie	1	19	19.0	19	0
49ers	6	131	21.8	33	0
Opponents	8	173	21.6	30	0

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Field Goals	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
P. Dawson	0/0	1/1	2/2	0/0	0/0
C. Acosta	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/0
49ers	0/0	1/1	3/3	0/0	0/0
Opponents	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/3	0/0

Dawson: (37G) (25G, 33G)

Acosta: () (38G)

Opponents: (41G, 41G) (43N)

	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
B. Gabbert	17	14	107	82.4%	6.3	1	5.9%	0	0.0%	25	3/7	112.5
D. Thompson	12	7	52	58.3%	4.3	0	0.0%	1	8.3%	29	3/18	34.0
C. Kaepernick	8	3	27	37.5%	3.4	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	14	1/14	47.4
49ers	37	24	186	64.9%	5.0	1	2.7%	1	2.7%	29	7/39	74.8
Opponents	68	38	424	55.9%	6.2	3	4.4%	3	4.4%	58t	4/15	71.0

PRESEASON GAME 1 SAN FRANCISCO 10, HOUSTON 23

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
San Francisco	0	10	0	0	10
Houston	8	0	9	6	23

- HOU** – C. Shorts, 58 pass from B. Hoyer (B. Hoyer–D.Hopkins pass) (8–87, 3:48)
SF – G. Celek, 10 pass from B. Gabbert (P. Dawson) (7–99, 3:15)
SF – P. Dawson, 37 FG (9–54, 3:47)
HOU – J. Strong, 10 pass from T. Savage (R. Bullock) (7–58, 3:06)
HOU – D. Thompson sacked in end zone by J. Ankrah for a Safety
HOU – R. Bullock, 41 FG (12–51, 6:47)
HOU – R. Bullock, 41 FG (10–42, 5:08)

TEAM STATISTICS	SF	HOU
First Downs	8	22
Net Yards Gained	199	400
Rushes/Yards	16/102	45/146
Net Yards Passing	97	254
Att/Comp/INT	20/13/1	29/20/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	4/18	0/0
Punts/Average	6/48.8	3/42.3
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	8/65	6/37
Time of Possession	19:54	40:06
3rd Down Efficiency	1/9 (11%)	9/17 (53%)

RUSHING: 49ERS – J. Hayne 5–63, M. Davis 3–18, K. Gaskins 5–12, C. Hyde 2–6, B. Gabbert 1–3 ... **TEXANS** – A. Blue 9–59, K. Hilliard 13–39, C. Polk 10–29, T. Savage 4–7, J. Prosch 3–5, J. Grimes 5–4, R. Mallett 1–3.

RECEIVING: 49ERS – A. Cleveland 3–10, J. Simpson 2–31, G. Celek 2–29–1 TD, B. Bell 2–15, A. Boldin 1–14, V. McDonald 1–8, D. Carrier 1–5, D. White 1–3 ... **TEXANS** – C. Polk 3–36, K. Lee 2–27, T. Labhart 2–24, D. Johnson 2–23, K. Martin 2–18, A. Bonner 2–7, C. Shorts 1–58–1 TD, K. Mumphery 1–17, J. Grimes 1–10, J. Strong 1–10–1 TD, G. Graham 1–9, M. McFarland 1–9, C. Fiedorowicz 1–6.

PASSING: 49ERS – B. Gabbert 11–8–86–0–1 TD, D. Thompson 6–4–15–1–0 TDs, C. Kaepernick 3–1–14–0–0 TDs ... **TEXANS** – T. Savage 14–8–97–0–1 TD, R. Mallett 11–10–90–0–0 TDs, B. Hoyer 4–2–67–0–1 TD.

INTs: 49ERS – None ... **TEXANS** – K. Drummond 1–0.

SACKS: 49ERS – None ... **TEXANS** – K. Brown 2–10, J. Ankrah 1–8, T. Finau 1–0.

49ERS TURNOVER RATIO: –1 (SF: 0 fumbles, 1 INT/HOU: 0 fumbles, 0 INTs).

Weather: Partly Cloudy
Temperature: 88 degrees
Wind: Southeast 11 mph
Playing Surface: Natural Grass
Time: 2:48
Attendance: 71,403

PRESEASON GAME 2 DALLAS 6, SAN FRANCISCO 23

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Dallas	0	0	0	6	6
San Francisco	3	10	3	7	23

- SF** – P. Dawson, 25 FG (13–51, 5:24)
SF – P. Dawson, 33 FG (5–23, 2:20)
SF – M. Purcell 37 INT return (P. Dawson)
SF – C. Acosta, 38 FG (7–47, 3:25)
SF – Q. Patton blocked punt recovery in end zone (C. Acosta)
DAL – N. Harwell, 8 pass from J. Showers (pass failed) (11–72, 2:57)

TEAM STATISTICS	DAL	SF
First Downs	15	11
Net Yards Gained	257	205
Rushes/Yards	22/102	38/155
Net Yards Passing	155	50
Att/Comp/INT	39/18/3	17/11/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	4/15	3/21
Punts/Average	7/40.7	7/46.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	7/51	6/50
Time of Possession	30:12	29:48
3rd Down Efficiency	3/14 (21%)	4/16 (25%)

RUSHING: COWBOYS – J. Randle 7–30, G. Johnson 3–24, J. Showers 2–19, M. Hill 3–16, B. Malena 3–10, D. McFadden 3–4, D. Vaughan 1–(–1) ... **49ERS** – J. Hayne 8–54, C. Hyde 7–39, M. Davis 8–34, K. Gaskins 10–20, C. Kaepernick 1–9, D. Thompson 2–2, B. Gabbert 2–(–3).

RECEIVING: COWBOYS – G. Swaim 4–57, D. Porter 3–30, A. Jenkins 2–40, G. Escobar 2–16, L. Dunbar 2–3, N. Harwell 1–8–1 TD, L. Whitehead 1–6, G. Johnson 1–5, D. McFadden 1–3, B. Malena 1–2 ... **49ERS** – Q. Patton 3–2, B. Anderson 2–32, J. Simpson 1–9, V. McDonald 1–7, M. Davis 1–7, C. Hyde 1–6, B. Bell 1–5, X. Grimble 1–3.

PASSING: COWBOYS – J. Showers 17–8–80–1–1 TD, D. Vaughan 16–7–84–2–0 TDs, B. Weeden 5–2–7–0–0 TDs, T. Romo 1–1–(–1)–0–0 ... **49ERS** – D. Thompson 6–3–37–0–0 TDs, B. Gabbert 6–6–21–0–0 TDs, C. Kaepernick 5–2–13–0 TDs.

INTs: COWBOYS – None ... **49ERS** – M. Purcell 1–37–1 TD, D. Johnson 1–5, C. Dahl 1–3.

SACKS: COWBOYS – B. Gardner 1–5, R. Gregory 1–14, R. Russell 1–2 ... **49ERS** – D. Bishop 1–0, S. Lemon 1–5, M. Rush 1–1, Q. Dial 0.5–4.5, E. Harold 0.5–4.5.

49ERS TURNOVER RATIO: +3 (DAL: 0 fumbles, 3 INT/SF: 0 fumbles, 0 INTs).

Weather: Sunny
Temperature: 75 degrees
Wind: West Northwest 12 mph
Playing Surface: Natural Grass
Time: 2:53
Attendance: 70,178

2014 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

Date	W/L	Score	Opponent	Attendance	Rushing	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
9/7	W	28-17	at Dallas	91,174	F. Gore	255	1,106	4.3	52t	4
9/14	L	20-28	Chicago	70,799	C. Kaepernick	104	639	6.1	90t	1
9/21	L	14-23	at Arizona	61,572	C. Hyde	83	333	4.0	28	4
9/28	W	26-21	Philadelphia	70,799	B. Ellington	6	28	4.7	15	1
10/5	W	22-17	Kansas City	70,799	Q. Patton	1	20	20.0	20	0
10/13	W	31-17	at St. Louis	56,851	A. Smith	7	19	2.7	12	0
10/19	L	17-42	at Denver	77,047	B. Miller	6	9	1.5	4	0
11/2	L	10-13	St. Louis	70,799	B. Gabbert	1	5	5.0	5	0
11/9	W	27-24 (OT)	at New Orleans	73,129	V. Davis	1	4	4.0	4	0
11/16	W	16-10	at New York Giants	80,352	A. Boldin	1	4	4.0	4	0
11/23	W	17-13	Washington	70,799	M. Crabtree	1	4	4.0	4	0
11/27	L	3-19	Seattle	70,799	C. Dahl	1	3	3.0	3	0
12/7	L	13-24	at Oakland	55,300	D. Carrier	1	2	2.0	2	0
12/14	L	7-17	at Seattle	68,526	L. James	2	0	0.0	1	0
12/20	L	35-38 (OT)	San Diego	70,699	49ers	470	2,176	4.6	90t	10
12/28	W	20-17	Arizona	70,699	Opponents	402	1,612	4.0	37t	7

Team Statistics	49ers	Opponents
Total First Downs	303	308
Rushing	104	83
Passing	165	188
Penalty	34	37
3rd Down: Made/Att	86/213	88/203
3rd Down Pct.	40.4%	43.3%
4th Down: Made/Att	10/18	7/14
4th Down Pct.	55.6%	50.0%
Possession Avg.	31:16	28:44
Total Net Yards	5,239	5,143
Avg. Per Game	327.4	321.4
Total Plays	1,009	989
Avg. Per Play	5.2	5.2
Net Yards Rushing	2,176	1,612
Avg. Per Game	136.0	100.8
Total Rushes	470	402
Net Yards Passing	3,063	3,531
Avg. Per Game	191.4	220.7
Sacked/Yards Lost	52/344	36/200
Gross Yards	3,407	3,731
Attempts/Completions	487/292	551/324
Completion Pct.	60.0%	58.8%
Had Intercepted	10	23
Punts/Average	73/46.2	74/45.4
Net Punting Avg.	39.6	40.2
Penalties/Yards	116/937	122/909
Fumbles/Ball Lost	18/12	18/6
Touchdowns	33	40
Rushing	10	7
Passing	20	29
Returns	3	4

Score By Periods	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	Pts
49ers	92	121	57	33	3	306
Opponents	81	85	93	78	3	340

Scoring	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	PAT	FG	2Pt	Pts
P. Dawson	0	0	0	0	33/33	25/31	0	108
A. Boldin	5	0	5	0	0/0	0/0	0	30
F. Gore	5	4	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	30
M. Crabtree	4	0	4	0	0/0	0/0	0	24
C. Hyde	4	4	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	24
B. Ellington	3	1	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	18
S. Johnson	3	0	3	0	0/0	0/0	0	18
B. Miller	2	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
V. Davis	2	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
A. Bethea	1	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
B. Lloyd	1	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
C. Kaepernick	1	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
C. Culliver	1	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
D. Johnson	1	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
49ers	33	10	20	3	33/33	25/31	0	306
Opponents	40	7	29	4	40/40	20/20	0	340

Sacks: 49ers: A. Brooks 6.0, A. Lynch 6.0, D. Skuta 5.0, J. Smith 5.0, T. Carradine 3.0, R. McDonald 3.0, Q. Dial 2.0, A. Smith 2.0, A. Bethea 1.0, C. Borland 1.0, I. Williams 1.0, Team 1.0 **Total: 36.0, Opponents: 52.0**

2-Pt. Conversions: 49ers 0/0, Opponents 0/0

Fumbles Lost: C. Kaepernick 5, F. Gore 2, P. Cox 1, C. Hyde 1, V. McDonald 1, B. Miller 1, Q. Patton 1 **Total 12**

Opponent Fumble Recoveries: P. Cox 2, C. Borland 1, A. Brooks 1, C. Culliver 1, J. Smith 1 **Total: 6**

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD
C. Kaepernick	478	289	3,369	60.5%	7.0	19
B. Gabbert	7	3	38	42.9%	5.4	1
A. Boldin	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0	0
A. Lee	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0	0
49ers	487	292	3,407	60.0%	7.0	20
Opponents	551	324	3,731	58.8%	6.8	29

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
A. Boldin	83	1,062	12.8	76t	5
M. Crabtree	68	698	10.3	51	4
S. Johnson	35	435	12.4	32	3
V. Davis	26	245	9.4	29t	2
B. Miller	18	189	10.5	22	2
B. Lloyd	14	294	21.0	80t	1
C. Hyde	12	68	5.7	16	0
F. Gore	11	111	10.1	55t	1
D. Carrier	9	105	11.7	23	0
B. Ellington	6	62	10.3	20t	2
Q. Patton	3	44	14.7	35	0
A. Smith	3	11	3.7	5	0
G. Celek	2	53	26.5	31	0
V. McDonald	2	30	15.0	21	0
49ers	292	3,407	11.7	80t	20
Opponents	324	3,731	11.5	63	29
Interceptions	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
P. Cox	5	12	2.4	10	0
A. Bethea	4	71	17.8	49t	1
C. Culliver	4	61	15.3	29	0
E. Reid	3	138	46.0	73	0
C. Borland	2	12	6.0	12	0
M. Wilhoite	2	1	0.5	1	0
D. Johnson	1	20	20.0	20t	1
C. Dahl	1	0	0.0	0	0
P. Willis	1	0	0.0	0	0
49ers	23	315	13.7	73	2
Opponents	10	111	11.1	53t	1

Punting	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
A. Lee	72	3,369	46.8	39.6	7	28	71	1
49ers	73	3,369	46.2	39.6	7	28	71	1
Opponents	74	3,362	45.4	40.2	8	21	61	1

Punt Returns	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
B. Ellington	23	12	188	8.2	23	0
P. Cox	10	1	35	3.5	9	0
K. Osgood	1	0	2	2.0	2	0
C. Cook	1	0	2	2.0	2	0
49ers	35	13	227	6.5	23	0
Opponents	36	22	336	9.3	82t	1

Kickoff Returns	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
B. Ellington	24	614	25.6	38	0
C. Hyde	11	268	24.4	30	0
T. Holliday	3	83	27.7	32	0
P. Cox	2	60	30.0	57	0
Q. Patton	1	24	24.0	24	0
B. Miller	1	19	19.0	19	0
T. Jerod-Eddie	1	18	18.0	18	0
A. Lynch	1	10	10.0	10	0
C. Thomas	1	8	8.0	8	0
49ers	45	1,104	24.5	57	0
Opponents	40	907	22.7	38	0

Field Goals	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
P. Dawson	0/0	6/6	8/9	5/7	6/9
49ers	0/0	6/6	8/9	5/7	6/9
Opponents	0/0	3/3	9/9	6/6	2/2

Dawson: (37N) (27G, 24G) (45B) (29G, 51G, 46G, 31G) (31G, 55G, 52G, 27G, 30G) (54G) (51N, 22G) (34G, 55N) (45G, 35G) (31G, 37G, 44G) (41G) (40G) (52G, 20G, 47N) () (60N) (53G, 37G)

Opponents: (29G) () (51G, 32G, 35G) () (42G) (38G) () (37G, 39G) (40G) (43G) (27G, 46G) (21G, 36G, 35G, 46G) (57G) (38G) (40G) (36G)

Rating	Sack/Lost	Long	Int	Int%	TD
C. Kaepernick	52/344	80t	10	2.1%	19
B. Gabbert	0/0	20t	0	0.0%	1
A. Boldin	0/0	0	0	0.0%	0
A. Lee	0/0	0	0	0.0%	0
49ers	52/344	80t	10	2.1%	20
Opponents	36/200	63	23	4.2%	29

2014 DEFENSIVE & SPECIAL TEAMS STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

PLAYER	TACKLES			For Loss	Quarterback						
	Total	Solo	Asst		Sacks	Hits	Pres	INT	PD	FF	FR
C. Borland	128	83	45	8	1.0	1	1	2	5	0	1
A. Bethea	121	85	36	4	1.0	2	2	4	10	1	0
M. Wilhoite	121	72	49	5	0.0	4	4	2	6	1	0
J. Smith	92	50	42	7.5	5.0	39	56	0	0	2	1
R. McDonald	71	38	33	7.5	3.0	32	45	0	0	1	0
P. Cox	59	51	8	0	0.0	0	0	5	18	0	2
Q. Dial	57	28	29	3	2.0	10	13	0	1	0	0
C. Culliver	57	42	15	0	0.0	0	0	4	15	1	1
E. Reid	55	39	16	0	0.0	2	2	3	7	0	0
P. Willis	49	26	23	0	0.0	3	6	1	3	0	0
T. Jerod-Eddie	45	21	24	3	0.0	15	21	0	0	0	0
A. Brooks	42	30	12	6	6.0	19	33	0	3	1	1
I. Williams	41	24	17	3	1.0	7	13	0	1	0	0
D. Skuta	35	21	14	7	5.0	11	15	0	1	3	0
D. Johnson	31	19	12	0	0.0	3	3	1	6	0	0
T. Carradine	27	16	11	6	3.0	7	10	0	0	0	0
J. Ward	23	17	6	0	0.0	0	0	0	2	0	0
A. Lynch	23	17	6	7	6.0	28	42	0	4	0	0
A. Smith	21	13	8	2	2.0	9	12	0	0	0	0
N. Moody	21	13	8	0	0.0	1	1	0	0	0	0
C. Dahl	21	16	5	0	0.0	1	1	1	2	0	0
D. Dobbs	10	6	4	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T. Brock	9	7	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Lemonier	5	4	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L. McFadden	5	3	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
M. Cromartie	4	4	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
C. Cook	3	3	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
M. Purcell	2	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D. Bishop	1	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1,179	750	429	70	35.0	194	280	23	87	10	6

SACKS (36.0)

A. Brooks (6.0) – 1.0 at Dal., 2.0 at StL, 1.0 at NO, 1.0 vs. Sea., 1.0 at Sea.
A. Lynch (6.0) – 1.0 at Den., 1.0 vs. StL, 1.0 at NYG, 1.0 vs. Was., 1.0 vs. Sea., 1.0 vs. Arz.
D. Skuta (5.0) – 2.0 at StL, 1.0 at Oak., 1.0 at Sea., 1.0 vs. SD
J. Smith (5.0) – 2.0 at Dal., 1.0 vs. Chi., 1.0 vs. Was., 1.0 vs. Sea.

R. McDonald (3.0) – 1.0 at NYG, 1.0 vs. Was., 1.0 at Sea.
T. Carradine (3.0) – 2.0 at Sea., 1.0 vs. Arz.
Q. Dial (2.0) – 1.0 at NO, 1.0 vs. SD
A. Smith (2.0) – 2.0 vs. Was.
A. Bethea (1.0) – 1.0 at StL
C. Borland (1.0) – 1.0 at Den.
I. Williams (1.0) – 1.0 vs. Phi.
Team (1.0) – 1.0 vs. Sea.

INTERCEPTIONS (23)

P. Cox (5) – 1–0 at Dal., 1–0 vs. Phi., 1–2 vs. KC, 1–10 vs. StL, 1–0 vs. SD
A. Bethea (4) – 1–0 vs. Phi., 1–0 vs. StL, 1–22 at NO, 1–49t vs SD
C. Culliver (4) – 1–29 at NO, 1–1 at NYG, 1–24 vs. SD, 1–7 vs. Arz.
E. Reid (3) – 1–48 at Dal., 1–17 at NYG, 1–73 at Sea.

C. Borland (2) – 2–12 at NYG
M. Wilhoite (2) – 1–1 at NYG, 1–0 vs. Arz.
D. Johnson (1) – 1–20t at StL
P. Willis (1) – 1–0 at Dal.
C. Dahl (1) – 1–0 vs. Arz.

TOUCHDOWNS (3)

A. Bethea (1) – 49–yd. INT return vs. SD
C. Culliver (1) – 35–yd. fumble return at Dal.
D. Johnson (1) – 20–yd. INT return at StL

SINGLE-GAME BESTS

Tackles: 22 by Chirs Borland vs. StL
Tackles for Loss: 3.0 by Tank Carradine vs. Arz.
Sacks: 2.0, five times, last by Tank Carradine at Sea.
Passes Defensed: 4, two times, last by Perrish Cox vs. SD
Interceptions: 2 by Chris Borland at NYG
Forced Fumbles: 1, 10 times, last by Dan Skuta vs. SD
Fumble Recoveries: 1, six times, last by Ahmad Brooks vs. Was.
Special Teams Tackles: 4 by Chris Borland vs. KC

SPECIAL TEAMS

PLAYER	Tot	Solo	Ast	KDs	FF	FR	BP	PTS
C. Dahl	14	6	8	8	0	0	5	769
K. Osgood	7	4	3	9	0	0	8	544
C. Lemonier	8	2	6	1	0	0	2	505
L. McCray	8	6	2	5	0	0	6	476
P. Dawson	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	465
N. Moody	4	2	2	4	0	0	1	458
D. Johnson	6	3	3	5	0	0	2	443
D. Skuta	7	2	5	8	0	0	2	412
A. Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	394
D. Carrier	5	2	3	8	0	0	1	363
K. Nelson	4	3	1	1	0	0	2	305
T. Jerod-Eddie	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	304
B. Ventrone	3	2	1	4	0	0	1	301
C. Borland	9	6	3	3	0	0	3	284
B. Miller	1	1	0	6	0	0	1	282
A. Lynch	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	278
M. Wilhoite	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	266
B. Ellington	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	228
D. Dobbs	3	2	1	5	0	0	1	227
C. Cook	2	1	1	0	0	0	3	183
J. Ward	3	1	2	2	0	0	2	181
Q. Dial	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	163
Alf. Smith	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	160
E. Reid	3	3	0	7	0	0	0	155
J. Looney	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	142
L. McFadden	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	135
V. McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	129
P. Cox	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	129
J. Staley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128
A. Boone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
C. Thomas	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	116
M. Iupati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
I. Williams	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	90
T. Carradine	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	74
J. Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
A. Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
D. Kilgore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
M. Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
R. McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
A. Davis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
Ald. Smith	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	55
D. Bishop	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	52
C. Hyde	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	50
P. Willis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
M. Cromartie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
P. Tanner	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	41
D. Farrell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
M. Purcell	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	31
G. Celek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Q. Patton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
A. Boldin	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	18
S. Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	16
T. Brock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
J. Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
T. Holliday	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
A. Brooks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
L. James	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTALS	98	54	44	111	0	0	59	10,205

Special Teams Key: Tot (total tackles), Solo (solo tackle), Ast (assisted tackle), KDs (knock down), FF (forced fumble), FR (fumble recovery), BP (big play), PTS (production points as graded by coaching staff)

BLOCKED PUNTS (1)

A. Lynch (1) – blocked P. O'Donnell's punt vs. Chi.

2014 49ERS OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

	@Dal	Chi.	@Arz	Phi	KC	@StL	@Den	StL	@NO	@NYG	Was	Sea	@Oak	@Sea	SD	Arz	Totals
First Downs																	
Total	19	19	20	20	22	17	22	20	21	20	16	16	18	14	21	18	303
Rushing	6	5	4	8	10	5	3	4	10	9	5	3	5	7	12	8	104
Passing	11	13	15	8	10	10	16	12	10	10	10	8	10	7	6	9	165
Penalty	2	1	1	4	2	2	3	4	1	1	1	5	3	0	3	1	34

Third Down																	
Conversions	7	7	6	8	6	6	3	3	6	6	5	4	3	6	5	5	86
Attempts	12	13	12	19	16	14	13	12	15	14	13	11	11	15	11	12	213
Percentage	58.3	53.8	50.0	42.1	37.5	42.9	23.1	25.0	40.0	42.9	38.5	36.4	27.3	40.0	45.5	41.7	40.4

4th Down																	
Conversions	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	10
Attempts	0	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	4	1	0	18

Time of Possession																	
49ers	28:36	33:51	32:20	42:17	36:04	28:38	32:01	32:26	33:46	34:59	30:05	24:41	27:05	31:02	30:25	29:24	31:16

Total Net Yards																	
Plays	54	65	61	76	70	65	70	62	68	68	60	51	56	57	66	60	1,009
Yards	319	359	318	407	357	432	310	263	330	333	312	164	248	245	447	395	5,239
Average	5.9	5.5	5.2	5.4	5.1	6.6	4.4	4.2	4.9	4.9	5.2	3.2	4.4	4.3	6.8	6.6	5.2

Rushing																	
Attempts	30	27	23	42	40	30	18	21	32	37	29	18	18	32	40	33	470
Yards	127	127	82	218	171	89	62	80	144	148	66	64	97	140	355	206	2,176
Average	4.2	4.7	3.6	5.2	4.3	3.0	3.4	3.8	4.5	4.0	2.3	3.6	5.4	4.4	8.9	6.2	4.6

Passing																	
Net	192	232	236	189	186	343	248	183	186	185	246	100	151	105	92	189	3,063
Sacks	1	4	1	4	3	0	6	8	4	1	2	4	5	6	2	1	52
Yards	9	16	9	29	15	0	53	54	24	8	10	21	23	36	22	15	344
Gross	201	248	245	218	201	343	301	237	210	193	256	121	174	141	114	204	3,407
Attempts	23	34	37	30	27	35	46	33	32	30	29	29	33	19	24	26	487
Completions	16	21	29	17	14	22	27	22	14	15	20	16	18	11	15	15	292
Percentage	69.6	61.8	78.4	56.7	51.9	62.9	58.7	66.7	43.8	50.0	69.0	55.2	54.5	57.9	62.5	57.7	60.0
Interceptions	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	10

Punting																	
Number	4	1	4	6	2	5	5	7	7	4	6	5	4	5	4	4	73
Average	45.8	54.0	43.5	39.2	53.5	43.0	54.4	44.9	44.7	46.8	50.3	47.6	52.5	43.4	38.0	49.0	46.2
Net	45.8	53.0	41.5	21.5	34.5	40.6	50.0	35.4	41.3	37.0	48.5	41.8	42.8	39.6	33.0	38.5	39.6

Penalties																	
Number	11	16	9	10	2	5	6	9	2	4	5	3	7	8	9	10	116
Yards	80	118	107	80	10	23	62	44	15	35	47	20	50	78	92	78	939

Fumbles																	
Number	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	3	1	3	3	1	0	0	3	0	18
Lost	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	12

Red Zone																	
Number	3	5	3	3	4	2	3	2	4	4	2	1	2	1	3	2	44
Touchdowns	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	19
Field Goals	0	2	0	2	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	15

Touchdowns																	
Rushing	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	10
Passing	2	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	20
Returns	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3

2014 49ERS DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

	@Dal	Chi.	@Arz	Phi	KC	@StL	@Den	StL	@NO	@NYG	Was	Sea	@Oak	@Sea	SD	Arz	Totals
First Downs																	
Total	26	19	24	11	14	19	23	13	23	17	12	16	19	18	28	26	308
Rushing	8	3	5	1	3	5	6	3	7	2	7	5	5	10	6	7	83
Passing	14	10	12	10	11	12	14	8	15	14	4	10	13	5	19	17	188
Penalty	4	6	7	0	0	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	37

Third Down																	
Conversions	5	3	8	5	6	5	5	4	8	6	2	5	6	8	8	4	88
Attempts	9	9	13	13	11	14	9	12	18	15	13	14	13	14	16	10	203
Percentage	55.6	33.3	61.5	38.5	54.5	35.7	55.6	33.3	44.4	40.0	15.4	35.7	46.2	57.1	50.0	40.0	43.3

4th Down																	
Conversions	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	7
Attempts	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	3	0	14

Time of Possession																	
Opponents	31:24	26:09	27:40	17:43	23:56	31:22	27:59	27:34	36:00	25:01	29:55	35:19	32:55	28:58	34:19	30:36	28:44

Total Net Yards																	
Plays	63	52	61	56	50	71	56	52	80	68	52	60	60	61	80	67	989
Yards	382	216	338	213	265	309	419	193	423	330	213	379	330	290	446	397	5,143
Average	6.1	4.2	5.5	3.8	5.3	4.4	7.5	3.7	5.3	4.9	4.1	6.3	5.5	4.8	5.6	5.9	5.2

Rushing																	
Attempts	23	17	27	12	20	24	27	27	31	21	27	34	31	32	24	25	402
Yards	127	46	84	22	107	93	115	91	136	65	136	157	85	152	98	98	1,612
Average	5.5	2.7	3.1	1.8	5.4	3.9	4.3	3.4	4.4	3.1	5.0	4.6	2.7	4.8	4.1	3.9	4.0

Passing																	
Net	255	170	254	191	158	216	304	102	287	265	77	222	245	138	348	299	3,531
Sacks	3	1	0	1	0	5	2	1	2	2	5	4	1	5	2	2	36
Yards	26	6	0	4	0	20	14	3	5	15	29	14	9	30	8	17	200
Gross	281	176	254	195	158	236	318	105	292	280	106	236	254	168	356	316	3,731
Attempts	37	34	34	43	30	42	27	24	47	45	20	22	28	24	54	40	551
Completions	23	23	19	21	16	21	22	13	28	22	11	15	22	12	33	23	324
Percentage	62.2	67.6	55.9	48.8	53.3	50.0	81.5	54.2	59.6	48.9	55.0	68.2	78.6	50.0	61.1	57.5	58.8
Interceptions	3	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	1	3	3	23

Punting																	
Number	2	6	1	6	4	8	4	6	6	3	8	4	5	4	4	3	74
Average	52.5	39.7	49.0	48.5	40.3	43.9	42.8	46.8	49.8	43.0	46.6	44.5	46.8	48.0	50.3	35.7	45.4
Net	46.0	32.3	35.0	40.7	35.3	40.3	41.8	41.5	42.0	40.3	45.6	36.5	42.2	45.0	36.8	35.7	40.2

Penalties																	
Number	10	10	5	10	4	8	8	9	6	3	7	14	10	7	8	3	122
Yards	72	58	36	70	29	38	75	83	43	54	53	105	84	50	38	21	909

Fumbles																	
Number	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	18
Lost	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6

Red Zone																	
Number	4	4	4	1	2	1	3	2	2	3	2	5	4	3	3	1	44
Touchdowns	2	4	1	0	2	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	3	0	27
Field Goals	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	10

Touchdowns																	
Rushing	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	7
Passing	1	4	2	0	1	1	4	1	3	1	0	1	3	1	4	2	29
Returns	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4

2014 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

	Bests/Highs	Opponent	Date	Worsts/Lows	Opponent	Date
First Downs	22	2 times, last at Den.	10/19/14	14	at Seattle	12/14/14
Third-Down %	7-12-58%	at Dallas	9/7/14	3-13-23%	at Denver	10/19/14
Total Net Yards	447	vs. San Diego	12/20/14	164	vs. Seattle	11/27/14
Offensive Plays	76	vs. Philadelphia	9/28/14	51	vs. Seattle	11/27/14
Avg. Per Play	6.8	vs. San Diego	12/20/14	3.2	vs. Seattle	11/27/14
Rushing Yards	355	vs. San Diego	12/20/14	62	at Denver	10/19/14
Rushes	42	vs. Philadelphia	9/28/14	18	3 times, last at Oak.	12/7/14
Rushing Avg.	8.9	vs. San Diego	12/20/14	2.3	vs. Washington	11/23/14
Net Passing Yards	343	at St. Louis	10/13/14	92	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Completions	29	at Arizona	9/21/14	11	at Seattle	12/14/14
Attempts	46	at Denver	10/19/14	19	at Seattle	12/14/14
Completions %	78.4	at Arizona	9/21/14	43.8	at New Orleans	11/9/14
Avg. Gain Per Passing Play	9.8	at St. Louis	10/13/14	3.0	vs. Seattle	11/27/14
Interceptions Thrown	0	10 times, last vs. Arz.	12/28/14	3	vs. Chicago	9/14/14
Fumbles Lost	0	8 times, last vs. Arz.	12/28/14	3	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Turnovers	0	5 times, last vs. Arz.	12/28/14	4	vs. Chicago	9/14/14
Penalties	2	2 times, last at NO	11/9/14	16	vs. Chicago	9/14/14
Penalty Yards	10	vs. Kansas City	10/5/14	118	vs. Chicago	9/14/14
Gross Punting Avg.	54.4	at Denver	10/19/14	38.0	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Net Punting Avg.	53.0	vs. Chicago	9/14/14	21.5	vs. Philadelphia	9/28/14
Time of Poss.	42:17	vs. Philadelphia	9/28/14	24:41	vs. Seattle	11/27/14

OPPONENTS

	Worsts/Lows	Opponent	Date	Bests/Highs	Opponent	Date
First Downs	11	vs. Philadelphia	9/28/14	28	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Third-Down %	2-13-15%	vs. Washington	11/23/14	8-13-62%	at Arizona	9/21/14
Total Net Yards	193	vs. St. Louis	11/2/14	446	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Offensive Plays	50	vs. Kansas City	10/5/14	80	2 times, last vs. SD	12/20/14
Avg. Per Play	3.7	vs. St. Louis	11/2/14	7.5	at Denver	10/19/14
Rushing Yards	22	vs. Philadelphia	9/28/14	157	vs. Seattle	11/27/14
Rushes	12	vs. Philadelphia	9/28/14	34	vs. Seattle	11/27/14
Rushing Avg.	1.8	vs. Philadelphia	9/28/14	5.5	at Dallas	9/7/14
Net Passing Yards	77	vs. Washington	11/23/14	348	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Completions	11	vs. Washington	11/23/14	33	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Attempts	20	vs. Washington	11/23/14	54	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Completions %	48.8	vs. Philadelphia	9/28/14	81.5	at Denver	10/19/14
Avg. Gain Per Passing Play	3.1	vs. Washington	11/23/14	10.5	at Denver	10/19/14
Interceptions Thrown	5	at New York Giants	11/16/14	0	6 times, last at Oak.	12/7/14
Fumbles Lost	2	vs. Philadelphia	9/28/14	0	11 times, last vs. Arz.	12/28/14
Turnovers	5	at New York Giants	11/16/14	0	4 times, last at Oak.	12/7/14
Penalties	14	vs. Seattle	11/27/14	3	2 times, last vs. Arz.	12/28/14
Penalty Yards	105	vs. Seattle	11/27/14	21	vs. Arizona	12/28/14
Gross Punting Avg.	35.7	vs. Arizona	12/28/14	52.5	at Dallas	9/7/14
Net Punting Avg.	32.3	vs. Chicago	9/14/14	46.0	at Dallas	9/7/14
Time of Poss.	17:43	vs. Philadelphia	9/28/14	36:00	at New Orleans	11/9/14

2014 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Long Plays		Player	Opponent	Date
Longest Run (yards)	90t	Colin Kaepernick	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Longest TD Run (yards)	90t	Colin Kaepernick	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Longest Pass Completion (yards)	80t	Colin Kaepernick – Brandon Lloyd	at St. Louis	10/13/14
Longest TD Pass	80t	Colin Kaepernick – Brandon Lloyd	at St. Louis	10/13/14
Longest Punt Return (yards)	23	Two times, most recently Bruce Ellington	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Longest Kickoff Return (yards)	57	Perrish Cox	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Longest Interception Return (yards)	73	Eric Reid	at Seattle	12/14/14
Longest Punt (yards)	71	Andy Lee	at Denver	10/19/14
Longest Field Goal (yards)	55	Phil Dawson	vs. Kansas City	10/5/14

Single-Game Highs		Player	Opponent	Date
Most Points Scored	16	Phil Dawson	vs. Kansas City	10/5/14
Most Touchdowns	2	Two times, most recently Bruce Ellington	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Most Field Goals	5	Phil Dawson	vs. Kansas City	10/5/14
Most Field Goal Attempts	5	Phil Dawson	vs. Kansas City	10/5/14
Most Rushing Yards	158	Frank Gore	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Most Rushing Attempts	26	Frank Gore	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Highest Rushing Avg. (Min. 10 att.)	6.1	Frank Gore	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Most Pass Completions	29	Colin Kaepernick	at Arizona	9/21/14
Most Pass Attempts	39	Colin Kaepernick	at Denver	10/19/14
Most Gross Passing Yards	343	Colin Kaepernick	at St. Louis	10/13/14
Highest Avg. Yards/Per Att. (Min. 10 att.)	9.5	Colin Kaepernick	at St. Louis	10/13/14
Fewest Interceptions Thrown (Min. 10 att.)	0	10 times, most recently Colin Kaepernick	vs. Arizona	12/28/14
Fewest Times Sacked (Min. 10 att.)	0	Colin Kaepernick	at St. Louis	10/13/14
Most Receptions	10	Michael Crabtree	at Arizona	9/21/14
Most Receiving Yards	137	Anquan Boldin	vs. Washington	11/23/14
Most Punt Returns	4	Three times, most recently Perrish Cox	vs. Washington	11/23/14
Most Punt Return Yardage	34	Bruce Ellington	vs. San Diego	12/20/14
Most Kickoff Returns	4	Three times, most recently Bruce Ellington	at Seattle	12/14/14
Most Kickoff Return Yardage	108	Bruce Ellington	vs. Kansas City	10/5/14
Most Interceptions	2	Chris Borland	at New York Giants	11/16/14
Most Interception Return Yardage	73	Eric Reid	at Seattle	12/14/14
Most Tackles	22	Chris Borland	vs. St. Louis	11/2/14
Most Sacks	2.0	Five times, most recently Tank Carradine	at Seattle	12/14/14

2014 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS TURNOVER BREAKDOWN

TAKEAWAYS

Date	Opponent	Turnover	Starting L.O.S.	Point of Turnover	Resulting L.O.S.	Qtr.	Result (pts)
9/7	at Dal.	C. Culliver FR (D. Skuta FF)	DAL 33	DAL 35	Endzone	1	Touchdown (7)
		E. Reid INT (T. Romo)	DAL 32	50	DAL 2	1	Touchdown (7)
		P. Willis INT (T. Romo)	SF 5*	Endzone	SF 20	2	Punt (0)
		P. Cox INT (T. Romo)	DAL 12	SF 36	SF 36	2	Touchdown (7)
9/14	vs. Chi.	None					
9/21	at Arz.	P. Cox FR (M. Wilhoite FF)	SF 9*	SF 4	SF 5	4	Punt (0)
9/28	vs. Phi.	J. Smith FR (C. Culliver FF)	PHI 43	SF 45	SF 29	2	Halftime (0)
		P. Cox FR (A. Bethea FF)	PHI 20	PHI 23	PHI 23	3	Touchdown (7)
		A. Bethea INT (N. Foles)	PHI 28	SF 26	SF 26	3	Punt (0)
		P. Cox INT (N. Foles)	PHI 17	PHI 44	PHI 44	4	End of Game (0)
10/5	vs. KC	P. Cox INT (A. Smith)	KC 20	KC 43	KC 41	4	End of Game (0)
10/13	at StL	D. Johnson INT (A. Davis)	STL 15	STL 20	Endzone	4	Touchdown (7)
10/19	at Den.	None					
11/2	vs. StL	A. Bethea INT (A. Davis)	STL 25	STL 35	STL 35	2	Touchdown (7)
		P. Cox INT (A. Davis)	STL 44	SF 29	SF 39	2	Punt (0)
11/9	at NO	A. Bethea INT (D.Brees)	NO 25	NO 41	NO 19	1	Touchdown (7)
		C. Culliver INT (D.Brees)	SF 22	SF 0	SF 29	2	Halftime (0)
		C. Borland FR (A. Brooks FF)	NO 15	NO 10	NO 17	OT	Field Goal (3)
11/16	at NYG	C. Borland INT (E. Manning)	NYG 38	NYG 41	NYG 29	2	Field Goal (3)
		M. Wilhoite INT (E. Manning)	SF 17*	SF 14	SF 15	2	Punt (0)
		E. Reid INT (E. Manning)	NYG 47	SF 25	SF 32	3	Downs (0)
		C. Culliver INT (E. Manning)	SF 32	SF 20	SF 21	4	Punt (0)
		C. Borland INT (E. Manning)	SF 4*	SF 2	SF 2	4	Punt (0)
11/23	vs. Was.	A. Brooks FR (J. Smith FF)	WAS 10	WAS 7	WAS 7	4	End of Game (0)
11/27	vs. Sea.	None					
12/7	at Oak.	None					
12/14	at Sea.	E. Reid INT (R. Wilson)	SF 29	SF 3	SEA 24	2	Halftime (0)
12/20	vs. SD	P. Cox INT (P. Rivers)	SD 40	SF 33	SF 33	1	Touchdown (7)
		A. Bethea INT (P. Rivers)	SD 45	SD 49	Endzone	2	Touchdown (7)
		C. Culliver INT (P. Rivers)	SF 49	SF 29	SD 47	3	Punt (0)
12/28	vs. Arz.	M. Wilhoite INT (R. Lindley)	SF 27	SF 25	SF 25	2	Field Goal (3)
		C. Culliver INT (R. Lindley)	SF 47	SF 26	SF 18	3	Touchdown (7)
		C. Dahl INT (R. Lindley)	ARZ 11	ARZ 24	ARZ 24	4	End of Game (0)

Regular Season Totals: 29 takeaways resulted in 79 points

L.O.S. – Line of scrimmage

* – Red zone play

ST – Special teams play

(TB) – Touchback

2014 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS TURNOVER BREAKDOWN

GIVEAWAYS

Date	Opponent	Turnover	Starting L.O.S.	Point of Turnover	Resulting L.O.S.	Qtr.	Result (pts)
9/7	at Dal.	None					
9/14	vs. Chi.	C. Kaepernick INT (C. Conte)	50	CHI 31	CHI 32	2	Punt (0)
		C. Kaepernick FUMBLE (J. Allen FF)	CHI 30	CHI 26	CHI 20	2	Punt (0)
		C. Kaepernick INT (K. Fuller)	SF 22	SF 26	SF 6	4	Touchdown (7)
		C. Kaepernick INT (K. Fuller)	SF 35	CHI 40	SF 42	4	Touchdown (7)
9/21	at Arz.	None					
9/28	vs. Phi.	C. Kaepernick INT (M. Jenkins)	SF 45	PHI 47	Endzone	2	Touchdown (7)
10/5	vs. KC	None					
10/13	at StL	V. McDonald FUMBLE (R. McLeod FF)	SF 44	STL 35	STL 45	1	Touchdown (7)
10/19	at Den.	C. Kaepernick INT (A. Talib)	SF 24	SF 43	SF 40	3	Touchdown (7)
11/2	vs. StL	C. Kaepernick FUMBLE (R. Quinn FF)	50	SF 40	SF 36	2	Touchdown (7)
		C. Kaepernick FUMBLE	STL 1	STL 1	STL 20	4	End of Game (0)
11/9	at NO	C. Kaepernick FUMBLE (T. Walker FF)	SF 44	SF 40	SF 42	2	Interception (0)
11/16	at NYG	F. Gore FUMBLE	NYG 16*	NYG 22	NYG 31	1	Touchdown (7)
11/23	vs. Was.	C. Hyde FUMBLE (B. Meriweather FF)	WAS 41	WAS 41	WAS 40	2	Punt (0)
		C. Kaepernick INT (G. Ducre)	SF 27	WAS 26	WAS 33	3	Punt (0)
		F. Gore FUMBLE (T. Murphy FF)	SF 29	SF 35	SF 36	4	Field Goal (3)
11/27	vs. Sea.	C. Kaepernick INT (R. Sherman)	SF 30	50	SF 45	1	Touchdown (7)
		P. Cox FUMBLE (R. Lockette FF) (ST)	SEA 25	SF 40	SF 40	2	Punt (0)
		C. Kaepernick INT (R. Sherman)	SEA 46	SEA 31	SEA 32	4	Downs (0)
12/7	at Oak.	C. Kaepernick INT (B. Ross)	SF 20	OAK 49	OAK 49	1	Field Goal (3)
		C. Kaepernick INT (C. Woodson)	SF 18	SF 31	SF 28	4	Down (0)
12/14	at Sea.	None					
12/20	vs. SD	B. Miller FUMBLE (M. Gilchrist FF)	SD 5*	SD 2	SD 5	1	Interception (0)
		C. Kaepernick FUMBLE (Ric. Matthews FF)	SF 22	SF 8	Endzone	3	Touchdown (7)
		Q. Patton FUMBLE (E. Weddle FF)	SF 35	SD 45	SD 38	OT	Field Goal (3)
12/28	vs. Arz.	None					

Regular Season Totals: 22 giveaways resulted in 72 points

L.O.S. – Line of scrimmage

* – Red zone play

ST – Special teams play

(TB) – Touchback

GAME-BY-GAME TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL

Date	Opp	Takeaways	Giveaways	Game Total	Total
9/7	at Dal.	4	0	+4	+4
9/14	Chi.	0	4	-4	0
9/21	at Arz.	1	0	+1	+1
9/28	Phi.	4	1	+3	+4
10/5	KC	1	0	+1	+5
10/13	at StL	1	1	0	+5
10/19	at Den.	0	1	-1	+4
11/2	StL	2	2	0	+4
11/9	at NO	3	1	+2	+6
11/16	at NYG	5	1	+4	+10
11/23	Was.	1	3	-2	+8
11/27	Sea.	0	3	-3	+5
12/7	at Oak.	0	2	-2	+3
12/14	at Sea.	1	0	+1	+4
12/20	SD	3	3	0	+4
12/28	Arz.	3	0	+3	+7

2014 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY

49ERS THIRD-AND ...

Date	Opp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10+	Totals
9/7	at Dal.	0/0	0/0	2/2	1/1	1/1	0/1	0/0	3/3	0/0	0/2	0/2	7/12
9/14	Chi.	2/3	1/1	2/2	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/2	1/4	7/13
9/21	at Arz.	1/1	2/2	0/1	0/1	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/2	0/0	1/1	0/2	6/12
9/28	Phi.	1/1	0/2	0/2	0/1	1/1	1/1	1/3	0/1	1/1	1/1	2/5	8/19
10/5	KC	1/3	0/0	0/1	1/1	2/3	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/1	1/2	0/4	6/16
10/13	at StL	3/4	0/1	0/1	0/2	0/0	2/2	0/0	0/2	0/0	0/0	1/2	6/14
10/19	at Den.	1/1	0/0	0/2	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/1	1/5	3/13
11/2	StL	1/2	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/2	1/5	3/12
11/9	at NO	0/0	0/0	0/1	2/3	1/2	1/1	0/0	1/1	0/1	1/4	0/2	6/15
11/16	at NYG	2/2	0/0	0/0	0/1	2/2	0/2	0/2	2/2	0/0	0/0	0/3	6/14
11/23	Was.	1/3	0/0	1/2	1/1	0/1	0/1	2/3	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/2	5/13
11/27	Sea.	2/2	0/0	1/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/0	0/2	0/0	0/1	0/2	4/11
12/7	at Oak.	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0	1/3	1/5	3/11
12/14	at Sea.	0/2	0/1	2/2	0/0	2/2	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/2	0/2	1/3	6/15
12/20	SD	2/2	1/1	1/1	1/1	0/1	0/0	0/1	0/1	0/2	0/0	0/1	5/11
12/28	Arz.	0/0	2/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/3	1/1	0/0	0/6	5/12
Regular Season Totals:		17/26	7/11	9/19	8/16	10/17	6/13	3/9	10/20	2/8	6/21	8/53	86/213
		65.4	63.6	47.4	50.0	58.8	46.2	33.3	50.0	25.0	28.6	15.1	40.4

OPPONENTS THIRD-AND ...

Date	Opp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10+	Totals
9/7	at Dal.	1/2	0/0	1/2	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/1	1/1	5/9
9/14	Chi.	0/0	2/2	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/2	0/2	3/9
9/21	at Arz.	0/1	0/0	0/0	3/3	0/1	3/3	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/1	1/3	8/13
9/28	Phi.	1/2	0/0	0/0	1/2	1/2	0/1	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/1	1/4	5/13
10/5	KC	1/3	1/1	1/1	1/2	0/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/0	1/1	6/11
10/13	at StL	2/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/3	0/0	1/1	0/2	0/1	0/1	0/4	5/14
10/19	at Den.	1/1	1/1	1/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/1	1/2	0/0	0/0	0/2	5/9
11/2	StL	1/2	1/1	0/0	1/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/3	4/12
11/9	at NO	1/3	1/1	1/3	0/1	0/0	2/3	1/1	0/2	1/2	0/1	1/1	8/18
11/16	at NYG	1/1	1/1	0/0	1/2	0/0	1/2	0/3	0/1	0/1	1/1	1/3	6/15
11/23	Was.	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/2	0/2	0/1	0/2	0/0	0/1	0/4	2/13
11/27	Sea.	0/1	0/2	0/0	1/1	0/0	1/1	2/3	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/5	5/14
12/7	at Oak.	1/2	0/0	1/2	0/0	1/2	1/1	0/0	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/4	6/13
12/14	at Sea.	5/5	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/2	0/0	0/0	0/1	1/3	0/2	8/14
12/20	SD	3/3	1/2	1/1	2/3	0/3	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	1/3	0/0	8/16
12/28	Arz.	2/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/1	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/2	0/3	4/10
Regular Season Totals:		21/31	9/12	7/12	11/16	8/18	9/17	5/11	3/11	6/14	3/19	6/42	88/203
		67.7	75.0	58.3	68.8	44.4	52.9	45.5	27.3	42.9	18.8	14.3	43.3

2014 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS RED ZONE PRODUCTION

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Date	Opp	Poss	TD	PAT	2-Pt.	FG	MFG	INT	FUM	DWNS/ Punt	HF	GM	PTS	TD%	SCORE PCT.	PTS/ POSS
9/7	at Dal.	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	66.7%	66.7%	4.7
9/14	Chi.	5	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	20	40.0%	80.0%	4.0
9/21	at Arz.	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	66.7%	66.7%	4.7
9/28	Phi.	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	33.3%	100.0%	4.3
10/5	KC	4	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	25.0%	100.0%	4.0
10/13	at StL	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	50.0%	50.0%	3.5
10/19	at Den.	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	33.3%	66.7%	3.3
11/2	StL	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0.0%	50.0%	1.5
11/9	at NO	4	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	75.0%	100.0%	6.0
11/16	at NYG	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	0.0%	50.0%	1.5
11/23	Was.	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	50.0%	50.0%	3.5
11/27	Sea.	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0%	100.0%	3.0
12/7	at Oak.	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	50.0%	100.0%	5.0
12/14	at Sea.	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	100.0%	100.0%	7.0
12/20	SD	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	14	66.7%	66.7%	4.7
12/28	Arz.	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	50.0%	100.0%	5.0
TOTALS		44	19	19	0	15	2	0	3	3	0	2	178	43.2%	77.3%	4.0

OPPONENTS

Date	Opp	Poss	TD	PAT	2-Pt.	FG	MFG	INT	FUM	DWNS/ Punt	HF	GM	PTS	TD%	SCORE PCT.	PTS/ POSS
9/7	at Dal.	4	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	17	50.0%	75.0%	4.3
9/14	Chi.	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	100.0%	100.0%	7.0
9/21	at Arz.	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	13	25.0%	75.0%	3.3
9/28	Phi.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
10/5	KC	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	100.0%	100.0%	7.0
10/13	at StL	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	100.0%	100.0%	7.0
10/19	at Den.	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	100.0%	100.0%	7.0
11/2	StL	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	50.0%	100.0%	5.0
11/9	at NO	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	100.0%	100.0%	7.0
11/16	at NYG	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	33.3%	33.3%	2.3
11/23	Was.	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	50.0%	100.0%	5.0
11/27	Sea.	5	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	16	20.0%	80.0%	3.2
12/7	at Oak.	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	21	75.0%	75.0%	5.3
12/14	at Sea.	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	66.7%	100.0%	5.7
12/20	SD	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	100.0%	100.0%	7.0
12/28	Arz.	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0%	100.0%	3.0
TOTALS		44	27	27	0	10	0	3	1	3	0	0	219	61.4%	84.1%	5.0

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Won in Overtime

By 49ers:	11/9/14	49ers win at New Orleans, 27–24
By Opponent:	12/20/14 1/22/12	Chargers win vs. San Diego, 38–35 <i>Giants win vs. New York, 20–17 – NFC–C</i>

Won by Scoring in the Last Two Minutes of Regulation

By 49ers:	12/29/13 1/5/14	49ers win at Arizona, 23–20 (last score at 0:00) <i>49ers win at Green Bay, 23–20 (last score at 0:00) – NFC–WC</i>
By Opponent:	11/17/13 1/20/91	Saints win at New Orleans, 23–20 (last score at 0:00) <i>Giants win vs. New York, 15–13 (last score at 0:00) – NFC–C</i>

Tied Game by Scoring in the Last Two Minutes of Regulation

By 49ers:	11/9/14	49ers win at New Orleans, 27–24 (OT) (tied game at 0:49)
By Opponent:	12/20/14	Chargers win vs. San Diego, 38–35 (OT) (tied game at 0:29)

Shutout

By 49ers:	9/30/12 12/29/96	49ers win at New York Jets, 34–0 <i>49ers win vs. Philadelphia, 14–0 – NFC–WC</i>
By Opponent:	11/21/10	Buccaneers win vs. Tampa Bay, 21–0

Won by 20–or–More Points

By 49ers:	11/25/13 1/29/95	49ers win at Washington, 27–6 <i>49ers win at San Diego, 49–26 – SB XXIX</i>
By Opponent:	10/19/14 1/12/03	Broncos win at Denver, 42–17 <i>Buccaneers win at Tampa Bay, 31–6 – NFC–D</i>

Won After Trailing by 20–or–More Points

By 49ers:	10/2/11 1/5/03	49ers win at Philadelphia, 24–23 (Eagles ahead 23–3 in 3rd Q) <i>49ers win vs. New York, 39–38 (Giants ahead 38–14 in 3rd Q) – NFC–WC</i>
By Opponent:	12/20/14	Chargers win vs. San Diego, 38–35 (OT) (49ers ahead 28–7 in 2nd Q)

Held a 28–or–More Point Lead

By 49ers:	10/27/13 1/29/95	49ers win at Jacksonville, 42–10 (49ers ahead 42–10, 4th Q) <i>49ers win vs. San Diego, 49–26 (49ers ahead 49–18 in 4th Q) – SB XXIX</i>
By Opponent:	10/19/14 1/4/87	Broncos win at Denver, 42–17 (Broncos ahead 42–10 in 4th Q) <i>Giants win at New York, 49–3 (46) – NFC–D</i>

Held a 21–or–More Point Lead

By 49ers:	12/20/14 1/12/13	49ers loss vs. San Diego, 35–38 (OT) (49ers ahead 28–7, 2nd Q) <i>49ers win vs. Green Bay, 45–31 (49ers ahead 45–24 in 4th Q) – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	10/19/14 2/3/13	Broncos win at Denver, 42–17 (25) <i>Ravens win vs. Baltimore, 34–31 (Ravens ahead 28–6 in 3rd Q) – SB XLVII</i>

Scored 20–or–More Points in a Quarter

By 49ers:	12/20/14 1/15/94	49ers loss vs. San Diego, 35–38 (OT) (21 points, 2nd Q) <i>49ers win vs. Dallas, 38–28 (21 points, 1st Q) – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	10/19/14 1/12/03	Broncos win at Denver, 42–17 (21 points, 3rd Q) <i>Buccaneers win at Tampa Bay, 31–6 (21 points, 2nd Q) – NFC–D</i>

Scored 20–or–More Points in a Half

By 49ers:	12/20/14 2/3/13	49ers loss vs. San Diego, 35–38 (OT) (28 points, 1st half) <i>49ers loss vs. Baltimore, 31–34 (25 points, 2nd half) – SB XLVII</i>
By Opponent:	12/20/14 1/19/14	Chargers win vs. San Diego, 38–35 (OT) (28 points, 2nd half) <i>Seahawks win at Seattle, 23–17 (20 points, 2nd half) – NFC–C</i>

Held Opponent without a Touchdown

By 49ers:	11/25/13 12/29/96	49ers win at Washington, 27–6 (2 FGs) <i>49ers win vs. Philadelphia, 14–0 – NFC–WC</i>
By Opponent:	11/27/14 1/12/03	Seahawks win vs. Seattle, 19–3 (1 FG) <i>Buccaneers win at Tampa Bay, 31–6 (2 FG) – NFC–D</i>

Touchdowns Scored by Offense and Defense

By 49ers:	12/20/14 1/3/98	49ers loss vs. San Diego, 35–38 (OT) (4 offense, 1 defense) <i>49ers win vs. Minnesota, 38–22 (5 offense, 1 defense) – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/20/14 1/13/12	Chargers win vs. San Diego, 38–35 (OT) (4 offense, 1 defense) <i>Packers loss vs. Green Bay, 31–45 (3 offense, 1 defense) – NFC–D</i>

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TEAM TOTALS

Touchdowns Scored by Offense, Defense and Special Teams

By 49ers: 10/4/09 49ers win vs. St. Louis, 35–0 (2 offense, 2 defense, 1 special teams)
By Opponent: 9/23/07 Steelers win at Pittsburgh, 37–16 (2 offense, 1 defense, 1 special teams)

Safety Scored

By 49ers: 10/13/13 Corey Lemonier sacked QB Carson Palmer in the end zone vs. Arizona
2/3/13 *Sam Koch OB in end zone, forced by Chris Culliver vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*
By Opponent: 9/15/13 Penalty on Bruce Miller enforced in end zone

Successful Two Point Conversion

By 49ers: 11/13/11 Alex Smith pass to Michael Crabtree vs. NY Giants
1/5/03 *Jeff Garcia pass to Terrell Owens vs. New York Giants – NFC–WC*
By Opponent: 9/26/13 Benny Cunningham run at St. Louis
1/14/12 *Drew Brees pass to Darren Sproles vs. New Orleans – NFC–D*

Failed Two Point Conversion Attempt

By 49ers: 11/23/08 Pass failed from Shaun Hill to Isaac Bruce at Dallas
2/3/13 *Pass failed from Colin Kaepernick to Randy Moss vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*
By Opponent: 10/13/13 Pass failed from Patrick Peterson to Larry Fitzgerald vs. Arizona
1/13/02 *Pass failed from Brett Favre to Bubba Franks at Green Bay – NFC–WC*

OFFENSIVE TOTALS

500–or–More Total Net Yards of Offense

By 49ers: 10/7/12 49ers win vs. Buffalo, 45–3 (621; 311 rushing, 310 passing)
1/12/13 *49ers win vs. Green Bay, 45–31 (579; 323 rushing, 256 passing) – NFC–D*
By Opponent: 12/16/12 Patriots loss at New England, 34–41 (520; 95 rushing, 425 passing)

400–or–More Total Net Yards of Offense

By 49ers: 12/20/14 49ers loss vs. San Diego, 35–38 (OT) (447; 355 rushing, 92 passing)
2/3/13 *49ers loss vs. Baltimore, 31–34 (468; 182 rushing, 286 passing)*
By Opponent: 12/20/14 Chargers win vs. San Diego, 38–35 (OT) (446; 98 rushing, 348 passing)
1/20/13 *Falcons loss at Atlanta, 24–28 (477; 81 rushing, 396 passing) – NFC–C*

300–or–More Net Yards Rushing by Team

By 49ers: 12/20/14 49ers loss vs. Chargers, 35–38 (OT) (355)
1/12/13 *49ers win vs. Green Bay, 45–31 (323) – NFC–D*
By Opponent: 10/8/72 Rams win at Los Angeles, 31–7 (302)

200–or–More Net Yards Rushing by Team

By 49ers: 12/28/14 49ers win vs. Arizona, 20–17 (206)
1/12/13 *49ers win vs. Green Bay, 45–31 (323) – NFC–D*
By Opponent: 9/26/10 Chiefs win at Kansas City, 31–10 (207)
1/4/87 *Giants win at New York (216) – NFC–D*

Individual 200–Yard Rushing Game

By 49ers: 9/20/09 Frank Gore (16–207–2 TDs) vs. Seattle
By Opponent: Never

Individual 150–Yard Rushing Game

By 49ers: 12/20/14 Frank Gore (26–158–1 TD) & Colin Kaepernick (7–151–1 TD) vs. San Diego
1/12/13 *Colin Kaepernick (16–181–2 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent: 11/7/04 Shaun Alexander (26–160–2 TDs) at Seattle
1/4/87 *Joe Morris (24–159–2 TDs) at New York Giants – NFC–D*

Individual 100–Yard Rushing Game

By 49ers: 12/28/14 Frank Gore (25–144) vs. Arizona
1/19/14 *Colin Kaepernick (11–130) at Seattle – NFC–C*
By Opponent: 11/27/14 Marshawn Lynch (20–104) vs. Seattle
1/19/14 *Marshawn Lynch (22–109–1 TD) at Seattle – NFC–C*

Two 100–Yard Rushers in the Same Game

By 49ers: 12/20/14 Frank Gore (26–158–1 TD) & Colin Kaepernick (7–151–1 TD) vs. San Diego
1/12/13 *Colin Kaepernick (16–181–2 TDs) and Frank Gore (23–119–1 TD) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent: 11/8/53 Skeets Quinlan (11–119) & Tank Younger (12–101–1 TD) at Los Angeles Rams

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OFFENSIVE TOTALS

Consecutive 100-Yard Rushing Games

By 49ers:	12/20/14–12/28/14	Frank Gore (26–158–1 TD) & Colin Kaepernick (7–151–1 TD) vs. San Diego; Frank Gore (25–144) vs. Arizona
By Opponent:	11/23/14 – 11/27/14 12/31/83–1/8/84	Alfred Morris (21–125–1 TD) vs. Washington; Marshawn Lynch (20–104) vs. Seattle <i>Billy Sims (20–114–2 TDs) vs. Detroit – NFC–D; John Riggins (36–123–2 TDs) at Washington – NFC–C</i>

Combined 200-Yard Rushing by Two Players

By 49ers:	12/28/14 1/12/13	207 by Frank Gore (25–144) and Colin Kaepernick (7–63) vs. Arizona 300 by Colin Kaepernick (16–181–2 TDs) and Frank Gore (23–119–1 TD) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D
By Opponent:	10/8/72	211 by Bob Thomas (19–142) and Larry Smith (2–69–1 TD) at Los Angeles

Individual with 30-or-More Carries

By 49ers:	10/30/11	Frank Gore (31–134) vs. Cleveland
By Opponent:	12/21/08 1/8/84	Steven Jackson (32–108) at St. Louis <i>John Riggins (36–123) at Washington – NFC–C</i>

Individual with 25-or-More Carries

By 49ers:	12/28/14 1/3/98	Frank Gore (25–144) vs. Arizona <i>Terry Kirby (25–120) vs. Minnesota – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	11/9/14 1/5/03	Mark Ingram (27–120) at New Orleans <i>Tiki Barber (26–115) vs. New York Giants – NFC–WC</i>

Rushing Play of 80-or-More Yards

By 49ers:	12/20/14 1/1/89	90t by Colin Kaepernick vs. San Diego <i>80t by Roger Craig vs. Minnesota – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/9/07	84t by Chester Taylor vs. Minnesota

Rushing Play of 60-or-More Yards

By 49ers:	12/20/14 1/1/89	90t by Colin Kaepernick vs. San Diego <i>80t by Roger Craig vs. Minnesota – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/9/07	84t by Chester Taylor vs. Minnesota

Rushing Play of 40-or-More Yards

By 49ers:	12/20/14 1/19/14	90t by Colin Kaepernick vs. San Diego <i>58 by Colin Kaepernick at Seattle – NFC–C</i>
By Opponent:	10/17/10 1/19/14	43 by Louis Murphy vs. Oakland <i>40t by Marshawn Lynch at Seattle – NFC–C</i>

Individual with Two-or-More Rushing Touchdowns

By 49ers:	10/27/13 1/20/13	Frank Gore (19–71–2 TDs) and Colin Kaepernick (7–54–2 TDs) at Jacksonville <i>Frank Gore (21–90–2 TDs) at Atlanta – NFC–C</i>
By Opponent:	10/18/14 1/12/03	Ronnie Hillman (14–74–2 TDs) at Denver <i>Mike Alstott (17–60–2 TDs) at Tampa Bay – NFC–D</i>

400 Net Yards Passing by Team

By 49ers:	9/8/13	49ers win vs. Green Bay, 34–28 (404)
By Opponent:	12/16/12 1/14/12	Patriots loss at New England, 34–41 (425) <i>Saints loss vs. New Orleans, 32–36 (435) – NFC–D</i>

300 Net Yards Passing by Team

By 49ers:	10/13/14 1/5/03	49ers win at St. Louis, 31–17 (343) <i>49ers win vs. New York Giants, 39–38 (356) – NFC–WC</i>
By Opponent:	12/20/14 1/20/13	Chargers win vs. San Diego, 38–35 (OT) (348) <i>Falcons loss at Atlanta, 24–28 (396) – NFC–C</i>

Individual with 50-or-More Pass Attempts

By 49ers:	10/10/04 1/6/96	Tim Rattay (57–38–417–0 INTs–2 TDs) at Arizona <i>Steve Young (65–32–328–2 INTs–0 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/20/14 1/22/12	Philip Rivers (54–33–356–3 INTs–4 TDs) vs. San Diego <i>Eli Manning (58–32–316–0 INTs–2 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–C</i>

Individual with 40-or-More Pass Attempts

By 49ers:	9/26/10 1/14/12	Alex Smith (42–23–232–1 INT–1 TD) at Kansas City <i>Alex Smith (42–24–299–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/20/14 1/20/13	Philip Rivers (54–33–356–3 INTs–4 TDs) vs. San Diego <i>Matt Ryan (42–30–396–1 INT–3 TDs) at Atlanta – NFC–C</i>

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Individual with 30–or–More Pass Completions

By 49ers:	12/14/08	Shaun Hill (46–30–233–0 INTs–0 TDs) at Miami
	1/6/96	Steve Young (65–32–328–2 INTs–0 TD) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D
By Opponent:	12/20/14	Philip Rivers (54–33–356–3 INTs–4 TDs) vs. San Diego
	1/20/13	Matt Ryan (42–30–396–1 INT–3 TDs) at Atlanta – NFC–C

Individual with 25–or–More Pass Completions

By 49ers:	9/21/14	Colin Kaepernick (37–29–245–0 INTs–1 TD) at Arizona
	1/5/03	Jeff Garcia (44–27–331–1 INT–3 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–WC
By Opponent:	12/20/14	Philip Rivers (54–33–356–3 INTs–4 TDs) vs. San Diego
	1/20/13	Matt Ryan (42–30–396–1 INT–3 TDs) at Atlanta – NFC–C

No Sacks Allowed

By 49ers:	10/13/14	49ers win at St. Louis, 31–17 (36 attempts – Colin Kaepernick)
	1/5/03	49ers win vs. New York Giants, 39–38 (44 attempts – Jeff Garcia) – NFC–WC
By Opponent:	10/5/14	Chiefs loss vs. Kansas City, 17–22 (31 attempts – Alex Smith)
	1/7/95	Bears loss vs. Chicago, 15–44 (19 attempts – Steve Walsh) – NFC–D

Individual 300–Yard Passing Game

By 49ers:	10/13/14	Colin Kaepernick (36–22–343–0 INTs–3 TDs) at St. Louis
	2/3/13	Colin Kaepernick (28–16–302–1 INT–1 TD) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII
By Opponent:	12/28/14	Ryan Lindley (39–23–316–3 INTs–2 TDs) vs. Arizona
	1/20/13	Matt Ryan (42–30–396–1 INT–3 TDs) at Atlanta – NFC–C

Consecutive 300–Yard Passing Games

By 49ers:	12/10/00–12/17/00	Jeff Garcia (38–25–305–2 INTs–2 TDs) vs. New Orleans; Garcia (44–36–402–0 INTs–2 TDs) vs. Chicago
By Opponent:	12/20/14–12/28/14	Philip Rivers (54–33–356–3 INTs–4 TDs) vs. San Diego; Ryan Lindley (39–23–316–3 INTs–2 TDs) vs. Arizona
	1/14/12–1/22/12	Drew Brees (63–40–462–2 INTs–4 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D; Eli Manning (58–32–316–0 INTs–2 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–C

Individual Four–or–More Touchdown Passes

By 49ers:	12/16/12	Colin Kaepernick (25–14–216–1 INT–4 TDs) at New England
	1/29/95	Steve Young (36–24–325–0 INT–6 TDs) at San Diego – SB XXIX
By Opponent:	12/20/14	Philip Rivers (54–33–356–3 INTs–4 TDs) vs. San Diego
	1/14/12	Drew Brees (63–40–462–2 INTs–4 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D

Individual with Three–or–More Touchdown Passes

By 49ers:	10/13/14	Colin Kaepernick (36–22–343–0 INTs–3 TDs) at St. Louis
	1/14/12	Alex Smith (42–24–299–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D
By Opponent:	12/20/14	Philip Rivers (54–33–356–3 INTs–4 TDs) vs. San Diego
	2/3/13	Joe Flacco (33–22–287–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII

Individual with 10–or–More Receptions

By 49ers:	9/21/14	Michael Crabtree (10–80–1 TD) at Arizona
	1/6/96	Jerry Rice (11–117) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D
By Opponent:	12/20/14	Eddie Royal (10–94–1 TD) vs. San Diego
	1/20/13	Julio Jones (11–182–2 TDs) at Atlanta – NFC–C

Individual with 150–Yard Receiving Game

By 49ers:	10/13/13	Vernon Davis (8–180–2 TDs) vs. Arizona
	1/14/12	Vernon Davis (7–180–2 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D
By Opponent:	12/28/14	Michael Floyd (8–153–2 TDs) vs. Arizona
	1/20/13	Julio Jones (11–182–2 TDs) at Atlanta – NFC–C

Individual with 100–Yard Receiving Game

By 49ers:	11/23/14	Anquan Boldin (9–137–1 TD) vs. Washington
	1/12/14	Anquan Boldin (8–136) at Carolina – NFC–D
By Opponent:	12/28/14	Michael Floyd (8–153–2 TDs) vs. Arizona
	1/19/14	Doug Baldwin (6–106) at Seattle – NFC–C

Two 100–Yard Receivers in the Same Game

By 49ers:	10/7/12	Michael Crabtree (6–113–1 TD) & Vernon Davis (5–106) vs. Buffalo
	2/3/13	Michael Crabtree (5–109–1 TD) & Vernon Davis (6–104) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII
By Opponent:	9/8/13	Jordy Nelson (7–130–1 TD) & Randall Cobb (7–108–1 TD) vs. Green Bay
	1/20/13	Julio Jones (11–182–2 TDs) & Roddy White (7–100) at Atlanta – NFC–C

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Consecutive 100–Yard Receiving Games

By 49ers:	12/23/13–12/29/13 1/14/12 – 1/12/14	Michael Crabtree (5–102) vs. Atlanta; Anquan Boldin (9–149–1 TD) at Arizona <i>Vernon Davis (7–180–2 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D; V. Davis (3–112–2 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–C; Michael Crabtree (9–119–2 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D; Vernon Davis (5–106–1 TD) at Atlanta – NFC–C; Michael Crabtree (5–109–1 TD) & Vernon Davis (6–104) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII; Michael Crabtree (8–125) at Green Bay – NFC–WC; Anquan Boldin (8–136) at Carolina – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/23/13–12/29/13 1/12/14–1/19/14	Roddy White (12–141–1 TD) vs. Atlanta; Larry Fitzgerald (11–113) at Arizona <i>Ted Ginn, Jr. (4–104) at Carolina – NFC–D; Doug Baldwin (6–106) at Seattle – NFC–C</i>

Pass Play of 80–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	10/13/14	80t, Colin Kaepernick to Brandon Lloyd at St. Louis
By Opponent:	10/11/09	90t, Matt Ryan to Roddy White vs. Atlanta

Pass Play of 60–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	12/28/14 1/22/12	76t, Colin Kaepernick to Anquan Boldin vs. Arizona <i>73t, Alex Smith to Vernon Davis vs. New York Giants – NFC–C</i>
By Opponent:	11/27/14 1/14/12	63, Russell Wilson to Tony Moeaki vs. Seattle <i>66t, Drew Brees to Jimmy Graham vs. New Orleans – NFC–D</i>

Pass Play of 40–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	12/28/14 1/12/14	76t, Colin Kaepernick to Anquan Boldin vs. Arizona <i>45, Colin Kaepernick to Anquan Boldin at Carolina – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/28/14 1/19/14	41t, Ryan Lindley to Michael Floyd vs. Arizona <i>51, Russell Wilson to Doug Baldwin at Seattle – NFC–C</i>

Individual with Three–or–More Touchdown Receptions

By 49ers:	10/25/09 1/29/95	Vernon Davis (7–93–3 TDs) at Houston <i>Jerry Rice (10–149–3 TDs) at San Diego – SB XXIX</i>
By Opponent:	9/14/14 1/5/03	Brandon Marshall (5–48–3 TDs) vs. Chicago <i>Amani Toomer (8–136–3 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–WC</i>

Individual with Two–or–More Touchdown Receptions

By 49ers:	9/7/14 1/12/13	Vernon Davis (4–44–2 TDs) at Dallas <i>Michael Crabtree (9–119–2 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/28/14 1/20/13	Michael Floyd (8–153–2 TDs) vs. Arizona <i>Julio Jones (11–182–2 TDs) at Atlanta – NFC–D</i>

Led Team in Both Rushing and Receiving Yards in the Same Game

By 49ers:	10/18/12 1/15/94	Frank Gore (16–131 rushing, 5–51 receiving) vs. Seattle <i>Ricky Watters (24–118 rushing, 5–46 receiving) vs. New York Giants – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	10/12/08	Correll Buckhalter (18–93–1 TD rushing, 7–85 receiving) vs. Philadelphia

100–Yard Rusher & Receiver in the Same Game

By 49ers:	10/13/13 2/3/13	Frank Gore (25–101) & Vernon Davis (8–180–2 TDs) vs. Arizona <i>Frank Gore (19–110–1 TD), Michael Crabtree (5–109–1 TD) & Vernon Davis (6–104) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII</i>
By Opponent:	11/11/12 1/19/14	Steven Jackson (29–101–1 TD) & Danny Amendola (11–102) vs. St. Louis <i>Marshawn Lynch (22–109–1 TD) & Doug Baldwin (6–106) at Seattle – NFC–C</i>

100–Yard Rusher, 100–Yard Receiver & 300–Yard Passer in the Same Game

By 49ers:	10/7/12 2/3/13	Frank Gore (14–106–1 TD), Michael Crabtree (6–113–1 TD), Vernon Davis (5–106) & Alex Smith (24–18–303–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. Buffalo <i>Frank Gore (19–110–1 TD), Michael Crabtree (5–109–1 TD), Vernon Davis (6–104) & Colin Kaepernick (28–16–302–1 INT–1 TD) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII</i>
By Opponent:	11/22/09 1/5/03	Ryan Grant (21–129–1 TD), Greg Jennings (5–126–1 TD) & Aaron Rodgers (45–32–344–0 INTs–2 TDs) at Green Bay <i>Tiki Barber (26–115–1 TD), Amani Toomer (8–136–3 TDs), & Kerry Collins (43–29–342–1 INT–4 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–WC</i>

Individual with at Least One Rushing and One Receiving Touchdown in the Same Game

By 49ers:	12/20/14 1/29/95	Bruce Ellington (3–12–1 TD rushing, 1–8–1 TD receiving) vs. San Diego <i>Ricky Watters (15–47–1 TD rushing, 3–61–2 TDs receiving) at San Diego – SB XXIX</i>
By Opponent:	9/15/13 1/23/94	Marshawn Lynch (28–98–2 TDs rushing, 3–37–1 TD receiving) at Seattle <i>Emmitt Smith (23–88–1 TD rushing, 7–85–1 TD receiving) at Dallas – NFC–C</i>

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Individual with at Least One Rushing Touchdown and One Touchdown Pass in the Same Game

By 49ers:	12/20/14	Colin Kaepernick (24–15–114–0 INTs–1 TD passing, 7–151–1 TD rushing) vs. San Diego
	1/12/14	<i>Colin Kaepernick (28–15–196–0 INTs–1 TD passing, 8–15–1 TD rushing) at Carolina – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/16/12	Tom Brady (65–36–443–2 INTs–1 TD passing, 3–11–1 TD rushing) at New England

No Turnovers

By 49ers:	12/28/14	49ers win vs. Arizona, 20–17
	1/12/14	<i>49ers win at Carolina, 23–10 – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/7/14	Raiders win vs. Oakland, 24–13
	1/5/14	<i>Packers loss at Green Bay, 20–23 – NFC–WC</i>

Touchdown Scored on First Drive

By 49ers:	12/28/14	49ers win vs. Arizona, 20–17
	1/5/03	<i>49ers win vs. New York Giants, 39–38 – NFC–WC</i>
By Opponent:	12/28/14	Cardinals loss vs. Arizona, 17–20
	2/3/13	<i>Ravens win vs. Baltimore, 34–31 – SB XLVII</i>

DEFENSIVE TOTALS

Held Opponent Under 200 Net Yards of Total Offense

By 49ers:	11/2/14	49ers loss vs. St. Louis, 10–13 (193; 91 rushing, 102 passing)
	1/15/94	<i>49ers win vs. New York Giants, 44–3 (194; 41 rushing, 153 passing) – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	11/27/14	Seahawks win vs. Seattle, 19–3 (164; 64 rushing, 100 passing)
	1/4/97	<i>Packers win at Green Bay, 35–14 (196; 68 rushing, 128 passing) – NFC–D</i>

Held Opponent Under 300 Net Yards of Total Offense

By 49ers:	12/14/14	49ers loss at Seattle, 7–17 (290; 152 rushing, 138 passing)
	1/5/14	<i>49ers win at Green Bay, 23–20 (281; 124 rushing, 157 passing) – NFC–WC</i>
By Opponent:	12/14/14	Seahawks win at Seattle, 17–7 (245; 140 rushing, 105 passing)
	1/12/03	<i>Buccaneers win at Tampa Bay, 31–6 (228; 62 rushing, 166 passing) – NFC–D</i>

Held Opponent Under 50 Yards Rushing

By 49ers:	9/28/14	49ers win vs. Philadelphia, 26–21 (22)
	1/14/12	<i>49ers win vs. New Orleans, 36–32 (37) – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	9/26/10	Chiefs win at Kansas City, 31–10 (43)
	1/11/98	<i>Packers win vs. Green Bay, 23–10 (33) – NFC–C</i>

Held Opponent Under 75 Yards Rushing

By 49ers:	11/16/14	49ers win at New York Giants, 16–10 (65)
	1/14/12	<i>49ers win vs. New Orleans, 36–32 (37) – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	11/27/14	Seahawks win vs. Seattle, 19–3 (64)
	1/12/03	<i>Buccaneers win vs. Tampa Bay, 31–6 (62) – NFC–D</i>

Held Opponent Under 100 Yards Rushing

By 49ers:	12/28/14	49ers win vs. Arizona, 20–17 (98)
	1/12/14	<i>49ers win at Carolina, 23–10 (93) – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/7/14	Raiders win at Oakland, 24–13 (97)
	1/12/03	<i>Buccaneers win vs. Tampa Bay, 31–6 (62) – NFC–D</i>

Held Opponent Under 100 Net Yards Passing

By 49ers:	11/23/14	49ers win vs. Redskins, 17–13 (77)
	1/4/97	<i>49ers loss at Green Bay, 35–14 (71) – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/20/14	Chargers win vs. San Diego, 38–35 (OT) (92)

Held Opponent Under 150 Net Yards Passing

By 49ers:	12/14/14	49ers loss at Seattle, 7–17 (138)
	1/4/97	<i>49ers loss at Green Bay, 14–35 (71) – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	12/20/14	Chargers win vs. San Diego, 38–35 (OT) (92)
	1/19/14	<i>Seahawks win at Seattle, 23–17 (147) – NFC–C</i>

Interception Return for a Touchdown

By 49ers:	12/20/14	Antoine Bethea, 49 (QB Philip Rivers) vs. San Diego
	1/3/98	<i>Ken Norton, 23 (QB Randall Cunningham) vs. Minnesota – NFC–D</i>
By Opponent:	9/28/14	Malcolm Jenkins, 53 (QB Colin Kaepernick) vs. Philadelphia
	1/12/13	<i>Sam Shields, 52 (QB Colin Kaepernick) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D</i>

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DEFENSIVE TOTALS

Individual with Three-or-More Interceptions

By 49ers: 10/8/06 Walt Harris (1–Andrew Walter, 2–Marcus Tuiasosopo) vs. Oakland
By Opponent: 11/20/77 Bill Simpson (1–Scott Bull, 2–Jim Plunkett) vs. Los Angeles Rams

Individual with Two-or-More Interceptions

By 49ers: 11/16/14 Chris Borland (2 – QB Eli Manning) at New York Giants
1/15/95 Eric Davis (2 – QB Troy Aikman) vs. Dallas – NFC–C
By Opponent: 11/27/14 Richard Sherman (2 – QB Colin Kaepernick) vs. Seahawks
1/9/99 William White (2 – QB Steve Young) at Atlanta – NFC–D

Seven-or-More Sacks by Team

By 49ers: 1/3/10 49ers win at St. Louis, 28–6 (8)
1/6/85 49ers win vs. Chicago, 23–0 (9) – NFC–C
By Opponent: 11/2/14 Rams win vs. St. Louis, 13–10 (8)

Six-or-More Sacks by Team

By 49ers: 11/25/13 49ers win at Washington, 27–6 (6)
1/22/12 49ers loss vs. New York Giants, 17–20 (OT) (6) – NFC–C
By Opponent: 12/14/14 Seahawks win at Seattle, 17–7 (6)

Five-or-More Sacks by Team

By 49ers: 12/14/14 49ers loss at Seattle, 7–17 (5)
1/12/14 49ers win at Carolina, 23–10 (5) – NFC–D
By Opponent: 12/14/14 Seahawks win at Seattle, 17–7 (6)

Individual with Three-or-More Sacks

By 49ers: 11/19/12 Aldon Smith (5.5 of QB Jason Campbell) vs. Chicago
1/9/93 Pierce Holt (3.0 of QB Mark Rypien) vs. Washington – NFC–D
By Opponent: 10/18/14 Demarcus Ware (3.0 of QB Colin Kaepernick) at Denver
1/17/93 Tony Casillas (3.0 of QB Steve Young) vs. Dallas – NFC–C

Individual with Two-or-More Sacks

By 49ers: 12/14/14 Tank Carradine (2.0 of QB Russell Wilson) at Seattle
1/19/14 Aldon Smith (2.0 of QB Russell Wilson) at Seattle – NFC–C
By Opponent: 12/14/14 Jordan Hill (2.0 of QB Colin Kaepernick) at Seattle
2/3/13 Paul Kruger (2.0 of QB Colin Kaepernick) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII

Fumble Recovered for Touchdown

By 49ers: 9/7/14 Chris Culliver recovered a Demarco Murray fumble and returned it 35 yards at Dallas
12/26/71 Bob Hoskins recovered a Bruce Gossett fumble in end zone vs. Washington – NFC–D
By Opponent: 12/20/14 Corey Liuget recovered a Colin Kaepernick fumble in the end zone vs. San Diego
1/4/97 Antonio Freeman recovered an Edgar Bennet fumble in end zone at Green Bay – NFC–D

SPECIAL TEAMS TOTALS

Kickoff Return for a Touchdown

By 49ers: 9/11/11 Ted Ginn Jr., 102 yards vs. Seattle
1/11/98 Chuck Levy, 95 yards vs. Green Bay – NFC–C
By Opponent: 12/12/10 Leon Washington, 92 yards vs. Seattle
2/3/13 Jacoby Jones, 108 yards vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII

Kickoff Return for a Touchdown on the Opening Kickoff

By 49ers: 11/10/08 Allen Rossum, 104 yards at Arizona
12/23/72 Vic Washington, 97 yards vs. Dallas – NFC–D
By Opponent: (could not find an instance when it occurred)

Punt Return for a Touchdown

By 49ers: 9/11/11 Ted Ginn Jr., 55 yards vs. Seattle
By Opponent: 9/28/14 Darren Sproles, 82 yards vs. Philadelphia
1/4/97 Desmond Howard, 71 yards at Green Bay – NFC–D

THE LAST TIME ...

SPECIAL TEAMS TOTALS

Blocked Punt Recovered for Touchdown

By 49ers: 10/3/10 Taylor Mays recovered Michael Koenen's punt (blocked by Dominique Zeigler) in the end zone at Atlanta
By Opponent: 9/28/14 Brad Smith recovered Andy Lee's punt (blocked by Trey Burton) in the end zone vs. Philadelphia

Blocked Punt

By 49ers: 9/14/14 Aaron Lynch blocked Patrick O'Donnell's punt vs. Chicago
1/6/90 *Spencer Tillman blocked Bucky Scribner's punt vs. Minnesota – NFC–D*
By Opponent: 9/28/14 Trey Burton blocked Andy Lee's punt vs. Philadelphia
12/16/71 *Jon Jaqua blocked Steve Spurrier's punt vs. Washington – NFC–D*

Blocked PAT

By 49ers: 12/14/09 Ray McDonald blocked a PAT attempt by Neil Rackers vs. Arizona
By Opponent: 11/2/03 Tyoka Jackson blocked a PAT attempt by Todd Peterson vs. St. Louis

Missed (not blocked) PAT

By 49ers: 10/12/03 Owen Pochman at Seattle
By Opponent: 10/31/10 Matt Prater vs. Denver

Blocked Field Goal

By 49ers: 10/14/12 Tarell Brown blocked a 40-yard attempt by Lawrence Tynes vs. New York Giants
By Opponent: 9/21/14 Tommy Kelly blocked a 45-yard attempt by Phil Dawson at Arizona

Blocked Field Goal returned for a TD

By 49ers: 9/27/09 Nate Clements, 59-yard return after Ray McDonald blocked a 44-yard attempt by Ryan Longwell at Minnesota
By Opponent: 12/23/12 Richard Sherman, 90-yard return after Red Bryant blocked a 21-yard attempt by David Akers at Seattle

Individual with Five–or–More Field Goals

By 49ers: 10/5/14 Phil Dawson (5–5) vs. Kansas City
By Opponent: 10/2/05 Neil Rackers (6–6) at Arizona
1/20/91 *Matt Bahr (5–6) vs. New York Giants – NFC–C*

Individual with Four–or–More Field Goals

By 49ers: 10/5/14 Phil Dawson (5–5) vs. Kansas City
1/24/82 *Ray Wersching (4–4) at Cincinnati – SB XVI*
By Opponent: 11/27/14 Steven Hauschka (4–4) vs. Seattle
1/20/91 *Matt Bahr (5–6) vs. New York Giants – NFC–C*

Individual with Three–or–More Field Goals

By 49ers: 11/16/14 Phil Dawson (3–3) at New York
1/12/14 *Phil Dawson (3–3) at Carolina – NFC–D*
By Opponent: 11/27/14 Steven Hauschka (4–4) vs. Seattle
1/19/14 *Steven Hauschka (3–3) at Seattle – NFC–C*

Successful Onsides Kick

By 49ers: 11/13/11 David Akers kick recovered by 49ers Delanie Walker vs. New York Giants (2nd Q)
By Opponent: 11/16/14 Josh Brown kick recovered by Giants Mark Herzlich at New York Giants (3rd Q)

Failed Onsides Kick Attempt

By 49ers: 11/8/09 Joe Nedney kick recovered by Gerald McRath vs. Tennessee (4th Q)
By Opponent: 10/13/14 Johnny Hekker kick recovered by Stevie Johnson at St. Louis (4th Q)
1/12/13 *Mason Crosby kick recovered by Delanie Walker vs. Green Bay (4th Q) – NFC–D*

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49ers make grief-stricken fan's wish come true

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. -- My Wish morphed into My 49ers last month. A 14-year-old who brought along a story of love and football took center stage at a Niners team meeting, asked Colin Kaepernick and company to follow him on Instagram ... and then admonished them for losing to the Raiders last season.

New 49ers head coach Jim Tomsula then facetiously told young Anthony Pineda to tone it down, saying "Hey Anthony, we gotta get another spin on this." The 75 or so players in the room laughed, but this was anything but spin. Fourteen-year-olds who just beat cancer don't hold back the truth -- especially when they are there speaking for one of the biggest 49ers fans on Earth. Or, specifically, the one who used to be on Earth.

The most popular NFL team in San Bernardino, California, 61 miles east of L.A., is probably the Oakland Raiders, which used to bug Robert Sandoval to no end. Robert had been a fan since the Steve Young/Jerry Rice 49ers era in the 1990s and would wear his San Francisco gear wherever and whenever he pleased. He even wore it to his new job at Del Taco, where one night he met an effervescent young woman named Desiree Segura.

Robert was a cook there, while Desiree worked as a cashier, but whenever they crossed paths, he noticed her easy-going smile. Robert's cousin also worked the grill and offered to give Desiree a ride home one night. Robert tagged along.

Robert wasn't shy. He asked Desiree all about herself, and when she realized he was flirting, she said, "Oh, OK, I have two kids. Like, really?"

The fact that she had two young sons -- Anthony and Daniel -- never deterred Robert. He asked questions about the boys, asked her who their favorite football team was. Eventually, he asked for her phone number. She gave it to him.

The phone calls turned into dates, and then the dates turned into football Sundays at Desiree's home. And that's when Anthony, Desiree's oldest son, began pulling his chair up close to Robert's. At first, Robert and Anthony had bonded over their love for paintball, which thrilled Desiree. She had given birth to Anthony when she was 15, and she felt her son needed a male to emulate. But Robert's passion for the 49ers reeled Anthony in even more.

Anthony was around 10 at the time. He would see Robert living and dying with every 49er win or loss, howling at the TV set, sitting in his same lucky seat on the couch, always dressed in a Niners jersey, always reveling in Raiders defeats. Eventually, Robert and Desiree moved in together, and Anthony proclaimed right about then that he was unequivocally a 49ers fan.

"You're not a fan," Robert would rib him.

"Yes, I am," Anthony would shout.

"Prove it," Robert would say. "Who's the quarterback?"

Admittedly, Anthony's knowledge of the team was limited. He didn't know a Bill Walsh from a George Seifert or a Joe Montana from a Dwight Clark. So he began to read up on franchise's history, studied its all-time stat records, memorized its Super Bowl years. He even dressed their dog in a 49ers jersey, and Robert's work was done.



From there, the Sundays at the house were raucous -- Robert and Anthony two peas in a pod. Robert would wear his "lucky" white Michael Crabtree jersey, while Anthony would be decked out in a Patrick Willis get-up. "Watching the games got me, like, real excited," Anthony says. "... Like once he gets mad, I'll get mad. ... We're jumping up, yelling and screaming. ... We, like, bonded when we watched 49er games. ... It was just, like, he was my dad."

The 2012 season was then the time of their lives. As the 49ers began riding Colin Kaepernick's coattails to the playoffs, Anthony -- now an extroverted sixth-grader -- would mimic the quarterback and kiss his biceps after Niners touchdowns. Robert would belly-laugh at the sight of it.

The Super Bowl against the Ravens in February 2013 was bittersweet. Desiree and Robert hosted a party that day, and Robert and Anthony each took their "lucky" seats on the couch. When Anthony got up midgame to fetch a drink, someone stole his place, and Anthony swears that's why the 49ers lost the game 34-31. "It was horrible," Anthony says.

On the other hand, both figured there'd be more 49ers Super Bowls to come. Their wish was to eventually fly to San Francisco for a game. Maybe they'd even get to meet the players.

A few months into the 2013 season, something about Anthony was off. At first, he would come home from school every day, close his bedroom door and sleep. Desiree thought it was the grind of seventh-grade homework catching up to him. But on 49ers Sundays, Robert also noticed that Anthony's energy was bottoming out early in the afternoon. Anthony didn't want to go to school sometimes, and Robert ribbed him that he was faking to get out of class.

But next came the headaches and the nausea. One day, Anthony fell at school and vomited. He seemed pale, and his grandmother urged Desiree to take him to a doctor. It was early November, the beginning of the cold and flu season. They figured he had a virus. But to be safe, Anthony's doctor ordered blood work.

A few days later, the doctor called back and left a voicemail in the middle of a 49ers game. "It's not like a doctor to call somebody on a Sunday," Desiree said. "So I knew, like, something was really wrong." The message was to get Anthony to the nearest hospital right away, that his blood cell counts were low. That was disturbing enough. But once they got to St. Bernadine Medical Center, the front nurse asked Desiree, "Does cancer run in your family?"

Her answer was no, but Anthony was still transferred in an ambulance to nearby Loma Linda University Medical Center. After a battery of tests, it was confirmed that he had acute myeloid leukemia, a cancer that requires an aggressive course of chemotherapy. Anthony didn't realize at first what leukemia was. "You mean, it's cancer?" he asked. He wondered if there was a cure, and the hospital staff told him there was every reason to believe he could be cancer-free in six months. "Oh, I'm going to fine then," he said. His goal was to be home for the Super Bowl.

More than ever, Desiree needed Robert to be her rock. By then, they had three children together -- two girls and a boy -- and he had recently asked her to marry him. They set a date: July 5, 2014. Here she was, just 29 years old, with five children under the age of 14. They also had six pit bulls -- three puppies, three grown. So Robert did what he could. He would work his job as a tire technician, help with the kids, feed the dogs, visit Anthony and get back to work.

He got run down, and perhaps that is why he fell ill. No one knows exactly how these things happen. But the more wiped out he got, the more stubborn he was about not seeing a doctor. Compared to what Anthony was going through, he thought a little headache was nothing. Eventually, his fever grew too persistent and too high to ignore. He was having trouble breathing, and in January 2014, Desiree ordered him to the hospital.

He was evaluated for his flu-like symptoms, then sent home with medication. But overnight, his condition worsened. She drove him back to the ER, and he was diagnosed definitively with the potentially deadly H1N1 flu.



Desiree was a wreck. Her son and husband were at separate hospitals, and she was frightened of visiting Anthony and contaminating him with the germs from the ICU, where she had visited Robert. So she sent her mother, Josephine, to stay with her son and hung closely by Robert's bedside. When Anthony asked where his mom was, Josephine told him she was taking care of an ill Robert. Josephine didn't want to say much more -- for fear of how Anthony would react -- and put Anthony on the phone with his mom. That's when she told Anthony that Robert was terribly sick in the hospital.

"I was like, 'Man, I can't do this,'" Anthony remembers. "I was just so sad. I just wanted to hurry up and get out of here. ... I wanted to open the window and climb out. ... I just felt like I had to go see him. Because, like, he was always there for me. ... When I first heard about it, I was like, 'Why, why does it have to be him? Just put me through the pain he's going through. Just make my pain twice as bad, like, not him.'"

During all of this mayhem, the 49ers were in the midst of another Super Bowl run, minus Robert and Anthony. They were each in their hospital beds when San Francisco fell to Seattle in the NFC title game 23-17, although Robert was not lucid enough to watch. By then, doctors were urging him to be placed on a respirator, something he refused to do over and over.

"Robert didn't want to be put to sleep with the breathing machine," Desiree says. "He didn't want to. And then finally he was like, 'You just do what you gotta do to make me feel better.' So they sent him up to ICU and they put him to sleep. That's the last time I ..."

In February 2014, almost exactly a year after the 49ers-Ravens Super Bowl, Robert Robert died. An inconsolable Anthony was released from the hospital to attend the funeral, and upon return, his blood work came back pristine. He was cancer-free.

"When I found out I beat it, I was like, 'Whoa, for really?'" Anthony says. "They're like, 'You beat it two months early. I was like, 'Oh my God.' I was like, 'I knew I could beat it. I told you guys. You didn't believe me.'"

That was a day that the entire family could not stop thinking about Robert. They were convinced it was Robert who cured Anthony, Robert who had rescued young Anthony one more time.

"It was just wonderful," Desiree says. "Like a lot of my friends -- they feel like Robert lost his life so Anthony could gain his."

Somehow, some way, Anthony wished he could repay him.

The doctors, just to ensure the cancer wouldn't return, ordered an extra course of chemotherapy. It meant more time in the hospital, and it also meant a visit from Make-A-Wish.

Anthony being Anthony, he joked around with the foundation's officials at first. He asked if they would buy his family a house and was told, "We don't buy cars, we don't buy houses and we don't give large amounts of money." Then, without batting an eye, he told them he had a better idea, anyway.

"My wish is to meet the 49ers," he said. "For Robert."

This is ESPN's 10th year of My Wish, a partnership with Make a Wish, granting sports wishes to kids with life-threatening conditions.

But he would not learn that his wish had been granted until his eighth-grade graduation day, where a video was played in front of the entire school. Niners tackle Joe Staley -- backed up by several teammates -- announced in the video that the team was inviting Anthony to be a 49er-for-a-day.

The middle school principal asked Anthony if he would accept, to which the 14-year-old replied: "Heck yeah!"



The student body chanted, "Anthony ... Anthony ... Anthony." A few days later, he and his family were off to the Bay Area for the 49ers' June minicamp. Anthony had never been on an airplane and had never stayed in a hotel. But he packed up Robert's favorite Michael Crabtree jersey, hoping the entire team would autograph it -- even though Crabtree was no longer a 49er.

The day began with a limo ride to the 49ers practice facility adjacent to Levi's Stadium. He ate breakfast with Reggie Bush, Torrey Smith and head coach Jim Tomsula. He was then directed toward the locker room, and out walked his favorite player, Kaepernick.

"Hey Kaepernick, what's up?" Anthony said, eyes wide, wide, wide open. "Me and you gotta play catch."

Anthony had his iPad with him -- although the screen was cracked -- so he could snap a photo of whomever and whatever came his way. His locker was set up in between offensive linemen Alex Boone and Joe Looney, and after dropping his backpack in his cubicle, he was invited to the equipment room. He was fitted with a helmet, shoulder pads, cleats and gloves. After trying it all on, he flashed a Heisman pose.

From there, he was ushered to the office of general manager Trent Baalke, who asked him to sign his one-day contract. He puffed out his chest and asked Baalke for \$3 million, although Baalke told him the contract was for \$3 -- take it or leave it. "Three dollars is close enough," Anthony said

When he then bumped into 49ers owner Jed York, he asked for a Lamborghini.

When he addressed the players in the team meeting, he was dead serious about that 2014 loss to Oakland, saying he took abuse the next day from all the Raiders fans in school.

When he was asked by 49ers employees to sign autographs, he signed every one of them "A" -- short for Anthony.

When he ended his day playing catch all by himself with tight end Vernon Davis, he told Davis, "Sign my forehead."

It all was over-the-top, but Anthony thinks it was exactly what Robert would have wanted him to do. Robert wouldn't have been shy around 49ers players, coaches and executives. Robert would have treated them like buddies, would have told them what was on his mind, would have wanted to be one of the Niners himself.

As the afternoon was winding down and after tight end Vernon Davis and Anthony had played catch at Levi's Stadium for nearly a half-hour, Davis told Anthony he was headed back to the locker room. Anthony followed him.

"Hey Anthony, you're not coming with me!" Davis told him facetiously. "I'm not signing anything else!"

But, still, Anthony followed him.

"You're signing this," Anthony said, pointing to Robert's lucky Michael Crabtree jersey.

Davis took one look at the jersey. It sat on a table, already autographed by every 49er but him. The tight end signed it, and a beaming Anthony folded it up and brought it back with him to San Bernardino.

My Wish had morphed into Robert's Wish, and Anthony had it all planned out. He would have the jersey framed, and he would make sure it hung over the couch -- for every football Sunday.



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49ers in Haiti

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A Haitian boy sits cross-legged on a Port-au-Prince sidewalk sipping water out of a tiny plastic bag.

His feet are bare, his shirt is tattered and dirt smudges his skin, from his forehead to his ankles.

Stopped at an intersection a few feet away is a van full of NFL players and their wives and girlfriends. The American travelers peer out of the backseat window and make eye contact with the stone-faced boy.

As the passengers begin to wave, the boy lifts his arm to block his eyes from the sunlight. He looks both ways, then back at the van before revealing a soft, warm smile. He gestures back at the visitors for a few more moments before the van accelerates out of view.

The story of the San Francisco 49ers contingent driving along this empty street in this forgotten country began with the word of a pastor, the action of another and – in between – the inspiration of a few football players.

Late in the 2014 season, the 49ers invited Bay Area native and world-renowned preacher Francis Chan to speak to their players at the team's facility in Santa Clara. Second-year tight end Vance McDonald felt particularly moved by Chan's charitable work in Africa, so he enlisted two of his best friends, tight ends Garrett Celek and Derek Carrier, to take similar action.

The trio approached team pastor Earl Smith with their offseason objective: Travel to a foreign country and make an impact.

Pastor Earl, an 18-year veteran in the organization, took the reins from there, eliciting support from the team's front office to make the trip possible.

Haiti was one of the first countries discussed. Nobody knew much about the nation – the poorest in the western hemisphere – but they all knew what occurred in January 2010.

Undeveloped and unprepared, Haiti was hit by a catastrophic magnitude 7.0 earthquake just a few miles off of the coast of its capital and most populous city, Port-au-Prince. More than three million people were affected by the earthquake, and although the exact number is not known, an estimated 230,000-to-316,000 people lost their lives.

In a third-world country with many complex sociological and economic problems, the devastation exacerbated Haiti's existing wounds. Global aid has helped the country in the five years since the earthquake – but only marginally. According to The World Food Programme, two out of every three Haitians live on less than two dollars per day.

When the 49ers chose Haiti, a partnership was formed with Convoy of Hope, a U.S.-based organization that feeds children in 11 countries and responds to disasters around the world.

Convoy of Hope organized a three-day itinerary for the 49ers players to learn about the issues facing Haiti, work on the front lines of the recovery effort and spend time with local children affected by the earthquake.

Arrangements were made for the traveling party – comprising the three tight ends, defensive lineman Tank Carradine, Pastor Earl, staffers from Convoy of Hope, the players' significant others, a videographer and a reporter – me. We met in Miami in early April and flew to Haiti from there.



What occurred over that spring weekend left those involved not with a sense of guilt, but with a sense of responsibility.

“We went there thinking we were going to be the ones helping them,” McDonald said. “But they helped us way more than they’ll ever understand.”

Day 1: 'Convoy Moving out'

9 a.m. EDT, Port-au-Prince International Airport: The first step off the American Airlines jet is like stepping through a portal. It’s almost as if there’s an invisible wall leading from the airplane cabin into the main terminal of the airport.

Sure, I can see a striking contrast in infrastructure between Haiti and the neighboring Dominican Republic during our descent, but until my feet hit the concrete, I don’t really know what to expect.

The heat and humidity hits me first. A dusty, ineffective swamp cooler welcomes passengers into a tapered hallway.

Kimarie Paige, the director of special events for Convoy of Hope, tells us that chickens freely roamed the terminal just a few years back.

Paige, a veteran of these trips whose Staten Island accent is simultaneously commanding and comforting, ushers the group through various security checkpoints with three words that become our marching orders over the next few days, “Convoy moving out!”

At baggage claim, Carradine is an instant attraction. The 6-foot-4, 273-pound pass-rusher draws several curious glances before a brave bystander approaches him. The Haitian man cranes his neck up to meet eye-level and begins speaking in Creole French, his country’s official language.

Carradine, who has three half-brothers of Haitian decent, removes his Beats by Dre headphones, flashes an uncomfortable smile and politely tells the man he only speaks English. He then turns to the group and says, “Man, I think I’m some kind of celebrity here.”

Carradine was a late addition to the traveling party. When Pastor Earl first announced the trip to the 30 players in his 49ers chapel, many expressed interest but only Carradine ultimately joined the three tight ends.

He stuck with his commitment even after friend and fellow defensive lineman Quinton Dial withdrew from the trip due to the birth of his first child.

“I texted and called Pastor Earl and let him know that I still really wanted to go,” Carradine said later. “This was something I just needed to do.”

After we collect our luggage, we link up with the rest of the Convoy of Hope staff accompanying us on the journey. The crew includes field teams director Matt Wilkie, vice president of philanthropy Dan Clark, and Rocky Lewis-Martin, a Haiti native and the head of our security detail.

As we near the doors to the parking lot, a Haitian woman in a long floral dress notices the players and speeds up her walk to cut them off at the exit. “What are you guys doing here?” she asks them. “Are you some famous football or basketball players?”

“No, Ma’am,” McDonald replies, “We’re just here to work.”

2:30 p.m., Turpin, Haiti: After lunch and a bumpy drive through the chaotic streets of Port-au-Prince, we arrive at a small community called Turpin tucked away in the Cul-de-Sac Plain mountain range surrounding the country’s capital city.



Here, boys and girls ride donkeys for transportation, carry heavy bags of grain and produce atop their heads and bathe in water runoff caught in small ravines.

The players and their significant others emerge from our vehicle caravan and circle around Wilkie, a former Christian radio station host whose broadcast experience is evident even without a microphone. Wilkie tells us that the small town was one of the first communities to embrace Convoy of Hope's agriculture initiative, which teaches local farmers techniques that not only increase yields but promote sustainability.

The program has trained more than 3,600 farmers, all of whom are required to give 10 percent of their harvest to Convoy of Hope's children's feeding initiative. Since 2013, roughly three million meals have been locally grown and purchased in Haiti.

"Our plan is unique because it includes a built-in exit strategy," Clark, a Midwestern father who brought along his teenage daughter, Megan, to learn about Haiti's plight, said later. "We're happy to be feeding these kids, but we don't want to be feeding their children's children."

"In fact, if that happens, we've failed. One day, we want Convoy of Hope to work itself out of a job."

The players follow along as the Convoy of Hope staff details the area's transformation, pointing to renovations at the church and its adjacent school as examples of progress. Many parents allow their children to be educated here solely because their kids will be fed at least once during the day. Otherwise, they'd stay at home and work.

The tour continues. The group walks on a narrow path surrounded by lush fields of sugarcane. Pastor Earl, a graying 59-year-old whose soulful eyes pierce even the toughest exteriors, helps each person cross a puddle on a steep incline before taking the elongated step himself. The hike stops under the shade of massive mango tree, and we learn about how farmers grow crops without the use of expensive and harmful pesticides.

"Did you know one caterpillar can kill three stocks of corn?" one Haitian guide asks us.

To combat the infestation, Convoy of Hope instructs farmers to cook spicy peppers in water, and then spray the concoction onto the leaves. The alternative, which Carradine seemed to prefer, is crushing the bugs between your fingers.

"What are we waiting for?" Carradine asks the group. "Let's go squeeze some caterpillars."

Paige leans over and whispers to me, "I love his heart."

Back at the church entrance, we meet the local pastor who tells the group that he has brought several orphan children into his home. He thanks Convoy of Hope for its aid work before emphasizing the need for additional support.

"How many more kids are there to help?" Carradine asks.

Eyes widen and lock onto the middle-aged Haitian man as the players wait for an answer. He tells the group that resources are stretched far too thin to reach every child in the area. Ambassadors are needed to champion the cause.

"More than what you do and see," Wilkie says, "it's about what you set in motion."

The group huddles in prayer with the pastor, returns to the vans and drives back into the city to rest for the night.

Day 2: 'An Inspiration to Us'



9:00 a.m., Mission of Hope warehouse: It's a picturesque day in Titanyen (pronounced Ti-ta-yen by the locals). It's the type of day tourists across the island in the Dominican Republic might spend sunbathing on the beach. No clouds are in sight. The temperature is in the mid-80s. And off on the horizon, it's difficult to tell where the sky ends and the ocean begins.

Here, we travel in our eight-seater white vans to a compound on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince fortified by cement walls and armed guards. We are just a few miles away from a mass grave site of earthquake victims.

The sprawling grounds, owned by a non-profit partner of Convoy of Hope, houses and educates orphaned children. Our destination, however, is the site's 35,000-square foot warehouse, which serves as a hub for the imported food that feeds 70,000 Haitian children daily.

As we walk into the building, we again huddle around Wilkie, who tells us that \$120 nourishes one child for an entire year. With those funds, truckloads of food leave the facility every morning, destined for five of the 10 provinces in Haiti.

"We keep this warehouse filled," Wilkie says.

The group (minus me, cameraman Nick Burton and the Convoy of Hope staff) is then instructed to put on hair nets and gloves. The learning portion of the trip is complete. The NFL players have new jobs: to help process a shipment of crops.

The fresh hires are positioned down a makeshift assembly line with workers on each side. At one end, Carradine scoops perfectly-portioned servings of uncooked rice from a plastic container and dumps the grain into a packaging funnel.

Further down the line, McDonald does the same with black beans, filling the plastic bag before passing it to the final station. There, Carrier operates a sealing machine to keep the food fresh.

Celek oversees the operation as floor manager, checking for quality control and stepping in whenever someone needs assistance. This isn't Celek's first experience in a warehouse. He studied packaging in college at Michigan State and thought about a career at The Kroger Company if football hadn't panned out.

One bag doesn't quite seal properly and splits open, spilling its contents across the floor. The team stops its work and proceeds to pick up every last morsel before returning to the stations.

When the containers are empty, 76 ready-to-ship bags sit at the end of the assembly line. The packaged food represents 300 meals that will eventually reach the mouths of hungry children.

"We should do something like this back at home and get the whole team involved," Carradine says.

"I can help organize," Pastor Earl replies. "There's no reason we can't do that."

11:00 a.m., Pastor Samuel's: Our next stop is at a school and church located in a recently-reconstructed neighborhood off of one of Port-au-Prince's main arteries. Stray dogs clutter the streets, wet laundry flutters in the wind and homes are not much more than four concrete slabs positioned together.

We're told that the church, simply referred to as Pastor Samuel's, has been rebuilt since the earthquake. It sits just across the street from the partnering school that teaches elementary-aged children.

Inside the antiquated schoolhouse, narrow hallways make for a tight fit as the players move from classroom to classroom. The walls are painted bright blue and green. Small, grated windows provide the only lighting – there is no electricity. And the flooring is not carpet or wood, but concrete.



Students begin swarming the group. They know we are there to serve a hot meal, but for now, the children just want attention – and to be picked up by the larger-than-life Americans.

“Wow, is he really on TV? Can I see a picture of him?” one child asks Lewis-Martin, the head of our security detail, in Haitian.

“Why would they come here and help us?” another asks.

“Because Jesus loves you,” Lewis-Martin replies. “Did you know these football players pray to God just like you do? And they feel your hunger and they know your need. They’re here to help. They’re here to be kids with you and feed you.”

Lunch is cooked inside a wooden shed in the school’s backyard. An elderly woman stirs a large metal cauldron filled with rice, beans and meat. An open fire is the “cafeteria’s” only appliance. The meal is heavy in island spices and smells akin to Jamaican cuisine.

Players take turns filling plastic bins with the food and hauling it back into the school. There, the group serves each child a plate at their desk.

A few of the students hide their initial helpings beneath their seats. Pastor Earl’s wife, Angel, watches one boy walk up from his desk at least four times to ask for more food. Today’s bounty is a rare treat.

When everyone is fed, McDonald steps to the front of a classroom and addresses the students.

“We want to thank you for allowing us to be here,” he says. “You’re an inspiration to us. We will remember you. The love you show to us, we will share with others.”

One young girl, donning a Rastafarian hat and dress, asks Lewis-Martin to translate a message of her own to the players.

“Thank you for all you’re doing for our school,” she says in her native tongue. “You left your country for us. Thank you not only for coming, but for serving.”

12:00 p.m.: In the grass lot behind the church, we hand out 49ers T-shirts. The white tees hang loosely off the children’s lean frames.

“How many of you have ever seen an American football?” Wilkie asks.

Only a few kids raise their hands.

Pastor Earl tries to set up pass, rush and kick drill stations, but after a few minutes of confusion, the football clinic devolves into recess.

Carradine chases after a few kids running with a ball, McDonald and Celek play keep-away with another group and Celek lifts several children onto “monkey bars” – a metal cross post that typically is used as a soccer goal.

Many kids have no shoes, but that doesn’t stop them from kicking the ball around barefoot. One boy attempts to dribble it the length of the field. Frustrated by the foreign shape’s bounce, he picks it up and fires a spiral to McDonald.

Once the children leave for the afternoon, the 49ers swap footballs for shovels and pickaxes. In the same lot behind the church, a construction crew is digging out a basketball court. The players join the Haitian workmen while Burton and I document their lighthearted conversations.

“The goal is to finish this today so I can dunk on Derrek,” Carradine says.



“We all know that’s not possible,” Carrier responds. “You can maybe put a telephone book under Tank’s ups. Maybe.”

Inside the church, we meet up with the players’ better halves, who are teaching conversational English to a youth group. A teenager walks in unannounced and sits off to the side. He raises his hand a few times, knowing more English than most of the other kids in the class.

It’s then that we notice he’s wearing a green 49ers hat.

“You know what kind of hat you’re wearing?” Lewis-Martin asks.

The boy has no idea. Lewis-Martin points to the players sitting in the adjacent pews, and then points to the logo on the kid’s hat.

“Ohhhh,” the teenager says.

The boy says later that he had never heard of the 49ers. He showed up on a whim only after friends told him that American travelers would be hosting an English class. And as he readied to leave home, he simply grabbed his favorite cap.

The players shook the boy’s hand and took turns autographing the bill of the hat.

The twist of fate nearly had Paige, the New York-born special events director, in tears. She never took her eyes off of the boy’s beaming face as he mingled with stars from his new favorite team.

Day 3: 'So Much for So Little'

2:00 p.m., Foyer des orphelins d’haiti: The final stop on our trip takes us to the place we know the least about. We arrive at the gates of the Port-au-Prince orphanage, again constructed entirely of concrete, and our vans’ rumbling engines are the only breaks from the silence.

Outside, Wilkie tells us that close to 75 children live here. The building, no bigger than an average Walgreens, looks far too cramped to house that many kids – especially when we learn that the orphanage is also a school.

We meet Madame Jeannette, the owner. A lawyer by trade, she was kidnapped by Port-au-Prince teenagers a few years back. During her captivity, she found out that her abductors were orphans and needed the ransom money to buy food. When she was released, she left her job and started taking in wayward children.

“It brings me great joy to see you,” she tells the group. “Please come in and make yourself at home.”

A corridor divides the orphanage into two parts. On the left are classrooms similar to the ones we saw a day earlier. On the right are the living quarters, where 10-by-10-foot rooms are filled to capacity with bunk beds. The smell of urine-soaked sheets is overwhelming. Many of the beds are shared.

“This is crazy,” Celek whispers to McDonald.

Carradine peaks his head into one of the rooms and sees curious eyes gazing back at him.

“What you see with the kids, it’s hurtful,” Carradine said later. “Seeing them live like that, it hit me hard.”

The players expect the kids to be dejected and distant but are instead welcomed with smiles and raised arms. At one point, McDonald has one kid on his shoulders, one on each arm and one hanging from each leg.

But as the kids lose steam, the commotion from the initial excitement dwindles into comfort.



Pastor Earl takes the reigns of a kite. Nearby children laugh as his string gets tangled with another.

Celek takes out his Apple iPhone 6 and turns on “Guardians of the Galaxy.” At least a dozen kids surround him, huddling close together to get a better view.

Carrier joins a game of keep-away, kicking a basketball around in the courtyard.

McDonald collects Dum-Dum lollipop wrappers, walks up to an overhanging balcony and pelts his teammates with the wadded-up paper.

Carradine approaches a few of the older residents and challenges them to dominoes. The teenagers are much more reserved than the younger kids, but Carradine waits his turn and earns a seat at the table. The third-year pass-rusher talks a big game but loses every time. The children use an interpreter to gloat.

Near the end of our visit, they line up single-file by age. Pastor Earl addresses them.

“Our hearts are blessed to be with you,” he says. “We hope you’ve enjoyed us as we’ve enjoyed you. We care about you, and we will tell everyone about you.”

The players begin handing out presents: crayons, pencils, puzzles, Nerf footballs and more. The parting gifts aren’t much, but the kids clutch them like lottery tickets.

The sun sets, and we load into the vans. Several children hurry to the orphanage’s roof to watch us depart. One lingers a little while longer than the rest, waving until our caravan is finally out of sight.

7:00 p.m., Hotel Montana: We drive up switchbacks to a resort atop a hillside overlooking the capital. During the car ride, I read on our itinerary that we are having a “celebration dinner.” But our last meal in Haiti is actually about reflection.

We eat our food, enjoy conversation and share a laugh as Celek recalls a moment during the trip when a local mistook him for Tim Tebow.

Soon after, we spot a celebrity sitting nearby that we know is no doppelgänger. Wilkie met the bearded man earlier in the evening, and boldly invites him over to our table. It’s Rainn Wilson of “The Office.” And although he’s wearing a Seattle Seahawks hat, the actor turns one player into a star-struck mess.

“I’m in awe,” McDonald says. “I’m you’re biggest fan.”

Wilson turns his head and deadpans, “OK, stalker.”

The players tell Wilson about their first trip to Haiti. This, however, is far from the actor’s first visit. He started an educational initiative called Lidè with his wife in 2013 to empower at-risk adolescent girls through creative arts.

“You can do so much for so little,” Wilson says. “You can change someone’s life for \$450. What can you get in the United States? I love the United States, but I’m a world citizen, and I love this country too. So I’m glad you guys could come down. It’s awesome.”

When Wilson returns to his family and our dinner comes to an end, Clark stands up from his chair and addresses the group. He wants to every person around the table to talk about what they took away from the trip.

Carradine, the 26-year-old on his first relief trips overseas, catches us off-guard.

“Sometimes you need to see something to know it’s true,” he says. “And what I’ve seen is incredible. But once you’ve seen it, what are you going to do about it? Are you going to talk to your friends? Are you



actually going to do something about it? How are you going to make an impact? Ask yourself what you can do to help.”

Tears stream down several faces as the spotlight moves around the table. McDonald talks about the fleeting nature of football careers and their accompanying pedestals. Pastor Earl tells the group that he and his wife have already discussed a monthly donation for the children of Haiti.

“We’re going to have a Convoy of Hope team,” Pastor Earl says. “I think four people, plus four people, plus four people, can have a big impact. The big thing isn’t what you’ve done. It’s what you’re going to do.”

The group sets a goal of raising \$120,000 to feed 1,000 Haitian kids. Everyone has an idea to reach that mark, and they usually start with outreach. Next year’s trip will have more than four players, this much is certain. The next chapters, however, are still being written.



Jim Tomsula

Tomsula learned to connect with players at tiny Catawba

By Ann Killion
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Catawba College is a small Division II school and, as such, not a place with a lot of amenities. But when Jim Tomsula was on the coaching staff, he made sure his players had a training table and an academic tutoring center. Of sorts.

The training table was a loaf of bread, a bunch of bananas, and jars of peanut butter and jelly that Tomsula would bring to the field to feed his players.

The academic center? That was Tomsula's dining-room table, where 19- and 20-year-old football players would study alongside his 7- and 9-year-old daughters, learning geography together on a light-up globe.

"This wasn't USC or Notre Dame, with a \$4 million tutoring center," Tomsula said. "They just needed a quiet place to study. They needed to eat some real food to gain weight. At Division II Catawba, kids — no matter where they came from — they don't have money."

Universal lessons

Tiny Catawba College, enrollment 1,300, is certainly not USC or Notre Dame. Nor is it a traditional launching pad for a head-coaching career in the NFL. But Tomsula's approach to coaching and to players, developed at Catawba, is the same one he brings into his first season as head coach of the 49ers.

The 49ers promoted Tomsula, who never spent a season as anything more than a position coach, in large part to heal a culture the bosses had decided was broken. To be a friendlier, more nurturing presence than his predecessor, Jim Harbaugh. While Tomsula's mastery of the technical side of the job is unknown, his credentials as a motivator and mentor are strong. And that path began at Catawba.

Tomsula once described himself as "Jim nobody from nowhere," and while Catawba isn't quite nowhere, you might be able to see nowhere from its front porch. The school was founded in 1851 in Salisbury, a sleepy southern town most famous for being the site of a prisoner-of-war camp during the Civil War. Catawba sits outside of town on West Innes Street — if you cross Grants Creek, you've gone too far.

The football team plays in the South Atlantic Conference, against opponents like Lenoir-Rhyne, Tusculum and Mars Hill.

Non-traditional path

The little school is the incubator for Tomsula's career, first as a player and then as a coach.

"There's nothing about my path that's traditional," Tomsula said. "I just wanted to coach and pay the bills. I never said, 'I want to get to the NFL.'"

Tomsula, 47, grew up in a mill town outside Pittsburgh. He became noteworthy among his childhood friends because he could cornrow hair. He went to Middle Tennessee State out of high school, but a shoulder injury derailed his career there. He found a landing spot at Catawba and played for two years. There, he met his future wife, Julie, who was in the school's sports medicine program. When a knee injury ended his career for good, Tomsula became an assistant in his final year of school.

He tried coaching after college — high school, then at Charleston Southern. But he had two young daughters and felt the need to make better money than coaching could offer. Finally the pull of coaching



was too strong, and with Julie's encouragement, he packed up his car and drove back to Catawba to become an unpaid assistant, working with the defensive line.

One-car apartment

Julie and their daughters went to Florida to stay with family. Tomsula — the story is now lore — lived in his car with the family dog, the cat ... and the cat's litter box. His suits were hung in the back seat for his day job selling entryway matting on straight commission, and he did his best to make sure the cat hair didn't stick to his work clothes.

"I parked under a nice shade tree," he said. "I'd take the dog out to the field. Walk across the parking lot to the gym and have a shower."

His players didn't know he was living in the car.

"I just knew he had a lot of stuff in there," said Radell Lockhart, now an assistant coach at Catawba.

Lockhart said Tomsula was one of the best coaches he ever had.

"He was a very good teacher," Lockhart said. "But it's more than what he does on the field. He was like a father figure."

Eventually, Tomsula moved out of his car and into a rundown little house across the street from campus, owned by the school. Julie and the kids joined him, and they became part of the Catawba family.

"My main takeaway with him is how he interacted with players," said Curtis Walker, who was an assistant on the staff alongside Tomsula and is now the head coach at Catawba. "He has the ability to get the best out of players. He truly cared for them and would do everything to make them successful. Not just on the field."

Tomsula didn't want his players wasting their money on unproven supplements, so he brought them peanut butter sandwiches. Julie would bring cookies and snacks to the field after practice. Their front door was never locked, and players would walk right in, to chat or study. At Thanksgiving they would invite the entire team and line up tables through the living room and dining room, into the kitchen, commandeering neighbors' ovens for multiple turkeys as well as china and silverware because Julie wanted a properly set table, not paper and plastic.

"I've always said the greatest gift I could give my children was to raise them with football players," Tomsula said. "And I think my wife and children brought out the best in them."

Hands-on approach

Tomsula began spending his summers coaching in NFL Europe, also living in the same hotels with his players. That path eventually brought him to the 49ers in 2007.

But no one back at Catawba expected him to end up as head coach of the NFL team.

"I didn't," Lockhart said. "He doesn't have the personality. He doesn't like a lot of attention. But he'll get used to it."

Tomsula's hands-on approach to his players, his strongest asset coming into his new challenge, was developed at Catawba.

"Due to limited resources available at schools this size, you have to interact with so many different circles in a young man's life," Walker said. "It's very intimate, personal. How to schedule class, handle their academics. You have to be involved in all aspects of the development of a player."



“You can give a player a great sense of family,” Walker continued. “Of home and comfort. And Jim did that, along with Julie and Britney and Brooke. The players saw that he was more than just a guy on the field. That he was the best father and husband he could be.”

Lockhart said he thinks what Tomsula perfected at Catawba was “connection.”

“You’ve got to make people want to run through a brick wall for you,” Lockhart said. “And everyone he coaches, that’s what they do. If you show respect to players, they’ll show respect to you. He has the knack of getting anyone to do stuff.”

New 49ers fans

In this small Carolina hollow, most residents are Panthers fans or Steelers fans. But on Sundays this fall, many will be rooting for the 49ers.

“We here at Catawba appreciate the level of exposure that Jim Tomsula and his association with the 49ers have brought to Catawba,” Walker said. “We’re very proud of him having this opportunity.”

An opportunity that few along this untraditional path expected.



Jim Tomsula

Football: 49ers coach Jim Tomsula talks social media & more at high school media day

By Darren Sabedra
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For nearly five hours in the 49ers' plush interview theater at Levi's Stadium, representatives from one high school football team after another were ushered onto the stage that the pros use.

It was media day, for high school football.

In those nearly five hours Wednesday at the MaxPreps/USA Football/49ers Youth Football event, we learned that coaches take the sport's increasing safety standards seriously, that virtually everyone is optimistic in the weeks leading up to preseason practice and that Serra is certain its season will end when the regular season does because of section sanctions.

We also learned that 49ers coach Jim Tomsula is frightened to death of social media and willing to share his views about the dangers of off-field troubles — something that has put his team in the headlines far too often.

The rookie head coach entered the theater a couple of hours into the program and spoke for about 10 minutes.

"Be careful, gosh, be careful," Tomsula said about social media. "I'm learning a lot about it. I don't know a lot about it, other than my children, my daughters, are teaching me something about it. I'm a paranoid mess with it. But I'm learning about it, and there are ways to use it the right way, and there are things are you can do with it that are good, and I am learning that side of it.

"But it still scares the heck out of me. So please, please, please, please, please be careful and go back to your guys and the things are you're learning, pass it on."

Tomsula reminded the players, most of whom senior captains, that leadership includes a lot of responsibility.

"The big thing we talk about with the 49ers is what happens between 5 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 o'clock in the morning," Tomsula said. "Guys, that affects what happens on the field. Can't separate it. You don't live like a champion for two hours.

"You don't live like a special guy. People think they can take this hat off, put another hat on. You can't do that. It's all about one way of living. Unfortunately, we learn too hard in our society right now. It's good to wake up in the morning and not try to figure out what you did last night. It's good to wake up in the morning and not try to figure out, oh gosh, that sinking feeling in your stomach because you did something wrong.

"Try to do the right things. Listen to your coaches. They're trying to help you. But you guys have been put in a position to help the other guys. This is huge, man. This is high school football, senior year. It's huge. It's exciting. It should get you fired up. You should enjoy every minute of it. It's the last thing you think about when you fall asleep and the first thing you think about when you wake up in the morning."

Tomsula, of Pennsylvania roots, said he had just spent time in his home state, visiting his high school head coach and assistants.

He noted that they had a "profound effect" on his life.



So much that Tomsula still goes to high school games even now. He said it is the one level of football he pays to see.

“What we do, used to do it with my daughters, now we do it with my son, on home games on Friday nights, we get in the car and we look for lights,” Tomsula said. “Don’t know where we’re going. I’ve been out here nine years now, but I am from the East Coast.

“We get in the car. We look for lights. We start about 6:30, 7 o’clock, sometimes I’m running late, gotta work. Then we find a field. We go to a game. We get out, we go to a snack bar and that’s dinner and then watch high school football. I usually know one team that’s playing because it usually says so on the scoreboard of the stadium.

“Then we figure out who they’re playing against. Does’t matter. It does not matter. You are playing the game at its greatest time. High school football. Friday night football. That is just the absolutely perfect time. Enjoy the heck out of it.”



Jim Tomsula

Don't Bludgeon the Man

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The most recognizable man in San Francisco is going unnoticed in his hometown. It's an overcast Friday in late June, and new 49ers coach Jim Tomsula is nursing a 31-ounce coffee on the patio of a Starbucks in Homestead, Pa., just on the outskirts of Pittsburgh. He's packing a wad of tobacco in his left cheek (a regular habit), wearing a nylon tracksuit (his sartorial preference) and sporting the kind of thick, dark mustache that harkens back to the leading men of 1980s TV shows ("a mustache to be reckoned with," according to his mustache's parody Twitter account). A group of teens loudly gossips at an adjacent table, and a steady stream of shoppers walk through the strip mall. Nobody stops to look twice at Tomsula.

If he had his way, this would be the norm. No fame, no media attention, no conjecturing about who he is or what his team will be.

"I don't care about perception, I care about reality," Tomsula says in a husky voice that sounds like the natural bark of football coach. "I try not to read what's out there, but sometimes I do and just laugh. I mean, some of the reports out there couldn't be further from the truth. It's the exact opposite of the reality that I'm dealing with. The exact opposite! Seriously, the exact opposite!"

He spits out the tobacco.

"But, I guess, that's the NFL."

In a league in which perception is everything, Jim Tomsula was a nobody before mid-January, when he made the gargantuan leap from defensive line coach to one of the NFL's Chosen 32. After being introduced to the press, he sat down for an exclusive one-on-one with the TV network CSN Bay Area that had all the makings of an SNL skit. Like his press conference, this four-minute interview was full of uncomfortable pauses, mutterings, contradictions and non-answers. To one question he replied, "I wouldn't not say that. I wouldn't say it either." His predecessor—the gauche and irascible Jim Harbaugh, he of the khaki pants and beige answers—suddenly seemed as eloquent as a Shakespearean actor. Asked to define a successful first season, Tomsula said, "Uh...that's yet to be determined. I mean, uh, we're gonna, uh, we're gonna, we're gonna win today. That's, our, uh, uh, you know, it's, it's one week calendars once you get into the season. So that's the way I look at it."

And so everyone looked at Tomsula for what he was: an unpolished assistant who had been promoted so far out of his depths that it was impossible not to wonder if the front office, having grown tired of clashing with Harbaugh, had installed a puppet whom the powers-that-be could control. As Tim Kawakami from the San Jose Mercury News wrote, "Tomsula will say the things the 49ers want him to say, in the way they want him to say it."

Then, as if perception couldn't get any worse, Tomsula's players started bailing on him.

General manager Trent Baalke shoots down the idea of a "mass exodus" or a "domino effect," but it was hard not to wonder about the sudden departures.

In March, stalwart linebacker Patrick Willis said a teary goodbye to football. A week later his heir apparent, Chris Borland, stunned everyone by retiring at 24. In May, defensive lineman Justin Smith walked away from the game after 14 seasons. A month later, 25-year-old offensive tackle Anthony Davis cryptically quit. The 49ers also bid farewell to wideout Michael Crabtree, guard Mike Iupati and the franchise's alltime leading rusher, Frank Gore, in free agency. Rumors that quarterback Colin Kaepernick was being dangled for a trade only added to the offseason malaise. "Let's put that to rest," Baalke told The MMQB in June. "That's absolutely untrue."



What's undeniable is that Tomsula, who has never been a coordinator in the NFL, is now juggling the most intense expectations of his career. San Francisco's run of three straight trips to the NFC Championship Game went sideways during a tempestuous 2014 season, and fans aren't likely to give the least qualified of eight coaching candidates an extended honeymoon period. But Tomsula isn't fazed. With pop music blaring through nearby speakers and threatening skies looming overhead, he retraces his unlikely journey and ascension, never at a loss for words when describing the obstacles he's already overcome.

"I feel bad when people talk about the grind of coaching," Tomsula says. "My people? They work. That's all they know. And they weren't working for a job they loved, just for the responsibility for their family. Growing up, I was always told never to let pride get in the way of a job."

His great-grandfather was a Hungarian immigrant who worked in the coal mills of Indiana, Pa, where he was hit by a coal pulverizer and died on the job. Despite not knowing how to drive, his widow packed her four kids in the car and crashed twice on her way to Homestead, where she was able to find work washing the floors of churches. Years later Tomsula's grandfather opened a restaurant, Hungarian Village, in the shadow of Forbes Field, the one-time home of the Steelers and Pirates. Tomsula's father worked in the kitchen. When Forbes Field closed in 1970, so did the business. Everyone had to find new jobs.

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Jim Tomsula himself has always been a worker. Uncle Dave taught him how to weld stainless steel in third grade—"that was a big deal," Jim says—and his teenage summers were spent laying bricks, a back-breaking trade that helped mold him into a stout defensive end in high school. In 1985, he left home to play football at Middle Tennessee State, then transferred to Catawba College, a Division II school in North Carolina. That's where he met his future wife, Julie, a student athletic trainer.

"When he graduated, everyone said he should become a coach," Julie says. "He said, 'No, I'm going to go make a lot of money.'"

So Tomsula got a six-figure job in Greensboro selling medical equipment. But it didn't take long for Julie to realize he wasn't happy, and at her urging he walked away from the money. In 1992, Tomsula became an assistant football coach at Charleston Southern for \$9,100 a year.

"They also said we could get our masters," Julie says. "So we thought it was a great deal."

But they couldn't afford books or much else. Tomsula supplemented his income with side gigs, working as a janitor, delivering newspapers, and chopping wood for \$55 every third truckload. It still wasn't enough. His father visited and was flabbergasted to find the cabinets bare. Not even a jar of peanut butter. "What are you doing?" he asked. "You can't provide for a family like this!"

After three seasons, Tomsula returned to Pittsburgh and became a sales rep for a food distributor. But, he says, "I wasn't good at the whole networking thing." Division II and III college teams often called about coaching opportunities, but Tomsula always passed on them—until Julie intervened again. "Life is too short," she said. "Do what you love."

In 1997, Julie took their two daughters, Britney, 4, and Brooke, 2, to stay with relatives in Florida while everything they owned was put in storage. And so began the year that Tomsula lived in a car, a red Cadillac given to him by his Uncle Tic. Tomsula drove the 430 miles down to Catawba and became an unpaid volunteer assistant at his alma mater, charged with strength and conditioning. He slept in parking lots and cleaned himself up in the locker room. To combat loneliness, he kept a black lab and a cat as roommates. Tomsula hung his suits in the back seat, right above the litter box.

"Ah, the homeless period," he says. "Everyone makes it out to be a bad thing, but it really wasn't."



Tomsula sold carpets for commission on the side. The next season, he became a salaried coach. His wife and daughters joined him, and Tomsula moved his family into a \$650-a-month fishing cottage 25 miles away from campus. They didn't have heat.

But they did have a phone line, and former NFL wide receiver Lionel Taylor cold-called Tomsula in 1998 and asked him if he'd be interested in joining his staff in NFL Europe. Tomsula had never met Taylor, but Tomsula had established a reputation as a teacher of fundamentals, making him a desirable assistant for the developmental league.

For the next nine years, the Tomsulas spent their autumns in Catawba, where the school provided on-campus housing, and their summers overseas. He was the defensive line coach for the English Monarchs for one season, the defensive line coach for the Scottish Claymores for five, the defensive coordinator for the Berlin Thunder for two, and then the head coach of the Rhein Fire in 2006.

Every August, Tomsula toured about a dozen NFL training camps, looking for fringe players who might play in Europe. Some teams allowed him to sit in on personnel meetings, and he'd walk away with dozens of notebooks filled with observations of how coaches talked, what they talked about, how they conducted themselves.

In January 2007, Tomsula received a most unexpected call: 49ers coach Mike Nolan was looking for a defensive line coach. Though they played on the other side of the ball, offensive linemen Harvey Dahl and Tony Wragge had returned from Europe raving about Tomsula's mentorship. The 49ers flew Tomsula out for an interview; it was the first time he ever rode first class. Tomsula accepted the job, but first asked Nolan an important question: "I don't know anything about money. Can I live with my family in California and provide for them with that salary?"

Nolan told him yes, and then boosted his salary \$10,000 on the spot.

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It's true that Jim Tomsula knows very little about money. One of the first people he thanked during his introductory press conference on Jan. 15 was Joan from payroll, who doubles as his personal finance adviser. Tomsula has come a long way from that \$9,100 a year job. The 49ers signed him to a four-year deal worth \$3.5 million a year, but the new riches haven't changed him. He also gave shout-outs to Vilma at the front desk and the kitchen crew—the "boys downstairs [for] making that great Mexican feast at Christmas." Every day at 8 a.m. ET, the coach calls his parents at their home in Pennsylvania. He is usually in his office, and he has usually just pulled an all-nighter.

Over the course of Tomsula's eight seasons coaching the defensive line in San Francisco, the 49ers ranked fourth in rushing yards allowed (98.4 per game) and third in points allowed (19.4). He molded Ahmad Brooks (supplemental draft), Isaac Sopoaga (fourth round) and Ian Williams (undrafted) into productive starters. Justin Smith never made a Pro Bowl until he worked with Tomsula.

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Tomsula knows he didn't handle his introductory press conference or the ensuing CSN Bay Area interview with the greatest aplomb. He didn't sleep the night before and was in crunch mode trying to assemble his staff. The communications department carved out an hour to go over any possible questions that reporters might ask, and Tomsula aced the run-through. But he froze in the spotlight. Tomsula says he was singularly focused on returning to his office to continue calling potential assistants. Plus, he didn't want to say anything that could be used against him. If, for example, he said he preferred a certain blocking scheme, would Tony Sparano be hesitant to become the tight ends coach?



The next day, 49ers CEO Jed York told his new coach, “Don’t act or try to be someone you think the media wants you to be. From now on, just be yourself.”

“If there’s ever a time I mess up or seem awkward in an interview, it’s because I don’t want to lie,” Tomsula says. “Really, that’s all it is.”

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Tomsula handled himself with greater authority in assembling his staff. His first call was to Bill Naves, the longtime director of football operations under Mike Holmgren in Seattle and Mike Singletary in San Francisco. The job is essentially a chief of staff: part-assistant, part-confidant. From booking travel to scheduling mini-camps, Naves knows the minute-to-minute needs of a coach. This was crucial for Tomsula, whose only previous head-coaching experience in Europe doesn’t quite translate to the NFL. When Tomsula first joined the NFL, he told friends, “It’s amazing, I no longer have to carry the equipment!”

Tomsula sought out assistants who would challenge him. Eleven of the 19 have been head coaches or coordinators either in the NFL or at the elite levels of college football. The next order of business was logistical. The head coach’s office was on the second floor. Tomsula felt it was too far removed from the action, especially during the summer months when the NFL limits the contact he can have with players. The locker room, training room and meeting rooms are all on the first floor, so Tomsula chose a new space in the middle of a hallway where players would have to pass by him every day. While maintenance crews prepared the room this summer, Tomsula set up shop in a small enclave next to the showers.

“Culture is huge. That’s the difference between a championship-caliber team and a championship team,” York says. “You look at the Golden State Warriors. They were the dumbest team in the NBA for letting Mark Jackson go, who won the most games in the franchise’s history. How could you be so dumb? They bring in Steve Kerr, who has been around the game for a long period of time but has never coached before. Kerr changes the culture, comes in with a different perspective, and look what happens.”

But Tomsula actually has been an NFL head coach before. During the final game of the 2010 season, he served as the interim head coach after Singletary was fired and rallied the 49ers to a 38-7 win over the Cardinals. A year later, according to York, the team identified a few internal candidates who could be potential future head coaches. Tomsula was on the list.

“No player has seen a position coach get promoted to head coach just like that, without being a coordinator first,” Smith says. “That’s a huge jump. But I think it just shows the respect Jimmy T. has from management, which is a good thing. Imagine the star wide receiver is upset and wants to complain to management. If he goes upstairs, he knows which side they are going to fall on.”

Players love him, too. He’s fiery when he needs to be—just do a quick search for “Jim Tomsula Bludgeon”—but tries to be low-key in meetings rooms to avoid overloading players with information. He’ll often say, “Hey, here’s what I’m thinking. What do you think?” Last season, when Frank Gore was distraught after losing a fumble in a 13-10 loss to the Rams, it was Tomsula who sat hunched on a stool by the running back’s locker to console him.

Even still, there was a nervous energy in the auditorium just before Tomsula was set to address his players for the first time as the head coach during April’s minicamp. “Everyone kind of looked around like, How’s it going to be?” says defensive end Ian Williams.

Was it going to be the same Jimmy T. who struts around the facility yelling to no one in particular, “We’re going to do some ass-kicking this week!”? Or would this be a buttoned-up Jim Tomsula?

The coach opened his mouth to speak and was loud, passionate and even a bit goofy. The nervous energy dissipated. He was exactly the same.



"I've only been here a short time," says veteran running back Reggie Bush, a free agency addition. "But I can already tell how much respect this team has for him."

Jim Tomsula, 47, spent his first summer vacation as an NFL head coach crashing at his parents' split-level colonial in suburban Pittsburgh. His wife, Julie, and 8-year-old son Bear, came along. Britney and Brooke, now college-age, stayed in the Bay Area. Tomsula woke up to mom's bacon and eggs, threw the pigskin in the backyard with Bear, and washed loads of workout clothes emblazoned with 49ers logos in the basement.

On one humid afternoon in June, he loaded two sedans with three generations of Tomsulas and headed to Thomas Jefferson High School for the highlight of his homecoming: his sixth annual football clinic for teenagers with Down syndrome. The coach knows he could ask the NFL to help sponsor the event, but says, "It's a Tomsula thing." Campers dine on burgers flipped by Jim Tomsula Sr. and cookies baked by the coach's aunts. They even prepared a gluten-free batch, to which Tomsula Jr. scoffs: "Kids these days."

Camp for the Stars began in San Francisco, in 2007, to give kids who have Down syndrome an authentic football experience. Tomsula loved it so much he brought the camp back home to Pennsylvania. Throughout the two-day camp, Tomsula co-leads drills with his old football coach from Steel Valley High. Even though the campers wear nametags, Tomsula remembers most of their names without looking. He puts players through one drill that has them catching a ball in the air before falling onto a thick mat. For those wearing red bracelets, signifying a greater risk of injury, Tomsula holds them up in the air and then flops onto the foam with them to brace their fall.

"Hey coach," one camper says after such a fall, extending his arm to Tomsula. "I have to help you get up a lot this year."

While Julie is off scouring two Targets and a Michael's to make sure every participant leaves with a framed certificate, Bear is working the field as a water boy. Two 49ers scouts are also here volunteering, as well as retired defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield, who never played for Tomsula but says, "He's just a really good dude." So Stubblefield booked a cross-country ticket and a room at the local Spring Hill Suites.

It's all smiles until the scrimmage. Before one snap, a camper tells another that he is stupid. The recipient of the slight responds with an uppercut. He then rips off his own hat and storms off into the locker room.

Tomsula tells Stubblefield to continue coaching and follows the player into the locker room. He sits the boy down and talks about the importance of sportsmanship. "The game teaches us to become men," Tomsula says. "And we need to act like that." Fifteen minutes later, the camper and Tomsula emerge. The boy walks to his opponent, says he's sorry, and shakes his hand.

Around 10:30 p.m. on Friday, once the last camper has hugged Tomsula goodbye and once the cafeteria has been wiped clean, an after-party commences at the house of Tomsula's sister, Jill. Nearly 50 relatives, neighbors, friends and one 300-pound former All-Pro lineman grab Miller Lites from a porch cooler and munch on potato chips and leftover burgers in the kitchen. There's a glow inside the house. No music, but laughter. Old stories are retold about karaoke nights gone awry and summers at the Jersey Shore. When midnight strikes, Jill notices something isn't quite right.

"Where the heck is Jimmy?" she asks. "He's the toast of this damn thing!"

Soon the door swings open. It's Jimmy, and he's wearing one of his signature nylon tracksuits that leaves him perpetually sweaty. "I'm sorry, I'm sorry," he huffs. "I had to drive Uncle Tic home."

"It took that long?" Jill asks.

"It's late! It's dark!" he says. "I had to make sure he got in OK." Consider it part of Tomsula's code: When someone gives you a car, the least you can do is make sure he always has a ride. And this too: he downs



a beer and devours an Italian hoagie with the urgency of a two-minute drill. Then he goes about working the room with salami-and-suds-doused breath, doling kisses and pats on the back.

“We did great work today,” he says. “I love you people.” He grabs another beer. “Really, I love you people.”

Tomsula’s mother, Betty Jo, beams with pride.

“Folks in San Francisco or around the country might say this or that about Jim Tomsula the football coach,” she says, “but I know this is the real him.”



Jim Tomsula

The NFL Team That Is Solving Millennials

By Kevin Clark
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The San Francisco 49ers are getting ready for the fall, when they'll face their most daunting opponents. The Seattle Seahawks and the Arizona Cardinals come to mind. At the moment, however, they are preparing to face a force many find truly terrifying: millennials.

The 49ers coaching staff, led by new head coach Jim Tomsula, realized that they are dealing with the same problem as millions of parents, even if they are dealing with massive, athletic millionaires. The issue is how to relate to a generation—generally described as 18-to-34-year-olds—that has been raised on smartphones and instant information.

So the team consulted with experts ranging from Stanford University researchers to advertising executives to learn how, exactly, the young brain works.

As players arrived for voluntary workouts and minicamps this spring and summer, they noticed sweeping changes designed to cater to how research shows millennials learn. That means making concessions for people with shorter attention spans, a desire to multitask and, yes, a need to check their phones all the time.

Facing this new reality, the 49ers turned the typical meeting, which on some teams can go for as long as two hours, into 30-minute blocks, each followed by 10-minute breaks that allow players to do what young people do. That is, as Tomsula puts it, to “go grab your phone, do your multitasking and get your fix” before returning the meeting.

“The [experts] are telling me about attention spans and optimal learning,” he said. “I’m thinking, ‘My gosh, we sit in two-hour meetings. You are telling me after 27 minutes no one’s getting anything?’ ”

The bulk of the changes—from enhanced digital playbooks to weekly briefings on social media—have a common theme. Instead of the coaches making millennials change, the coaches are changing to better work with the millennials, even if that means allowing some necessary evils.

“You’d hate to think someone would want to bring a phone in and text in a meeting...but that’s what you’re facing,” running-backs coach and former 49ers fullback Tom Rathman said of the youngest generation of NFL players. “So Jimmy is doing a great job giving them enough time to do all that stuff so they don’t want to bring it into a meeting.”

Another change involves sending alerts to players’ calendars instead of a printed schedule. Coaches were fearful of this move at first. In football, missing a meeting is a grave offense; now you’re introducing the chance that a technological bug could cause a player to miss one? But after a few weeks of meetings, which are used in the NFL to discuss strategy and review film, that concern has proved unfounded. No one has missed anything.

The changes might seem simple to outsiders, but in the fiercely conservative world of pro football, they represent a culture change. “We haven’t handed out a piece of paper to a player this year and they love it,” Tomsula said.

The 49ers, whose average age last season was 25.2 years, have a locker room of typical millennials, at least in their interests. Tight end Vance McDonald, 25, spent the off-season binge-listening to “Serial,” a popular podcast. Eli Harold, a 21-year-old rookie linebacker, plays so much of the soccer videogame FIFA that he put his online gamer username on Twitter so that fans could challenge him.



The coaches say that they have learned more about technology from players than they thought possible. The biggest advancement, defensive-line coach Scott Brown said, is that the younger players have been raised in an NFL where practice tape can be downloaded to tablets before meetings, meaning every piece of information is available to them at all times. That is compounded, Tomsula said, by new playbooks with video clips of plays attached to the drawing of the play—a benefit to visual learners and those in tune with tablets and smartphones.

“This is what they expect, instant information,” quarterbacks coach Steve Logan said.

Tomsula sat in a panel at the league meetings this year that featured, among others, NFL chief marketing officer Dawn Hudson, who previously worked as an executive at PepsiCo Inc. The panel mostly focused on marketing to children, but Tomsula was enthralled by the details on how younger brains work. The youngest generation—those born since the mid-1990s, known as Generation Z—are on five screens of media at a time and communicate in images, not texts. Attention spans can last as little as eight seconds. Tomsula joked that he was devastated to learn that texting was “prehistoric.”

Tomsula said that he is in a meeting a week learning about new apps and technologies that his players might be involved with. The 49ers’ video department briefs him on how to use technology. This is all in an effort to not curtail the use of technology but “to make sure you can utilize it and make it a good thing,” Rathman said.

As he and his staff learned more about the topic, they met to discuss potential changes. Special-teams coach Thomas McGaughey Jr. said he had realized the long, uninterrupted meetings had become “counterproductive” and that the 30-minute blocks are helping. But the biggest change, McGaughey said, involved learning new teaching styles. “You have to be quick and get to the point,” he said.

Not everyone wants these breaks. In position-group meetings, Logan, the quarterbacks coach, said he offers the break to his players, including 27-year-old starter Colin Kaepernick. “Every 30 minutes I say, ‘You want to take a break?’ and they rarely do,” Logan said. “They want to go go go.”

The task now is to keep up with the learning curve, coaches say. “Our whole lives, we’ve gone with a paper and pad,” Tomsula said. “Next week, a young person’s phone will be outdated. We decided we have to be on top of that.”

But personally, Tomsula is still the same 47-year-old guy. “I’m like, ‘Well, I still need my piece of paper.’”



Jim Tomsula

Jim Tomsula, Erik Pears Share NFL Europe Roots

By Tyler Emerick
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Erik Pears and Jim Tomsula may only be a few months into their player-coach relationship, but their history dates back nearly a decade and spans halfway across the globe.

After going undrafted in 2005 out of Colorado State, Pears spent his rookie season on the Denver Broncos practice squad. The following spring, the offensive lineman was assigned to play in NFL Europe for the Cologne Centurions.

That year, Pears' team, which included former 49ers special teams ace Bubba Ventrone, faced off twice against the Rhein Fire – coached by none other than Tomsula himself.

When Pears visited the San Francisco 49ers facility as a free agent earlier this offseason, the lineman and coach bonded over their international experience.

“He mentioned it. It was a good little connection there,” Pears told 49ers.com last week. “I remember playing that team, and I can still remember seeing him and thinking, ‘That’s a crazy dude right there.’”

For what it’s worth, Tomsula holds all bragging rights as his Fire won both meetings.

“We’ve had a couple of good laughs about it,” Tomsula said. “It was a cool deal.”

Tomsula has often spoke fondly of his time in Europe, crediting the experience for much of his success in the NFL coaching ranks. Pears has a similar appreciation for his season abroad.

“Honestly, it was some of the most fun football I’ve played,” Pears said. “I grew up in Denver, played at Colorado State and immediately went down to the Broncos.

“I had never really left the state of Colorado, so it was awesome to get out on my own and do my own thing. The football aspect helped a ton with just getting some more experience.”

When Pears returned stateside after the summer in Germany, he made the Broncos 53-man roster out of training camp and went on to start 10 games that season.

Now eight years later, Pears will look to compete for a starting job on the 49ers offensive line after signing a two-year deal with the team in March. Pears started 16 games at right tackle for the Buffalo Bills in 2013 and 16 games at right guard in 2014.

“I love the guy,” Tomsula said. “He’s one of those family guys that has that toughness and doesn’t say much. Just when you talk to him, you feel like he gets it.

“That guy 11 years ago was in NFL Europe. And here he is. That guy has lined up and played tackle in this league. He’s played guard, too. That guy’s a neat dude.”



Eric Mangini

Mangini in the Middle

By Jenny Vrentas
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Eric Mangini was a defensive coordinator at age 34, a first-time head coach at 35 and fired from his second head-coaching gig at 39. Where do you go from there? For Mangini, the answer was working his way back into the NFL as a senior offensive consultant for the 49ers in 2013—a chance to work on the other side of the ball—followed by a season as San Francisco's tight ends coach. Now, a decade after his first coordinator job, with the Patriots, he's returned to that seat again as the Niners' defensive coordinator under new coach Jim Tomsula. After the team's veteran minicamp, Mangini talked to The MMQB about what his experiences have taught him and about how he's retooling a defense that lost stalwarts Patrick Willis and Justin Smith and rising star Chris Borland all in one offseason.

VRENTAS: Before Jim Tomsula asked you to be his defensive coordinator, had you given any thought to returning to the role soon?

MANGINI: Yeah, it was something I wanted to do. When I came to San Francisco, just in talking to Jim [Harbaugh] about the [offensive consultant] job, I thought it would be really interesting to spend some time on offense, to sit in the meetings, to be able to sit in the booth, to go through the game-planning, to see and hear what caused problems from the other side, and challenge myself by doing something I hadn't done in 15 years. I started on offense in Cleveland and Baltimore, but it had been a while. That was the thought process. Also, the idea of coaching the tight ends last year—that was out of my comfort zone, but I thought it would be great experience for when I did go back to defense. And it has been.

VRENTAS: What's something you learned from being part of offensive game-planning that will help you on the other side of the ball?

MANGINI: It's interesting, when you sit in the meetings and talk about the running game or talk about protections, to hear how some things defensively create problems for the offense. It may be the shade of a defensive lineman, how much of a problem a slight shade can create, and how much of a conversation that can create for the offense. It's really not that big a deal to us on defense, but it's really interesting to hear what a big deal it is to you on offense. Thinking back to those meetings, I was making sure, when I go back to defense, that we create those conversations for opposing coaches.

VRENTAS: It's been a decade since you've been a defensive coordinator. What about the job is different now from what it was in 2005?

MANGINI: The offseason is pretty different, because with the new rules, in the first part of the program you can't actually have any routes run against you. You can't have any plays run against you. And so much of defense is adjustments and then reaction. We could get the adjustment component with a walkthrough, but you couldn't go through with the guys and take that time and teach pattern reads with routes or teach the fits in the run game. All that had to be from tape.

The typical offseason program in the past gave you a lot more time leading into OTAs to get things the way you want to see them and to teach at a slower tempo. This year we went from adjustments to competition against the offense in OTAs. While the offense can run its routes, run its plays, and they've all got designed spots based on the calls, we didn't have any of that until OTAs. That was interesting—that transition from walkthrough to reaction.

VRENTAS: How do you respond as a coordinator when your defense loses Willis, Justin Smith and Borland all to retirement in the same offseason?



MANGINI: As much as there have been guys who have retired or left for whatever reason, we also have a lot of guys coming back from injuries. NaVorro Bowman [torn knee ligaments in January 2014] is back. So are Ian Williams [minor leg fracture in November last season] and Glenn Dorsey [missed 2014 with a torn biceps]. So there are quality players who weren't part of last year's defense in a significant way or who missed significant time. Those guys are coming back, which is great. That gets a little bit lost in the whole conversation.

VRENTAS: How have you melded your defensive playbook between your ideas, the system Vic Fangio ran with this team last season, Tomsula's ideas, etc.?

MANGINI: I have always seen playbooks the same way: It's a living, breathing thing that evolves each year. Every time some new ideas come into the system, they become part of our playbook, the 49ers playbook. It was the same thing when I was in New England [as defensive backs coach beginning in 2000]. We did things a certain way, then Rob Ryan came into the system and we incorporated elements of the 46 and things that were from that family tree. We did the same thing here. We have three other guys on the staff [Tim Lewis, Clancy Pendergast and Jason Tarver] who were former NFL defensive coordinators. During the offseason we looked at the calls we had, the ways we wanted to play, and talked about how we wanted to play the different calls to get the answer we thought best fit us.

From my perspective, it's good because you hear so many different ideas, and all those guys have been coordinators and have had to deal with the problems of the job. So they've got great perspective. Why did you do it this way, and why did you find it to be effective? We have great conversations, saying, I think this is the best way to go, let's see how it works, and if not, we can default to this way. On a lot of staffs, only one person has been a coordinator, and there are younger guys who are just position coaches, so you don't necessarily get the same infusion of ideas.

VRENTAS: Your head coach is also a defensive guy. Will you call the defensive plays?

MANGINI: Yeah, I'll call the plays. There's always the head coach's prerogative, just like I had when I was head coach. There are certain things he wants at a certain time, and that's no problem.

VRENTAS: How has your defensive philosophy changed since the last time you were a coordinator?

MANGINI: Drawing from the experience of the past two years, and bringing that in. Being on offense, I got to watch a lot of defense. Every week I was watching defensive tape. It was a good look at trends in the league, the things that are effective, and that's another part of the evolution of the playbook. Things become in vogue offensively. I remember when empty formations first came out. That was the rage, and then you had the Wildcat quarterback, and then you had the Pistol. On defense it was the zone blitz that Pittsburgh started back in the day, and then press quarters. There are always different systems that come in, both offensively and defensively, and become a trend. My general defensive philosophy—to be flexible enough to react to whatever we have to deal with, to having a solid core we can always default back to—is still in place. And then you hear about being game-plan specific. Sometimes that's just a catch phrase, but I grew up that way defensively, and I believe in that, where each week we are going to have challenges we have to deal with, and we have to have the tools and flexibility both physically and mentally to get that done in a very short time frame. So I'm a big believer in building flexibility into the defense, too.

VRENTAS: What trends did you observe while studying opposing defenses the past two years?

MANGINI: Typically what happens is, whoever wins the Super Bowl, people will emulate that defense. Seattle has had an impact on a lot of teams around the league with the things they do. We saw them twice a year, and they do what they do really well. There are definitely huge advantages to some of the stuff they do. You won't necessarily adopt that, but you adopt elements of that. There are other teams that are really effective at blitzing and creating pressure, and you look at it and say, What makes them effective, what do they do well, what's been the biggest challenge for offenses that face them? Let's see if we can take components of that and do that well.



VRENTAS: You have had an interesting career arc in that you were a head coach at a very young age and now you are working your way back up again. How have you reinvented yourself as a coach the past few years?

MANGINI: Nothing really prepares you for that experience of being a head coach. You go through and make a ton of mistakes, and you learn from your mistakes, and you take the time to sit back and say, OK, when I get the next opportunity, what do I want to do differently? It's also a function of watching other coaches. I got a chance to see the way Jim Harbaugh coached, and to see how Jim Tomsula is approaching it. You take different things away from it. It really is like anything else—when you see ideas work that are different from what you've been raised on, you start to incorporate those into your approach and philosophy. At the end of the day, though, the biggest thing I've learned is you've just got to do things that fit your personality, your voice, and be authentic.

VRENTAS: Are you hoping to be a head coach again?

MANGINI: I think that's every coach's eventual goal is to do that. That's definitely something I'd want to do again.

VRENTAS: How have you tried to be a resource to Jim as he navigates being a first-time head coach?

MANGINI: The biggest goal I have is to try to keep problems off his plate when I can. I know as a head coach I always appreciated coaches who limited the amount of problems I had to deal with on a daily basis. That has huge value. He has so many things on his plate and so many different areas that need his time and attention. I want to make sure my area isn't one of them. If I can help in any way or provide insight in any way, that's what I am going to do. But outside of that, I'm not going to try to push any philosophies or approaches that I had. It's more important to just be there to help him in whatever way he needs on whatever time frame he needs it.

VRENTAS: How would you describe your vision for the 49ers defense this season?

MANGINI: Ideally, it's sound, disciplined, tough, physical, aggressive and smart.



Eric Mangini

Eric Mangini Q&A: 49ers new DC on finding his 'own voice'

By Eric Branch
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As the 49ers defensive coordinator, Eric Mangini will incorporate plenty of ideas from his legendary mentors: Patriots coach Bill Belichick and Hall of Famer Bill Parcells.

In his latest coaching role, however, Mangini will make sure to also incorporate his own voice when communicating with players.

Mangini, 44, the 49ers tight ends coach last year, hasn't had such a high-profile position since his last season as the head coach of the Browns in 2010. He was fired after his two-year tenure in Cleveland featured a pair of 5-11 seasons. He previously went 23-25 as the head coach of the Jets from 2006-08. What did he learn from his humbling head-coaching stints?

"I think the biggest thing is that you've got to speak in your own voice," Mangini said last month. "I had very strong football fathers in Bill Parcells and Bill Belichick and they do things a certain way that works really well for them. There's a lot of things I firmly believe in that they do that I did.

"But I tried to do it in their voice and I should have just done it my way. You take those good ideas and you use them, but you have to do it in the style that's consistent with your personality."

Mangini, the youngest head coach in the NFL (35) when the Jets hired him, went from "Mangenius" to man in a studio after leaving Cleveland. He spent 2011-12 as an ESPN analyst before he joined the 49ers as an offensive consultant in 2013. He's now a defensive coordinator for the first time since his one-season stint in that role with the Patriots in 2005, which was preceded by five seasons as New England's secondary coach.

When asked how he failed to use his own voice during his head-coaching tenure, Mangini said he was too "rigid." He acknowledged he could have dealt better with the media, and that presumably extended to his players.

Former NFL tight end Nate Jackson painted an unflattering portrait of Mangini in his memoir "Slow Getting Up." Jackson, who spent about a week with the Browns in August 2009, described Mangini as a hard-driving, morale-killer.

When I asked about Jackson's characterization, Mangini, who said he hadn't read the book, jokingly made tentative plans to pick up a copy.

"Maybe that will be summer reading," he said. "Something light on the beach."

Here's the transcript from a conversation with Mangini last month that also included Janie McCauley of the Associated Press:

As a longtime defensive coach what was it like last year coaching tight ends?

EM: It was weird. I coached offense when I first got in the league. So when I was first in Cleveland (in 1995) with Bill (Belichick), I was a coaching assistant and I was with offense, with the quarterbacks. Then I was an offensive assistant with (current Iowa head coach) Kirk Ferentz with the O-line (with the Ravens in 1996). That experience was great for me ... It was huge when I went over to defense because you understand protections, you understand route combinations, you understand quarterbacks reads. That was a big thing in the New England system. You start young guys on one side of the ball and then you flip



them (to the other side) so they have that background. So when I had the chance to do it at this point in my career (with the 49ers), I really wanted to.

I had sat in the meetings as a head coach and gotten some perspective of it. But I wasn't in all the game-plan meetings. So to do that and actually coach a position? Totally out of my comfort zone. But I had a great group. What a pleasure to coach those guys. So it was fun and it does give you a renewed perspective on what causes problems.

I'd sit in offensive meetings sometimes where we'd talk about technique by a defensive player for 15 minutes and in the back of my mind I'm thinking 'Man, we really don't care on defense that much about where a guy is shaded, but when I go back to defense I'm going to make sure they line up there. Because I want some other person to sit in this meeting this long talking about this detail. So that part was really good.

In your only season as a defensive coordinator, the Patriots weren't great statistically, but you dealt with a lot of injuries. What was that experience like? (New England ranked 26th in yards allowed in 2005, but used 23 defensive starters, including 13 at the four spots in the secondary. In answering this question, however, I think Mangini was talking about 2004 when he was the Patriots secondary coach).

EM: I felt like we always had a lot of guys in and out on defense. We moved Troy Brown over to defensive back. Troy was a 12-year veteran at wide receiver. He'd never played any defense. We moved him to play the inside-slot position in training camp. He played, I think, 240 snaps and had the highest numbers of balls defended. He was close on interceptions. He had never played defense. That year we also had to take Don Davis, he was a sub-linebacker, he had to play safety in a game. Another guy who was like a street free agent - we got him on a Wednesday - he had to play.

So one game it was Troy Brown playing inside, the guy we got on Wednesday playing outside at corner, Don Davis playing safety, another rookie free agent we had during camp, he was at the other corner ... It was fun though. I mean, it was a little stressful during the game. But we won. We beat the Rams (40-22). It was great. It's one of those coaching experiences where you look back and you think 'I'm going to remember this forever.' And they're going to remember it forever, too.

Those situations obviously stretch you as coach ...

EM: Yeah, taking an offensive player and moving him to defense at that point in his career, that was a really good experience. Because you have to relate things to things that he does. But all that mixing and matching. In one Super Bowl, we had both (starting safeties) Rodney Harrison and Eugene Wilson go down and we were playing with backup safeties late in the game. They were core special-teams guys. With things like that, you earn your money and learn a lot.

When you first got here you were candid about the fact that you'd like to be a head coach again. What did you learn from your head-coaching stints?

EM: There's a ton of stuff that I've learned. I think the biggest thing is that you've got to speak in your own voice. I had very strong football fathers in Bill Parcells and Bill Belichick and they do things a certain way that works really well for them. There's a lot of things I firmly believe in that they do that I did. But I tried to do it in their voice and I should have just done it my way. You take those good ideas and you use them, but you have to do it in the style that's consistent with your personality.

That was probably one of the biggest lessons that I learned. You're going to make a ton of mistakes throughout that process and I've talked to plenty of new head coaches about that. You go in with an expectation that it's going to be one way and things can dramatically change daily. And you have to have the ability to adjust to that. There's a laundry list of things I learned the first time, and even the second. You go through it, you experience it. Looking back on it, even seeing other head coaches operate now, there's things that I like and I'll incorporate if I do it again.

What kind of guidance have you given to Jim Tomsula? Is he leaning on you a lot?



EM: Well, (ex-NFL head coach) Tony (Sparano) is here, too, and he's very valuable. But it could be day-to-day stuff where he might have a question. I also know that as a head coach you're so busy that it's hard to allocate a lot of time for different things. So I try to make sure that I can make life as easy as possible for him. The things that were challenges for me as a head coach, I want to make sure I'm not presenting those challenges to him as a head coach. I work really hard to do that. My main focus is to be a resource. So if he needs anything, has a question and I can help, I'm happy to. But it's also important for Jim to do things Jim's way. That's the lesson I learned.

You mentioned learning to have your own voice and not speak like Parcells or Belichick. Is that in the way you present things to players? Your tone?

EM: The best example, I think, when you're dealing with your kids - do you ever say things that your parents said to you to them? I think it's kind of the same thing when you're coaching the team. I know with my kids, I'll say stuff that my dad said to me and I probably didn't love that my dad said it to me. But I'm saying the same thing? And it's a little bit like that with any experience. You hear that voice, you know how well that system works, but now you have to use your perspective. So I was definitely too rigid with certain things.

Like what?

EM: Probably dealing with the media. A little rigid there. I don't know if you heard that. I think I had done one press conference (as an assistant) because the coordinators didn't have to talk (weekly) at that point. So I did one press conference during training camp and there were about three people there - they must have all gone out to lunch when I showed up. And then my next press conference was in the auditorium in front of the New York media (as head coach of the Jets). There were like 50 cameras - I could have been better prepared for that. That was a totally different experience.

Working as an analyst at ESPN for two years, did that you give you a better insight into the media?

EM: Yeah. I got a lot of insight. You hear the conversations. I sat in the room watching games with everyone at ESPN that covers games. It was interesting to hear their perspective. One of the things I wanted to do when I was there was not tell anybody what to think. Just say 'OK, this is what happened. You can agree with it or disagree with it, but this was the thought process.' Instead of directing it one way or the other.

What's your reaction to the retirement of three defensive players in the offseason and how are you prepared to deal with those losses?

EM: Every offseason that I've been part of there's huge changes. And sometimes it's free agency. Sometimes it's retirements. Sometimes it's things you can never anticipate or plan for. But there has been really good depth built up here. There are guys with a lot of playing time due to injuries. And we have guys that were injured last season that are coming back that weren't a part of the defense last season. And really good, quality players. That's been exciting.

And getting out here and working with the guys, and learning about the guys and spending time with the guys, has been really good. I know all of them because I've been here for two years, but it's different. You don't interact with them the same way when (you're not the defensive coordinator). I'm sure you're going to outline everything about your scheme ...

EM: Yeah, I was going to bring a playbook up here ...

... but players have indicated there will be more pressure, a wider variety of looks that what they had in the past under Vic (Fangio). In general terms, is that an accurate assessment?

EM: One of the things I believe in defensively is you have your core things that you do and you do really well. But you have to be in a position to build in flexibility. And I've called games where we've blitzed 30



times and I've called games where we've blitzed three times. I've always been a big believer -- and I've been raised defensively -- to be game-plan specific.

I know that term gets thrown out a lot, but it's identifying 'OK, what can we attack? What do we have to stop?' And having enough flexibility within the system to get those things done. Because Week 1 is going to be dramatically different from Week 2 and right on down the line. To say, we're going to be, percentage-wise, one way or the other, I couldn't tell you. It will kind of evolve based on the opponents. Vic was known for his blitzes when he came here, but he didn't do it as much because he was getting enough pressure with a standard rush. Do you have to feel out your defense a little as well to figure things out?

EM: I think that's a great point. That's a perfect example of what I'm talking about. You might go in saying 'Hey, we need to pressure this much,' but when you pressure it ends up hurting you and it's not worth doing. If you can pressure with four and you don't need to add bodies to get to the quarterback? There's real value in that, too, to keep guys back in coverage.

I read Nate Jackson's book "Slow Getting Up" and he is not complimentary of you at all ...

EM: I've never read Nate Jackson's book.

Have you ever come across any excerpts? You are not portrayed in the greatest light ...

EM: I didn't know he wrote a book ... Maybe that will be summer reading. Something light on the beach. I don't think that's a good idea.

EM: OK (laughs). I'll get to some other books.



Eric Mangini

49ers DC Eric Mangini Talks Philosophy, Defensive Personnel Changes

By Tyler Emerick
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More than a few eyebrows were raised when the San Francisco 49ers announced that Eric Mangini would be the defensive coordinator on Jim Tomsula's staff.

Not because Mangini was at all underqualified or undeserving. Mangini's defensive coaching roots run deep. He won three Super Bowls with the New England Patriots as a defensive assistant and translated that success into two head-coaching opportunities (New York Jets and Cleveland Browns).

No, the initial double-take occurred because Mangini had just finished a pair of seasons as the 49ers tight ends coach, and such a move from one side of the ball to a high-ranking position on the other is rare in the NFL.

But then again, a football mind like Mangini's is probably just as uncommon. He didn't earn the nickname "Mangeniuss" for nothing.

When asked about his two years as an offensive assistant on Friday afternoon after the 49ers wrapped up their three-day minicamp, Mangini hinted that, at times, he almost felt like he was undercover.

For the first time in his career, the veteran defensive coach got to see the detailed inner workings of how an offensive staff prepares each week.

"It was great to sit in those meetings and hear what their problems are," Mangini said. "You realize what creates a ton of discussion. You see what's going to give them headaches when they're getting ready to gameplan."

Now back on the defensive side, Mangini said that he is a more well-rounded coach because of the experience. And what did he learn that he's now applying to the 49ers defense?

"One of the things that I believe in defensively is you have your core things that you do really well but you have to be in a position to be flexible," Mangini said. "As a play-caller, I've called games where we blitzed 30 times, and I've called games where we blitzed three times.

"I've always been a big believer to be game-plan specific. It's identifying what we can attack and what we have to stop. Then you have to have enough flexibility in the system to get those things done. So we'll evolve as the opponents go."

Something that will be a priority in Mangini's system is disguising coverages.

"If good quarterbacks know what you're in, there's always something in a pattern that can beat that coverage," Mangini said. "So I'm a big believer in making an offense make post-snap decisions, so that they have to react."

New 49ers Coaching Staff's First Offseason

Mangini, who hasn't decided yet whether he'll stand on the sideline or in the press box during games this fall, will have to deal with the losses from last year's fifth-ranked defense, which no longer has the services of Patrick Willis, Justin Smith, Chris Borland, Chris Culliver, Perrish Cox and Ray McDonald.

The good news is that Mangini's 3-4 scheme is similar to what former defensive coordinator Vic Fangio ran. So the players who are left from last year's roster fit solidly into Mangini's mold.



“Every offseason that I’ve been a part of there have been huge changes,” Mangini said. “Sometimes it’s free agency, sometimes its retirement, sometimes it’s things you can never plan for.”

“But there has been really good depth built up here. If anything, the look and feel of the players is very consistent with what I’ve always had. (General manager) Trent (Baalke) and I were together in New York a long time ago with the Jets. So we share philosophically on what a lineman should look like, what a linebacker should look like and so on.”

As for his relationship with Tomsula, Mangini, who is one of two former NFL head coaches (Tony Sparano) on the staff, said he has been a sounding board during the early portions of Tomsula's first year at the reins of the franchise.

“I try to make life as easy as possible for him so that things that were challenges to me as a head coach, I want to make sure I’m not presenting those challenges to him,” Mangini said. “My main focus is to be a resource, so if he needs anything or has a question, I’m happy to. But it’s also important for Jim to do things his way. That’s a lesson I learned.”

**Scott Brown****49ers' new defensive-line coach an NFL rookie at 63**

By Eric Branch
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After two back surgeries and 36 years mentoring college players in the defensive trenches, Scott Brown, 63, thought his football-coaching days were over.

But a funny thing happened in the midst of his life without a whistle.

Brown and his wife, Pam, were enjoying dinner this past winter with another couple at Bisetti's, an Italian restaurant in Fort Collins, Colo. Brown was employed as a 49ers scout and didn't consider that a mid-meal phone call from recently named head coach Jim Tomsula would have life-changing implications.

But Brown stepped into the subzero night to talk and quickly warmed to the idea Tomsula proposed: Yes, he was interested in becoming a 63-year-old NFL rookie.

"When this happened it was like, 'What the ... is this real?'" the 49ers' first-year defensive-line coach said this week.

It is real.

And a bit unusual.

Brown is the 49ers' oldest and most experienced coach, but his 36-year career has been spent at seven colleges, primarily as a defensive-line coach.

Now, he's making his NFL coaching debut and replacing Tomsula, who was regarded as one of the league's top position coaches. Brown inherits a position group that might be the 49ers' deepest, a unit that includes three former undrafted free agents — Ian Williams, Tony Jerod-Eddie and Mike Purcell — who have flourished under Tomsula's tutelage.

Has he ever considered his new job a bit daunting?

"Yes," Brown said. "You'd walk away saying I was full of it if I answered that question any differently. You're talking about guys that this is how they earn their living. They're not college kids. They put a lot into it. ... Don't think for a minute I don't lose sleep at night wanting to make sure that I'm doing and saying the right things."

What Brown said to Tomsula about defensive-line play over the years earned him the job. Tomsula had initially admired Brown's coaching from afar: Tomsula had been intrigued by the techniques Brown's players at Colorado State and Arizona State used when he was studying video of college prospects before the draft.

Then, the coaches connected in person in 2012 when Brown was hired as a 49ers scout, a career change prompted by his health.

Brown and the rest of the staff at Arizona State had been fired after the 2011 season and he needed a second back surgery, a procedure that would prevent him from coaching for at least a year. Brown took it as a sign. He was an ex-coach. And when he accepted general manager Trent Baalke's offer to become a 49ers scout, he resolved to honor his commitment to the organization.

As a scout, Brown attended the team's training-camp practices and was often around the facility in the spring before the draft. As a result, two defensive-line junkies spent hours talking about the trenches.



"It seemed like every night we ended up by a projector just talking football," Tomsula said. "He wasn't thinking about coaching and it was, 'What you think about this,' and we'd just go back and forth talking about football.

"Frankly, when (I became the head coach), it was a no-brainer. I liked the stuff he was doing, and he liked the stuff I was doing. Talking about the D-line now, I want to keep doing some of the stuff I firmly believe in. But I want to expand that and improve in these areas that I wasn't as good at."

This could, of course, be an uncomfortable dynamic, with Brown looking over his shoulder at Tomsula, who had his job from 2007-14.

Tomsula is aware of the potential for awkwardness, and has taken pains to ensure that Brown is empowered. During offseason practices, he's avoided the defensive-line group during position drills because he doesn't want players, by force of habit, looking at him for instructions.

"Most coaches in this position would dread following a guy with Jim's history and his reputation," said Brown. "I've never looked over my shoulder one day since I've been here. He's been unbelievably supportive."

Brown admits he's learning on the job. He's leaned on defensive-line assistant Aubrayo Franklin, 34, a first-year coach and former 49ers nose guard who spent four seasons with Tomsula during his 11-year career. And Brown doesn't hesitate to say he solicits input from his players, many of whom have spent several seasons in the system.

"Coach Brown came in and I think he had the right approach," Jerod-Eddie said. "He doesn't act like he knows it all. He always wants input from us. He wants us to talk to him. He tells us all the time, 'Remember, I'm learning from y'all as much as y'all are learning from me.'"

Brown hasn't had to learn this: He loves coaching.

He missed his old job when he was scouting, which made the unexpected call from Tomsula a cause for celebration. On Wednesday, Brown, sitting on a bench after an afternoon practice, reflected on the evening his dinner was interrupted.

"The couple with us," he said, "it was their turn to buy, so it was a good night."



Aubrayo Franklin

Aubrayo Franklin Enjoying Smooth Transition from Player to Coach

By Tyler Emerick
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After Aubrayo Franklin wrapped up his playing career with the Indianapolis Colts in 2013, he took a year off from football to enjoy retirement.

Soon thereafter, the 11-year defensive lineman felt the itch to return to the NFL in some capacity. Earlier this offseason, an opportunity for Franklin to do just that presented itself when the San Francisco 49ers hired Jim Tomsula as their head coach.

Tomsula coached Franklin on the 49ers defensive line for four seasons from 2007-10, helping the nose tackle to his most productive season in 2009 when he recorded 36 tackles, three pass deflections, two sacks and one interception.

With a strong working relationship in place, Tomsula and Franklin had mutual interest in the former player joining the new 49ers new coaching staff.

Franklin's official title with the 49ers is defensive assistant, but he's working solely with San Francisco's defensive line under position coach Scott Brown.

"You always want to be close to the game," Franklin told 49ers.com last week. "So since I'm not physically able to do it any more, this is the closest I can get. I feel like if I can give back and give some of these guys some pointers to help them out in their careers, I'm all for it.

"And it's been going pretty smooth so far. Being with Jimmy as a player, and now coming back, it's basically the same."

So how has the foray into the coaching ranks gone thus far? San Francisco's current roster actually includes six former teammates of Franklin: Joe Staley, Alex Boone, Vernon Davis, Ahmad Brooks, Shareece Wright and Antoine Bethea.

"It's different. As a player, you're preparing for yourself, not the whole group," Franklin said. "Being a former player brings a different aspect to it because I've been on the other side. I know how a player will learn and it's a great group of guys to work with."

One player Franklin is excited to teach is Arik Armstead. The 49ers first-round pick missed OTAs and veteran minicamp due to an NFL rule, but Franklin said Armstead showed great potential during rookie minicamp in May.

"From Day 1 to Day 2, he looked really good and looked like he was taking strides," Franklin said. "I'm looking forward to working with the kid. He has a great attitude so far, and he's eager to learn."

As for Franklin's aspirations in his new career path, the 34-year-old would like to eventually move up the coaching ladder. For now though, he's focused on the basics.

"As an entry-level coach, I'm just trying to take everything in," Franklin said. "But as the years progress, I want to learn about defense from different positions' perspectives and outlooks on the game. That would help me become more well-rounded."

**Steve Logan****New 49ers QB coach Steve Logan a teacher at heart**

By Paul Gutierrez
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Steve Logan's career path coming out of college had him becoming a teacher.

"I was going to teach physiology, at the collegiate level," Logan said Thursday, at the conclusion of the San Francisco 49ers' three-day minicamp.

Football, though, beckoned, and coaching became Logan's career of choice, with stops at the likes of Oklahoma State, Tulsa, Colorado, Mississippi State, East Carolina, Berlin, Rhein, Boston College and Tampa Bay over the past 35 years.

Thing is, he's continued to teach, and as the Niners' new quarterbacks coach, the 62-year-old Logan's lessons are imparted on his pupils in starter Colin Kaepernick, backup Blaine Gabbert and undrafted rookie Dylan Thompson.

"I have a great time coming to work," Logan said. "I have one of the best rooms anybody can ever ask for, attitude-wise. Colin and Blaine and Dylan Thompson ... all three of these kids come to work, they've studied the script the night before, they're prepared, they're eager.

"I have an absolute ball coming to work. It's a smart group of guys ... we're all learning from each other."

Kaepernick said the Niners have "cleaned up" a lot of the offensive miscues in the offseason training program under Logan and new O-coordinator Geep Chryst, who was promoted from Kaepernick's position coach by new head coach Jim Tomsula.

"Whether it's how we're running routes, the combinations we're running, the precision of running," Kaepernick said. "Things like that, where we put players in a better position to be able to make plays, to be able to use their athletic ability."

Said Logan: "There's an old saying in coaching that says, You will achieve what you emphasize."

Logan said it has been "fun to debrief" his QBs, pointing out Gabbert used to play for a coach in Jacksonville with whom Logan himself once worked with Greg Olson when both were with the Buccaneers.

In Santa Clara, though, it's about getting players to buy in ... on a relative stranger.

"If they don't know you, what's important is to prove to them you can give them something to help them become better at their craft," Logan said. "When you do that, they'll do anything for you...it keeps that relationship really strong.

"That's my approach to it. I think that's the kind of staff that Jimmy's hired."

Go ahead, call it a teachable moment.



Dres Anderson

Dres Anderson Proudly Represents Family Name

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Dres Flipper Anderson was born July 20, 1992 in Riverside, Calif. The son of a 10-year NFL veteran and Super Bowl champion, Dres (pronounced drezz), has more in common with his father than football. Dres' middle name is the nickname of his father, Willie Anderson, who battled the San Francisco 49ers on a yearly basis way before his son signed with his bitter rivals as an undrafted rookie this offseason.

Willie "Flipper" Anderson was a key cog in a high-powered Los Angeles Rams offense in the late 1980s and early 90s. Flipper was a vertical threat and a rangy receiver who was known to be a thorn in the side of the entire NFC West, even the star-studded 49ers. As a youngster, Willie's babysitter gave him the "Flipper" moniker because he used to cry like a dolphin.

But Flipper is coming around on San Francisco's football team these days. He's proudly following his sons every move on the 49ers mobile app, and they FaceTime almost daily. In those conversations, Flipper shares advice for how his son can make the most of his opportunities in his first shot in the NFL.

"He's such a good kid," Flipper says in a phone interview from his home in Suwanee, Ga. "I have the utmost confidence in Dres; in his ability and his personality, and the way he behaves. He's just a good kid. It's not fake. That's who he is. He's a good guy."

The mentoring father-son relationship is nothing new for the Anderson family. Flipper has been helping Dres follow in his footsteps throughout his son's time in football pads.

"Me and my dad talk probably every two days," Dres says. "I give him an update on how things are going, and he gives me tips about NFL life in general; how to conduct myself; what things to do."

RIVERSIDE WORKOUTS

There was probably only one player at John W. North High School who was mentored by two NFL wide receivers during his prep career – that would be the 22-year-old wideout who wears No. 6 for the 49ers.

Dres was fortunate to learn route-running techniques, strength and conditioning tips as well as nutrition advice from his father, plus his uncle, Paco Craig, who played one season in the league for the Detroit Lions in 1988. A field by the Anderson's Riverside home was the place where Dres began fine-tuning his precise routes and strong-handed receptions under the guidance of his father and mother's brother.

The attention to detail paid off for Dres, who was a three-star recruit by Rivals.com and earned a scholarship to play wide receiver at Utah. Nearly a decade later from those high-school workouts, Dres' position coaches with the 49ers notice the advantages that came along with being the son of an NFL player.

"You can tell he's been working with somebody," said Ronald Curry, the 49ers assistant wide receivers coach and NFL veteran of seven seasons with the Oakland Raiders. "He doesn't have the whole player's son-type vibe to him. He's just one of the guys, but you can tell he's polished in his route-running and he understands the game. You can tell he's been around it."

THE 336 CLUB

Flipper did something that Jerry Rice – or any NFL receiver for that matter – ever accomplished on the football field. On Nov. 26, 1989, Flipper caught 15 passes for a single-game league record of 336 yards.



Wow.

“That’s how I’m always remembered, for that one game,” says Flipper, who totaled 267 receptions for 5,357 receiving yards and 28 touchdowns for four different NFL franchises.

Flipper’s 25-year-old record in a 20-17 overtime road win over the New Orleans Saints is older than his son. But that hasn’t stopped Dres from appreciating the record’s magnitude.

“He never really talked to me that much about it,” says the 49ers rookie, “but I always saw posters and stuff about it. Anytime somebody talks to me about my dad, they bring up that game. I knew about it. He didn’t really have to talk to me that much about it.”

Flipper’s career-defining game (which lives on in YouTube infamy) actually occurred by happenstance. Rams veteran wideout Henry Ellard missed the game due to a leg injury, which opened the door for Flipper to give the Saints fits all game long, routinely beating defenders on crossing routes and deep sideline patterns.

“That night was a special night. I always tell people that I felt like Michael Jordan – I couldn’t miss,” Flipper says. “Everything that was thrown to me, I was catching. It wasn’t like they were trying to feed me or anything, it just happened within the flow of the game. I think I had four or five catches of over 50 yards and by the end of the game, they were telling me I broke the NFL record and it was very exciting.”

Flipper’s record was nearly broken in 2013 when Lions receiver Calvin “Megatron” Johnson put up 329 receiving yards against the Dallas Cowboys. Other than that, Flipper’s record hasn’t been threatened often, even in today’s pass-friendly NFL game. But if anyone were to break his ridiculous mark, Flipper has one name in mind.

“Once (Dres) got picked up by the 49ers, I’m like, ‘OK, the record is out there for you to break,’” Flipper says. “I’m glad it’s lasted this long. I think it was slated as one of the top five records in sports to never be broken, but if anyone were to break it, I’d love for Dres to break it. That would be a joy for me to see.”

VIVA LAS VEGAS

Dres arrived on Utah’s campus with the hype of being the son of a former NFL player. A year later, he began his ascent as a redshirt freshman in 2011. From there on, Dres, a team captain in 2014, seemingly added his name to every important wide-receiver-category in Utah’s record books. His 2,077 career receiving yards are fifth-most in school history. His seven, 100-yard receiving games are fourth-most and his 17 touchdown catches are tied for sixth-best.

In the Pac-12, Dres did what his father did to NFC West teams two decades prior. He became a play-making matchup nightmare. But before Dres ever became a featured player for a nationally-ranked football program, Flipper recalls that the most impressive moment of Dres’ collegiate career took place in a game in which he never even played.

The 2011 MAACO Bowl in Las Vegas, saw Boise State best Utah, 26-3. The Utes only mustered 200 yards in a one-sided contest, but Flipper couldn’t have cared less. Why? Because that was the first time he saw Dres in a college uniform.

Flipper’s son toiled prior to kick-off about dressing out for a bowl game at the end of the 2010 season, one in which he knew he wouldn’t see the field.

“I was so proud of Dres just to follow in my footsteps as a receiver,” Flipper says, before recalling a pre-game phone conversation. “He said, ‘Dad, should I dress or not?’ I said, ‘You need to dress and get the whole experience of being in the bowl game. Even though you’re not playing, you’ll be on the field and all that.’”

Looking back on it, Flipper was glad to see his son take heed to his suggestion.



“When I came to that game in Las Vegas and I saw him come running out with the team, it just sent goose pimples (through my body),” Flipper says. “I can’t explain it. He wasn’t even going to play, but I was like, ‘I can’t believe that’s my son out there getting ready to be out there with all those big guys.’”

“It wasn’t a game per se, (but) just seeing him out there I was just so proud.”

A RIVALRY RUNS DEEP

If Dres makes San Francisco’s 53-man roster – he’ll have to wait three weeks into the regular season to take part in his first NFC West battle (at Arizona Cardinals in Week 3), and seven weeks before facing his father’s NFL franchise (at St. Louis Rams in Week 8).

The Rams and 49ers have long been rivals, and that’s way before San Francisco and Seattle recently earned national attention for hard-nosed battles. The Rams and 49ers have been in the NFC West since 1970, making it the longest rivalry in the division.

As Flipper remembers it, the 49ers-Rams games were back-and-forth but mostly went in San Francisco’s favor as the franchise won three Super Bowls during his time with Los Angeles (1988-94).

“That was probably the most heated rivalry in the league at the time,” Flipper says. “When I first came into the league, we were probably the most prominent teams vying for playoff spots and trying to win the division. We never had the opportunity to win any, (Joe) Montana and San Francisco, those guys always beat us. But those rivalries were second to none in the league. Those were the times when Montana and Rice were at their best and it was just a tough game for us.”

Despite being on the losing side of many of those games, Flipper can fondly retell his first touchdown catch and 100-yard game. Both of those milestone-feats took place in an Oct. 1, 1989 road victory over the 49ers. Anderson caught four passes for 112 yards. His 65-yard touchdown grab from Jim Everett gave the Rams a 10-6 lead in a game in which they eventually won, 13-12.

DRAFT DAY ‘15

Leading up to the NFL Scouting Combine and draft, Dres was back on those same Riverside fields with Flipper. The route-running sessions were similar to the high-school-workouts, but they were much more critical this time around. Dres suffered a torn MCL last October in Utah’s seventh game of the 2014 season. At the time, he was the team’s leading receiver. The injury took place a year after Dres posted 53 catches for 1,002 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior for the Utes. The setback not only sidelined him for Utah’s quest to be Pac-12 South champs; it also caused Dres to not be one of the 256 players chosen in this year’s NFL Draft.

“Of course I felt bad for him that his name didn’t get called,” Flipper says, “but everyone has their own route. I told him, ‘There’s no special route to get to the NFL. Everybody has their own story. If there was one route, everyone would take it.’”

Dres didn’t let his draft-day slide trouble him after signing with San Francisco. If anything, the slight has pushed Dres to be one of the hungriest players on the roster. While his son works towards making the 49ers roster, Flipper has come to grips with his son donning rival colors.

“I’m here now,” Dres says, “so he has love for the Niners. At first he was like, ‘Oh, OK...’ He was a little iffy about it, but he’s riding with the Niners now. He knows it’s blood now, so he has to like it.”

Dres continued to tap into his dad’s knowledge throughout his time in San Francisco’s offseason program. Dres says the tips ranged from how to utilize proper stretching, post-practice cold-tub sessions, how to watch film and how to “critique yourself and make sure you’re bettering yourself so you see it before the coaches do.”



As for the MCL injury of last October, Dres' on-field speed is on par with the rest of his fellow receivers. Flipper even thinks the injury helped his son emphasize lower-leg workouts prior to embarking on an NFL career.

"If you go out there and rehab your legs as much and as hard as you can," Flipper says, "you're going to be even faster than you were before you had this knee situation. From what I see, it's taking place now. Even though he's doing well right now, I'm still thinking he has a lot more left to give."

MAKING THE SQUAD

Flipper lives in Georgia, but he's actively watching football in two states. He coaches up Dres' younger brother, Seth, at North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee. The former NFL wideout also referees Division-III basketball games for a good reason.

"It helps keep me in shape and keep my nice figure," says Flipper with a chuckle.

The Anderson's football tradition could very well continue in San Francisco. If Dres is to be one of the 53 players to make the 2015 49ers, it'll be because the Utah product has showcased his big-play ability just like his father did for the Rams.

Flipper has no qualms about where Dres is playing ball these days. He only wants to support his son. So while it might be a little challenging to ditch the Rams gear, Flipper has come to terms with where his football is looking to make a living.

"I'm all in," Flipper says. "If the 49ers able to take my son in, as the son of a former Ram and nemesis of the 49ers, I'm happy that they've taken my son in. I can't wait to get out there and sport the red and gold and support Dres with the 49ers."

Dres has less than two months to get ready for his first NFL training camp. He'll surely tap into his support network and get tips on how to prepare for his first pro camp from the man who has first-hand experience doing just that.

For now, Dres says he's looking forward to the opportunity to compete with a talented group of receivers on the 49ers roster led by Anquan Boldin and Torrey Smith. Dres is one of San Francisco's six rookie receivers who have their work cut out for them this offseason. He wants the Anderson name to be remembered for more than just his father's legacy. And that starts with him creating his own.

"I always get people telling me about him and how great he was," Dres says, "but he's always told me, 'Just be yourself. Don't try to be me, be better than me.' So that's what I've been striving to do."



Arik Armstead

49ers rookie Arik Armstead dreams for his brother and himself

By Eric Branch
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One year after his second heart attack forced him to retire from the NFL at 23, former New England defensive lineman Armond Armstead admits the past 12 months have been filled with ups and downs.

He is enjoying work at a real-estate development company in his native Sacramento, but acknowledges he has yet to find his next passion.

"I just take it day by day," Armstead said. "I have good days and bad days."

One of those good days came Saturday. Armstead traveled to Santa Clara and saw his little brother, Arik, 21, the 49ers' first-round pick, participate in his first NFL training-camp practice.

For Arik, it was the first step in an on-field journey his brother was denied. In some ways, however, Armond, whom Arik has termed his boyhood idol, will take the trip with him.

The brothers, who went to Pleasant Grove High in Elk Grove and Pac-12 schools, trained together in Sacramento during the offseason and stayed in touch when Arik, a fellow defensive tackle, reported to the 49ers last week. Modern technology allowed Armond to critique his brother's first practices with the team's fellow rookies.

Because of NFL rules, Arik is a bit behind this summer: He couldn't participate in the 49ers' offseason program because his school, Oregon, was still in session. Armond has helped him play catch-up.

"He has his own life and he's going through things, too, but he's always willing to help me whenever he has time," Arik said. "We'll watch film together. We'll break down our practices together. He's been helping me a lot.

"I'll show him stuff. I'll ask him questions. We got on FaceTime and I was able to ask him some things. ... He's been helping me a lot throughout my whole career, and he's continuing to do that."

Before Armond's medical issues began four years ago, it appeared he could be the first member of the family to be an NFL first-round pick. A Super Prep All-American, he started 17 games in his first three seasons at USC before he suffered a heart attack in March 2011. He was forced to sit out the season and later sued the school, alleging his heart attack was triggered by 11 doses of the painkiller Toradol given to him by the medical staff during his junior season. (He reached a settlement with USC.)

He played in the Canadian Football League in 2012 and the Patriots signed him a year later following his six-sack, all-star season with the Toronto Argonauts. However, he was forced to retire in July 2014 before he could take an NFL snap; an infection sidelined him in 2013 and he subsequently had a second heart attack.

Arik has said he wants to succeed for his older brother. Is that added pressure for the 15th overall pick already eager to prove wrong the analysts who've termed him an NFL project? Armond isn't worried.

"I think when he says that, he says it as a compliment to me — but he plays for so much more than one person," Armond said. "He plays for his Lord and savior, he plays for his family, he plays for the city that he's from and he plays because he wants to be great. He can handle the pressure. He was a five-star recruit. He always had to follow in my footsteps and answer questions about whether he'd be better than his big brother."



If Arik doesn't succeed, it appears it won't be because of a lack of effort. Defensive lineman Glenn Dorsey, 30, has been struck by Armstead's desire: After practice Saturday night, he was the lone player to remain on the field for wind sprints.

"He's excited about working," Dorsey said. "When he did get here, he worked with everybody. After workouts, he did extra. He's excited about it."

The same could be said for Armond, who plans to attend every 49ers home game this season. Will Arik be on the field, or watching from the sideline? Armond isn't making predictions, but he's eager to take the trip with his brother.

"Everyone has had their time to say different things, good, bad or indifferent, but this is training camp now and he has the opportunity to show people if he's going to be a guy to look at today, or in a couple of years," he said. "It's really up to Arik. I think he'll be just fine."



Arik Armstead

Brotherly bond: 49ers' Armstead eager to start NFL career his sibling was denied

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Both Arik Armstead and his older brother, Armond, were prep All-American defensive linemen at Pleasant Grove High in Elk Grove, became starters at prestigious Pac-12 programs and landed in the NFL.

The difference: Barring the unforeseen, Arik will be the only sibling to play in an NFL game.

Arik Armstead, 21, was selected by the 49ers in the first round of the draft Thursday night, about 10 months after Armond, 24, was forced to retire from the league because of health issues.

At the combine in February, Arik, who played at Oregon, told reporters he grew up following in his brother's footsteps. And he was eager to start on the path Armond was unable to travel.

"My brother not being able to play anymore, that's why I'm trying to carry on that torch," Arik said. "In high school, I wanted to be like him. I fell in love with the game early on, when I was little. My brother, hearing his name, he was a big-time recruit in high school and I wanted to be just like him."

Armond's medical issues began in March 2011 when he suffered a heart attack at USC, where he started 17 games from 2008-10. He wasn't medically cleared to play in 2011 and later sued the school: He alleged his heart attack was triggered by doses of the painkiller Toradol given to him by the medical staff.

After he wasn't selected in the 2012 draft, Armond played in the CFL and his impressive season attracted NFL interest. He was signed by the Patriots in January 2013, but contracted an infection that required surgery in the summer of 2013. It's not known if the infection is tied to his heart ailment. Armond spent 2013 on the non-football injury list, returned last year to take part in some of New England's offseason program, but was forced to retire before the start of training camp in July.

"He's had a lot of adversity personally that he's had to deal with -- unusual compared to most other players -- but he's always had a great attitude, worked hard, and really did everything we asked him to do," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said at the time. "While it is unfortunate he will not be able to play football, Armond is an outstanding young man who has a very bright future in whatever path he chooses."

Armond has since spent part of his time helping Arik prepare for the draft. In February, Arik said his big brother has always been eager to assist.

"I fell in love with football and he's been helping me ever since," he said. "He kind of paved the way for me."



Arik Armstead

Arik Armstead Proud to Carry out Brother's NFL Dream

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When Arik Armstead begins his NFL career this fall, he'll be playing for more than just himself.

Believe it or not, the 6-foot-7, 292-pound behemoth is actually a little brother. And throughout his childhood, Arik idolized his eldest sibling, Armond.

An All-American in high school, a starter at Southern Cal during the Pete Carroll era and a New England Patriot signee, Armond put the Armstead name on the map.

But just 10 months before the San Francisco 49ers selected Arik in the first round of the 2015 NFL Draft, Armond was forced to retire from football due to medical issues before he played a down in the NFL.

Now, at the onset of his own NFL career, Arik is ready to finish what his brother started.

"It's huge for me," Arik said during his introductory press conference. "Growing up, I wanted to be like him someday and become the type of football player he was.

"He always told me that I was going to be better than him. He still helps me to this day. I owe him a lot."

Armond's medical troubles began in March 2011 when he suffered a heart attack at USC. He sat out the following season before entering the 2012 draft. After no team used a pick on him, Armond decided to sign with the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL.

In his only season with the team, Armond totaled 43 tackles, six sacks, two fumble recoveries and was named an all-star en route to the Argonauts winning the Grey Cup title. That impressive campaign led the Patriots to sign him in January 2013.

But after competing in offseason workouts, Armond contracted an infection and spent the ensuing season on the non-football injury list. By July of last year, Armond decided to announce his retirement. It was later reported that he suffered a second heart attack in 2014.

"He would have been a top-15 player or better," former St. Louis Rams player personnel director Charley Armev told The Sacramento Bee.

In the months since he walked away from football, Armond has turned his attention to helping Arik become the player he couldn't be.

"I'm very proud of him, obviously," Armond told 49ers.com. "I've come to grips with my career. It is what it is. Everything in life happens for a reason, and I'm a firm believer in God. I feel like with anything in my life, if it doesn't happen, it wasn't essential for my life."

In the buildup to the draft, the Armstead brothers spent time in San Diego training together. Off the field, Armond served as a mentor for Arik as he went through similar pre-draft scrutiny.

That level of camaraderie is nothing new in the Armstead family. As children, Arik and Armond often spent entire weekends hanging out and playing video games together.

"It's a blessing that they're so close," said the brothers' mom, Christa Armstead. "(Armond) follows him more than we do. I say, 'Are you working? Or are you just sending stuff about Arik?'"



Because Arik witnessed first-hand how fragile a football career can be, those close to him believe he will not take this opportunity with the 49ers for granted.

"I'm sure that Arik considers himself fortunate," said Joe Cattolico, Arik and Armond's coach at Pleasant Grove High School. "He's seen that sometimes things outside of your control keep you from being able to take advantage of things in your life. He's seen that with his brother, so he's going to make the best of it and be motivated by that."

In the weeks leading up to and the moments immediately after the 49ers made Arik their first-round pick, Armond heard some NFL analysts question his brother's passion for football. Those comments, Armond believes, will serve as fuel to Arik as he enters the NFL.

"It would motivate anybody," Armond said. "But look, if I had a team, and I saw a guy as a finished product coming out of college, I don't think I'd really want that guy. If someone is 20 years old and is a finished product, what is really left there?"

"So if you're not scared of it, it can never be a negative thing. You just have to put in the work. Because I'd rather take a player who has the skills that someone can't teach. I know if I believe in myself as an educator, than I'd be able to teach him the things to make him successful."

With that being said, what kind of career does Armond anticipate his brother having in pro football?

"He'll do as well as he wants to do," Armond said. "The sky is the limit for him physically. He can do it. I always knew he had the skill set to be a Hall-of-Fame player. He just has to put in the work to do it."



Blake Bell

The Belldozer: A Journey to the NFL from Play-Caller to Pass-Catcher

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Nobody gets used to a 5:00 a.m. wakeup call. Blake Bell awoke to his alarm screaming at him earlier than any college junior wants to crawl out of bed. But there was work to be done, and Blake was already behind the competition. A few weeks prior, Blake made the decision to change positions. No longer would he fight to become the Oklahoma Sooners starting quarterback. He was now a tight end, one with a lot of catching up to do before his senior season in 2014.

And so the workouts began. Blake, along with graduate assistant Joe Jon Finley, arrived at the Sooners practice facility in Norman, Okla., well before any of his teammates. They watched film of the NFL's best tight ends, most notably Rob Gronkowski of the New England Patriots.

Blake then moved to the indoor field to run routes. Players weren't allowed access to turn on the lights, so Bell trained in the dark, aided by merely an emergency light. The transition wasn't completely unfamiliar as Blake played wide receiver during his freshman year at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Wichita, Kan. But once Bell made the switch to signal-caller as a sophomore, he wasn't just a quarterback, he was the quarterback.

Blake's high school resume included state passing records, a Gatorade "Player of the Year" award and an invitation to the esteemed "Elite 11" football camp.

So, how did Blake go from a blue-chip quarterback prospect to a tight end selected in the fourth round of the 2015 NFL Draft by the San Francisco 49ers?

Life as a Sooner

Blake began his time at Oklahoma in 2010 behind then-starter Landry Jones, who is now a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Blake knew going in he'd have to work hard and wait his turn. That, however, didn't stop head coach Bob Stoops from making good use of Blake's 6-foot-6 frame.

As a redshirt freshman and sophomore at Oklahoma in 2011-12, Blake was used as a short-yardage and goal-line quarterback. He thrived in the role, accumulating 24 rushing touchdowns in two seasons. Blake's success in the red zone earned him a sweet nickname, too. He was known as "The Belldozer."

"The nickname started with the media my freshman year," said Blake, who scored four rushing touchdowns against Baylor that season. "The media came up with three ideas and ultimately landed on 'Belldozer.' The fans caught on and it stuck."

When Jones graduated before the 2013 season, Blake thought it was his turn to lead the Sooners. But at the same time, a talented freshman quarterback by the name of Trevor Knight entered the mix at Oklahoma. Knight, a smaller but faster signal-caller, performed well enough to spark a full-fledged quarterback competition in spring practices.

Eventually, the week before the team's season opener against Louisiana-Monroe, Stoops gave the freshman the nod. It was a crushing blow to the entire Bell family, which was eager to see Blake lead the Sooners. Blake's cousin had even changed the date of her wedding in anticipation of Blake's first collegiate start at quarterback.

"It was devastating to Blake and to us," said Mark Bell, Blake's father. "Blake worked so hard and he felt like he paid his dues. It was a hard thing for him and our family."



Despite the initial disappointment, Blake got his chance three weeks into the season. An injury to Trevor Knight opened the door for Bell to start against Tulsa. Blake powered the Sooners to a 51-20 victory, throwing for 413 passing yards and four touchdowns.

South Bend was the next stop on Oklahoma's schedule for a road game against Notre Dame. Starting against the Fighting Irish was a dream come true for the Catholic-raised quarterback. Blake starred again, leading the Sooners past the Irish, 22-21, throwing for 232 yards, two scores and no interceptions. It was Oklahoma's first win against Notre Dame since 1956.

Blake remained the starter until a concussion forced him out of Oklahoma's eighth game of the season, a contest against Iowa State. Once again, the keys to the offense belonged to Knight. The merry-go-round continued into the Bedlam football game against Oklahoma State.

A combination of injury and poor play from Knight and another Sooners quarterback Kendal Thompson gave Blake the chance to play hero. Down 24-20 on the road in Stillwater, Okla., Blake threw a 7-yard, game-winning touchdown to Jalen Saunders with just 19 seconds remaining in the game.

The heroics would be the last snaps Blake would take as Oklahoma's quarterback.

During the three-week hiatus between the Oklahoma State game and the Sugar Bowl against then third-ranked Alabama, Stoops decided to give his freshman signal-caller the start. Knight led Oklahoma to a 45-31 victory over the Crimson Tide, turning in a 348-yard, four-touchdown performance to take home the game's MVP award.

"We knew right then that something was going to have to change," Mark Bell said.

Becoming a Tight End

Mark stood still, almost stoic, as he cracked an obligatory smile. Amidst the ecstasy surrounding them, the Bell family couldn't fully join the Sooners fans lost in the euphoria of Oklahoma's marquee win.

"It was hard. I really had to force myself to be happy about it," Mark Bell said. "It's something you can only explain if you have your own son out there who went there to play quarterback and knowing that maybe that was the last time he'd ever play quarterback. That was hard to swallow. It was bittersweet."

With Knight poised to be the Sooners full-time starter, Blake was faced with two options. He could graduate and transfer for his final season of eligibility, just as Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson did with his move from North Carolina State to Wisconsin. Behind door No. 2 was the opportunity to change positions and finish his career at Oklahoma.

Blake chose the latter.

"What you appreciate as a coach and as a team guy, he didn't want to graduate and transfer somewhere else for one year," said Stoops in a recent phone interview. "He's like 'Shoot, this is my team.' You've got to love that. Anyone would love that attitude. He wanted to finish with his guys here at Oklahoma."

Fortunately for Blake, when you're 6-foot-6, 250-plus pounds, you have the build to play on either side of the football. He can thank his football pedigree for that. Mark, who is also tall at 6-foot-5, played tight end at Colorado State and got drafted by the Seahawks in the fourth round of the 1979 draft. Blake chose to become the second tight end in the family and began his transition as a pass-catcher, a decision that Stoops anticipated.

"I had already thought about it, just because of his size and ability as an athlete," the OU coach said. "He's a heck of an athlete with really good size, and he has excellent hands."

Blake's senior campaign was unspectacular from a statistical perspective – 16 receptions for 214 yards and four touchdowns. But Stoops saw promise.



"I think he has a great upside," Stoops said. "He's only played tight end for roughly eight months, so I think he's going to progress well in that position."

That upside earned Blake an invitation to the NFL Scouting Combine in February. There, "The Belldozer" shined in Indianapolis, posting impressive marks. His 40-yard dash time of 4.80 seconds ranked fifth among all tight ends in attendance, his 20-yard shuttle time of 4.32 seconds ranked second and his 60-yard shuttle time of 11.81 seconds also ranked second.

The pre-draft hype machine began to ramp up on Blake's outlook as a professional. NFL Media draft analyst Mike Mayock listed Blake as his third-ranked tight end in the 2015 draft class. Once again, Stoops had no doubt Blake earned the praise.

"He's a guy that can do a lot of things. His blocking will only get better the more he does it," Stoops said. "He's always been a physical and tough guy. It's one of those things that just takes time to keep working it. He's such a big target and has such good hands that quarterbacks like seeing him down there."

"He's got the smarts. He's a team guy. That's what NFL guys look at."

An NFL Dream Comes True

"With the 18th pick of the fourth round, number 117 overall, the San Francisco 49ers select Blake Bell, tight end from Oklahoma," country music superstar Kenny Chesney said as he announced the pick live from Levi's® Stadium.

Back in Wichita, the Bell family celebrated at home. Mark congratulated his son, who had truly followed his footsteps. Both father and son were fourth-round picks, but Mark still made sure to jab Blake about being selected one pick earlier than his son, the 17th selection of the round.

The journey might not have been the one Blake mapped out, but it's hard to argue with the result. Blake started at two positions for a top-10 college program, scored 40 total touchdowns and earned himself an opportunity in the NFL.

When asked what the 49ers got in Blake, Stoops raved about his ability to feel space on the field. Bell's days of being a quarterback give him keen spatial awareness skills and the ability to diagnose coverages before the play. His biggest improvements, Stoop said, will come in run blocking and pass protection.

Fast-forward two months and Blake has now completed his first offseason program as a professional football player: a rookie minicamp, three weeks of OTAs and a three-day veteran minicamp.

"It went well," Blake said. "It's one of those things where I'm trying to get my feet wet and get the offense down. I'm having fun with it, learning from veteran guys, watching them and seeing how they're playing. I'm just soaking it all in."

Blake calls his tight ends coach, former Miami Dolphins and Oakland Raiders head coach, Tony Sparano "a great teacher." At one OTA practice, the tight ends were working on a red-zone drill from just outside the 10-yard line. One specific route called for a 12-yard out, with the ball already on its way before the tight ends got out of their break. As Blake made his way into the end zone, he got his head around at 14 yards instead of the desired 12-yard mark. The ball sailed past him, followed swiftly by Sparano's meticulous critiques of Blake's mistake.

"It's all about the fine details," Blake said. "It's the difference between a touchdown and an incomplection."

Sparano is refining Blake's aptitude as a pass-catcher, but the restrictions on offseason practices made it much more difficult to improve as a blocker. Under the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, all contact is strictly forbidden during the offseason program. The roadblock didn't stop Blake from putting in as much work as he could within the league's guidelines.



“It’s a lot of technique,” Blake said. “Even if you have pads on, it’s still all technique too; having your feet in the right spot and your hand placement coming off the ball. There’s still a lot of work you can get done.”

What Bell has accomplished in under a calendar year is special. To switch positions, learn a new role and still get drafted in the fourth round is a monster achievement. It not only exemplifies his natural athleticism, but confirms his dedication to fulfilling his potential.

“To see where he’s come in such a short time playing tight end, and then to get drafted in the fourth round, we couldn’t be more proud of Blake,” Mark said.

The former Sooner now finds himself as a part of a crowded tight end corps. The 49ers are carrying eight at the position on their current 90-man roster. That means Blake’s work is far from over, and the competition is only going to intensify once training camp begins.

But you don’t need to tell him that.

“I’m happy to be here. It’s one of those things where you get an opportunity to play in the NFL, and that’s been a dream of mine ever since I’ve been very young,” Blake said. “Now I’ve got to keep working and keep fighting to help make it a reality.”



NaVorro Bowman

Fallout, Fall Guys and Fingertips: A Week in the NFL

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Lots of reasons to say “Wow” about NaVorro Bowman this morning.

Question to Bowman on Friday: “How long does it take you to get ready to practice or play right now?”

Bowman: “About two hours. The massaging and the bending, the flexing of the knee. Once I do that I have a five-minute period where it just needs to relax and then I’m ready to go.”

Question: “Before the injury, how long would it take you to be ready?”

Bowman: “Nothing. No time.”

What a story. And what a factor he needs to be. You might say it’s almost as important for Bowman to be great for the Niners to win this season as it is for Colin Kaepernick to have a bounce-back year. Look what happened to San Francisco’s D this off-season. No Justin Smith; retired. No Patrick Willis; retired. No Aldon Smith; cut. No Chris Borland to train as the next great inside ‘backer; retired, shockingly.

So the heat’s on Bowman, and from watching him at practice Friday (he was a traffic cop at practice, very mobile, and more vocal than I recall) and talking to him afterward, he likes the idea of the pressure.

Bowman sure knows how to make an entrance. Until Sunday night against Dallas, Bowman hadn’t played in a game since shredding multiple left knee ligaments on the ugly goal-line play in the NFC Championship Game in Seattle in January 2014. He played three plays against the Cowboys. From his spot in the nerve center of the Niners defense, Bowman stoned Darren McFadden up the middle for a one-yard gain on first down. He stoned McFadden over right tackle on second down; loss of one. He stopped running back Lance Dunbar on a dumpoff pass from Tony Romo on third down; loss of one. Three plays, three tackles, two of them for losses. That was an impressive three minutes of football right there.

He attributed his strong series to the mental work he did in his year off. “You just try to better yourself,” Bowman told reporters after the game. “I think that’s what the greats do. They find ways to learn in different ways, not just as a player. That’s what the year off gave me. I just want to show that I’m a student of game and not just player.”

On Friday, Bowman didn’t have much trepidation talking about the fateful day, or fateful play, when his left knee got torqued to the side and collapsed by 550 pounds of football player late in the loss at Seattle. “I thought I ended my career,” Bowman said Friday afternoon in the bowels of Levi’s Stadium. There was no emotion about it. Very clinical. “I knew how my leg was, and how my knee was going off to the side, and you don’t want to see that. Then Dr. [James] Andrews told me there was a possibility I wouldn’t get back to the way I was. So anytime I felt pain going through the rehab, I just thought of that and fought through that.”

Two hours of prep work, daily. Just to be able to practice. Seventeen months of arduous, painful work to try to be NaVorro Bowman, All-Pro linebacker, again ... while so much of the team is crashing and burning around him.

Has it been worth it?

Pause. Three, four seconds.



"I don't play this game for money," he said. "I play it for respect and ultimately to make it to the Hall of Fame. That's what drives me. In order to be the best, this work comes with it, and I'm willing to fight through it."

He said he wants to eventually play pain-free, and he wants to feel like he did two years ago, when he was at the top of his game—and at the top of the game for any inside linebacker playing. He and Willis, together, were state of the art, and no combination was close for second place at inside 'backer among 3-4 teams. He said he doesn't think he'll feel that way all season, and he's not sure exactly how to describe the difference in the knee; he just knows it's not the same as it was two summers ago.

"I see it coming now," Bowman said. "I can see the light, and that's what's driving me. When camp first started I was able to hit a spin move and that didn't hurt so now it's, Can I run through a person? Or get fallen on? Or be able to get up off the ground and not say Ahhhh! [In discomfort.] Those are the things I am still worried about, but it's going to come one day. But right now, the knee's on my mind."

He's getting used to a lot of new faces. The team's been blown up, from the coaching staff to the defense, since he last played. Clinical Bowman voice again. "I embrace change," he said. "We all have to adapt to change. The coaches have jobs, we have jobs. The fact that they need me as a player and as a leader, that's what drives me also."

I find one thing about the Niner dynamic fascinating right now. Bowman and Borland, health permitting, were set to be the next great combo platter of inside linebacker for the next three or four years. Bowman's injury was one of the factors that made Borland play so much last year—and, it turns out, he played very well.

So here's Bowman, who stonies people, playing. And Borland isn't. Bowman, a Harry Carson block-of-granite type, and Willis keyed a defense that went 14 straight games in 2011 without allowing a rushing touchdown. Three times he was first-team all-pro, the classic kind of run-stuffer who also had the ability to turn and run with tight ends. Bowman's fought through it all, and Borland chose another path. Concerned about the impact of football on his long-term health—a rising tide among current players—Borland walked away from the game after one starry season.

"I was shocked," Bowman said. "I was shocked because he is so young and he's put so much time into the game and to walk away from it after your first successful year in the NFL, that was mind-boggling to me. We are all grown men and he's done his research and made his choice so, but ... well, for me, you're going to have to carry me off the field."

They've already done that once. In Seattle. That's one of the things that makes this comeback compelling. There's nothing dramatic about the way Bowman says this. It's simply his ethos. He's a man making a choice, the way Borland made his. And the 49ers, in this seismic season, need Bowman desperately, and he knows it.



NaVorro Bowman

NaVorro Bowman Hosts Inaugural 'Celebrity Steak-Out'

By Joe Fann
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The San Francisco 49ers linebacker was joined by his teammates Thursday night, who put on their aprons and served patrons a three-course meal at the Fairmont San Jose.

All proceeds went to Bowman's "4th & Goal Foundation." The linebacker's charity was established in 2014 to help serve underprivileged youth around the Bay Area. A ticket to the dinner went for \$250, with a \$350 ticket earning each guest a signature series autograph football. Guests were also able to purchase additional signature footballs for \$150.

Some of the other 49ers players in attendance to support their teammate included wide receiver Torrey Smith, linebacker Michael Wilhoite, nose tackle Ian Williams, safety Antoine Bethea, defensive tackle Tony Jerod-Eddie, wide receiver Quinton Patton and many others. Head coach Jim Tomsula and defensive coordinator Eric Mangini were also on-hand at the Fairmont's Club Regent.

In addition to the fine food and wine pairings, there were silent and live auctions featuring a variety of items. The silent auction had rare sports memorabilia including autographs from 49ers legends Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, Steve Young, Bill Walsh, Dwight Clark and Ronnie Lot. Memorabilia from other sports greats included Muhammed Ali, Steph Curry and Tiger Woods. The live auction had additional memorabilia as well as unique vacation experiences.

One of the best moments of the night was when Tomsula and Mangini were bidding against each other for a signed Bowman jersey. The head coach eventually won the bidding war for a sizeable price, resulting in a huge applause from everyone on hand.

Bowman's goal for his foundation is to build play zones around the Bay Area that will provide state-of-the-art play grounds to low-income elementary schools so that their students will have a safe outdoor environment to increase social, emotional and cognitive skills as well as a space for increased physical activity.

"I wasn't too privileged growing up," Bowman said. "I had to scratch and claw and find things to do as a child. And me being where I am today, I'm able to provide something, especially for kids ... who don't have as much as the next kid. So I really want to provide inner-city, low-income students in the Bay Area with a safe place to play."

The first play zone will be installed in the summer of 2016 and the hope is to impact the lives of 10,000 children by the end of 2017.

In addition to the play zones, Bowman will host an annual "Operation Santa Claus" event during the holiday season. The "4th & Goal Foundation" will partner with a local retailer and provide a festive holiday event for 50 low-income families. At the event, each family will be provided with a meal and a unique holiday shopping experience.



Trent Brown

Big Brown background: College coach on 49ers' enormous, 'athletic rascal'

By Eric Branch
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After 15 seasons at Georgia Military College, football coach Bert Williams knows the drill: His players often won't show much discipline in the kitchen when they go home for winter break.

"They come back in after Christmas," Williams said, "and it's like 'Hey, it looks like you ate a whole turkey.'"

In the case of Trent Brown in 2011, it appeared the offensive tackle had inhaled a poultry farm after the holidays.

Brown, a seventh-round pick of the 49ers, is a mammoth individual. And he was at his largest in the midst of his two-year tenure at Georgia Military College: Brown, the tallest (6-8 ½) and heaviest (355) player at this year's combine, has said he peaked at 387 pounds during his time at GMC.

That was during his freshman season, which he began around 340 pounds. However, Williams said Brown began adding weight during the season ("In the cafeteria, he could eat anything," he said) and truly ballooned during winter break, which spanned more than a month.

The good news for the 49ers: Brown said earlier this month he weighs 350 pounds, which Williams identified as close to an ideal weight for a behemoth with surprisingly nifty feet. Brown played basketball before he switched to football for his final two years at Westover High in Albany, Ga. He ran a 5.29-second 40-yard dash at the combine, which is impressive given his size.

"He's a big old athletic rascal," Williams said. "... He's a guy that probably needs to be under 350 to showcase the speed that he has, but still have that mass."

Mass has never been an issue for Brown. He wears size-18 cleats, has a 46-inch waist, had the longest wingspan (87 3/8 inches) at the combine and made an immediate impression when he arrived at the University of Florida in 2013.

"Trenton Brown is the biggest person I ever saw in my life," said Gators defensive end Dante Fowler, the No. 3 pick in this year's draft, shortly after meeting Brown. "... I never want Trenton to fall on me. If he does, I'm pretty sure my body will be imprinted in the grass."

Brown arrives in the NFL as a project. He started just 11 of 23 games at Florida and needs to improve his technique and strength. He had 20 reps of 225 pounds at the combine, matching the fourth-fewest among the 37 offensive linemen that lifted.

And Williams believes Brown's two seasons at GMC have prepared him well for the hard work ahead.

AT GMC, Brown was a member of the Corps of Cadets, wore a uniform on campus, had a regular 5:30 a.m. wake-up call and room inspections and signed an honor code, pledging to "not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do."

"It is a great laboratory for personal development for young people," said Williams, who is also the athletic director. "It's probably a new experience for most of them. There is some military training, but not a lot. It's really holding these kids to a standard of appearance, a standard of behavior and having some high expectations for them."



“There’s no show-up-and-get-your-A classes. You’re going to lean the benefit of hard work. You’re going to learn the benefit of discipline. We’re trying to make a difference in you as a person. Not just make you a better student. Not just make you a better football player.”

GMC, one of five military junior colleges in the nation, has had 38 alums in the NFL since 1995. And Brown, who was lightly recruited in high school, became the latest because of a tip Williams received from a former coaching colleague during his senior season at Westover.

Williams traveled to see Brown play and was intrigued by his size and agility, which allowed him to dominate despite his inexperience. At GMC, Brown discovered far more discipline was required to dominate at a higher level. He was a second-team NJCAA All-American as a sophomore.

“He started to learn that he had to work every day to get better,” Williams said. “He would actually say ‘There are some guys out here that can beat me if I’m not serious about what I’m doing. I can’t just show up and be the dude.’”

“For him, the biggest thing was to learn to be challenged. To accept the challenge. And learn that he had to work hard every day to realize his potential. He started to figure those things out when he was here.”

Brown still needs to learn plenty, which explains why he was pick No. 244.

Niners general manager Trent Baalke has noted Brown’s intriguing potential, while acknowledging his learning curve is as big as his frame.

Said Baalke, fittingly: “It’s a big piece of clay right now. We’ve got some work to do.”



Quinton Dial

Quinton Dial dedicates San Francisco 49ers' opener to fallen fan

By Mark Inabinett
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Alex Fernandez won't be able to attend a San Francisco 49ers game this season, as he had hoped. Seeing the NFL team play at Levi's Stadium was an item on the 20-year-old Visalia, Calif., man's bucket list, but brain cancer took his life on July 10.

The 49ers kick off their 2015 season at home on Sept. 14 in a Monday night game against the Minnesota Vikings. San Francisco defensive lineman Quinton Dial will have Fernandez on his mind that night.

Suffering from terminal brain cancer, Fernandez stopped his treatments earlier this year to concentrate on a list of things he wanted to do before he died. A 49ers game was one of those things. Dial tried to give him the next best thing.

The former Alabama standout and his NFL team sent Fernandez a package of 49ers gear in June -- a team blanket, jerseys from quarterback Colin Kaepernick and linebacker Patrick Willis, an autographed football, caps and a poster. Dial signed a jersey and included a video message for Fernandez.

"I want Alex Fernandez to know that he has made a difference in my life by sharing his story," Dial messaged. "He is my hero, and people like him encourage me to continue our work through our non-profit QD's Kids. I lead this non-profit in order to make 'moments' count for all children and adults who are combating challenges in their life. My first game is going to be dedicated to him for being a brave hero and for making a difference in the lives of others."

Dial's QD's Kids Foundation states that its mission "is to show love and support to underprivileged kids today so they will have the best opportunity to be our leaders of tomorrow."

Fernandez and his supporters planned a concert on July 15 in Lindsay, Calif., to raise money for young people like him who are too old to participate in the Make A Wish Foundation. The fundraiser went on as planned -- a day after Fernandez's funeral. For the memorial service, Fernandez's father drew a picture of a tractor-trailer with the words "Pay it forward" on the side of the trailer and a 49ers logo and the number 92 on the back. That's Dial's jersey number.

Dial invited Fernandez's family to attend the 49ers' opening game as his guests.

What Dial will be doing in that game is up in the air. Injuries limited him to three games in 2013, his rookie season. Last year, Dial stepped into the void at nose tackle. With Glenn Dorsey out for the season with a torn biceps, Ian Williams went down with a season-ending leg injury in the ninth game. Dial came in to make a pivotal overtime sack of Drew Brees in a win over the New Orleans Saints and went on to start six games.

"I remember (defensive line coach) Jim Tomsula told me that I'm going to get an opportunity, but he didn't know when it would be," Dial told the team's official web site. "He told me to be ready, so I practiced every week like I was the starting guy. I watched my film, I went over the plays every night, and once my number was called, I hit the ground running."

With the 49ers reporting for training camp in Santa Clara, Calif., on July 31, Dorsey and Williams are back, but last year's starting ends in San Francisco's 3-4 alignment -- Justin Smith and Ray McDonald -- are gone.



Tomsula is now the 49ers' head coach, and as Dial made a splash during the team's offseason workouts, he was a Dial-booster, saying he thought the former Clay-Chalkville prep star could play outside on the defensive line, too.

"I've been focusing on a lot of things like getting faster and stronger. And I think I've done that," Dial said on the possibility of playing defensive end. "I've been working on pre-snap reads and making sure they're on point, too. I want to be a better football player to help my team win."

In addition to Fernandez, Dial might have another young man on his mind during the 49ers' first game. He and his wife welcomed their first child, a son, in May.

"Just looking at my son and knowing how I grew up is going to be totally different than how I'm going to bring him up," Dial told the 49ers' web site. "I'm going to show him the ropes, show him to be respectful to people, women. I'm just going to try to be the best father I can be."



Eli Harold

49ers rookie Eli Harold eager to lead – and be heard

By Matt Barrows
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The Virginia locker room was quiet – maybe too quiet – before the kickoff at 17th-ranked TCU in 2012. So Eli Harold broke it.

“Out of nowhere comes his voice, and he starts getting all the guys riled up, getting the guys amped,” said Demetrious Nicholson, a Virginia defensive back. “And the one thing he said – and I remember it like it was yesterday – was, ‘I don’t care if I’m a freshman. I’m going to lead.’”

Eighteen-year-old freshmen, as Harold was at the time, typically are seen and not heard in college locker rooms. Harold, however, always has felt compelled to take charge.

That’s the way he was in high school, where he lined up at defensive end, quarterback, running back and wide receiver, sometimes in the same game. Early in his Virginia career, he rallied the freshman squad at practice and made sure the players arrived on time to lift weights during the week. As a junior last season, he was a member of the team’s leadership council, and his voice typically was the one booming from the center of the pregame huddle.

He hasn’t been shy about his desire for a similar role with the 49ers, who drafted him in the third round last month to play outside linebacker.

“I don’t know what it is,” Harold said. “It’s just something God blessed me with. Obviously, I’m not going to overstep my boundaries. But I feel like in the near future, I can definitely help be ‘that’ guy, that voice that people will listen to.”

Speaking up is in his blood. His brother, Walter, is a pastor in their native Virginia Beach, Va. Walter is 23 years older than Eli and, initially, was not someone to be emulated.

Walter was charismatic and charming as a young man, and his voice was so rich and full that he figured he might become a rhythm and blues singer. He even recorded an album.

But he also was trouble. Walter, 44, estimates he might have been picked up by police as many as six times one particularly sketchy year, on offenses ranging from driving on a suspended license to drug possession. And Walter doesn’t hide from his crack cocaine-dealing past.

“You do what you do,” he said. “I wasn’t trying to be a kingpin. But it was easy, fast money. You could get anything you want. Anything you want.”

Walter said he was facing up to 12 years in prison on drug charges when the judge hearing his case learned about the R&B album and asked to listen to it. According to Walter, the judge was impressed and decided the young man standing before him had enough talent to shed his criminal lifestyle. He reduced the sentence.

Walter rewarded the decision by cleaning up. But it wasn’t the recording industry that saved him.

“I was in and out of jail and always in trouble with the law,” he said. “And I just got tired. I got tired of the lifestyle. I figured I had tried everything. Why not try Jesus?”

Walter had three sons who were around Eli’s age. They are technically his nephews, but Eli grew up with them, played sports with them and always has considered them brothers.



One of them, Forrest, died suddenly while playing recreational basketball in 2010 of what was later determined to be an undiagnosed heart condition. He was only 20. Another nephew, Sage, was a pass rusher at James Madison and signed with Kansas City as an undrafted free agent last month. Eli and Sage are training together in Virginia Beach during the long lull before training camps begin.

Eli Harold largely has been shaped by those no longer in his life.

In 2011, just two months after Forrest's sudden passing, Eli's mother died of pancreatic cancer, prompting him to move in with Walter's family. The double blow floored Eli. But it also focused him.

"From that moment, I felt like I was a ball of fire," he said of his mother's passing. "Everyone I touched, they felt it."

His father mostly was absent when he was growing up, but he, too, has provided motivation.

"Not having his own biological dad around, I think that helped drive him to be a better man than his father was," Walter said. "I know that's an underlying motivation for him."

Walter served the dual role of father and older brother. The guidance ranged from small things – enforcing curfew, making young Eli take out the trash – to more powerful concepts. Eli had a front-row seat, literally, as Walter shed the streets and began to grow his congregation.

It began in 2004 with Walter, his wife and their kids as the only members. Today, approximately 200 members listen to Walter's voice fill the church on Sundays.

Eli has said he, too, would like to become a pastor. For now, he's content to preach inside a football locker room.

Said Mike Moore, who is expected to take over Harold's pass-rushing role with Virginia: "He's got one of those voices that you can't not listen to. He's got a voice that grabs your attention."



Jarryd Hayne

Jarryd Hayne's enjoying the simple life

By Danny Weidler
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Jarryd Hayne is no stranger to roughing it – he grew up in housing commission in Campbelltown and now he's living the simple life in every sense as he chases his NFL dream.

Hayne walked away from around \$9 million in contract earnings and has set up base in Santa Clara, which is about an hour's drive from San Francisco.

It's not considered a flashy area and he is sharing an apartment with another NFL hopeful. The place he is living in is about 30square metres – it has no kitchen and to say the house is basic is about right. Hayne has to eat out or eat at the 49ers facility. He is driving around in a low-level hire car and has only been into the city of San Francisco once.

"Jarryd doesn't need anything fancy in his life," his mum Jodie said. "That's not what he is about. He had to share a bed with me until he was nine – I slept closer to the door just in case anyone tried to break in. I used to nanny at places and Jarryd would have to come with me.

"He always had a footy or a bat and ball to play with and he always ate well, but he never had the luxuries. But it didn't bother him, he was happy just playing sport.

"If he is living a basic life over there, it wouldn't worry him for a minute. That's not what he values. Money isn't what drives him. He is over there because it's his dream and he is happy.

"The good thing for Jarryd is that he has some family support over there. The Fijian side of his family is over there and they are taking him to church on Saturday. Jarryd is still keeping in touch with stuff back home. He was straight on the phone when he heard about the storms to check on his mum."

Hayne is forming a good friendship with 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

They've had a couple of nights out but his social life has otherwise been very limited.

His days are the same – train, eat, study the play book and play on his Xbox. And he couldn't be happier.

The problem Hayne is facing is that as much as he wants to learn in practice he can't get the personal coaching that he needs. If he hires a specialist coach they then would get access to the plays the 49ers are using, and he is unable to go down that path.

Hayne is not having any issues with the physical aspect of the training. He knows the real issue is learning the game from scratch.

Those who have spent time with Hayne say they have never seen him more relaxed, focused or determined. He is engaging to be around and the time away from the NRL has given him a broader outlook on life.



Daniel Kilgore

Kingsport Native and San Francisco 49er Daniel Kilgore Returns to Support Tribe Games

By Steve Wilmoth
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KINGSPORT -- Acts of philanthropy comes in two forms -- money and time.

Current San Francisco 49er and Kingsport native Daniel Kilgore does both for the Tribe Games.

The event is the brainchild of Doby's-Bennett staffer Jimmy Bureson, a former Indian football teammate of Kilgore's. Bureson oversees a series of athletic competitions for special needs kids from bowling to swimming and last Friday's latest event, track and field at the Tom Coughenour/Dan Crowe Track.

Kilgore's heart for special needs kids grew from volunteering in adapted physical education classes in the Watauga County [North Carolina] School System while playing at Appalachian State.

"Jimmy reached out to me because he knew that I had a heart for these kids," said Kilgore. "Jimmy knew my interests and asked me if I wanted to be a part of it.

"I told him I wanted to take over," laughed Kilgore.

Kilgore counts himself fortunate after participating previously with the track and field and swimming portions of the Tribe games. His mother is involved in the bowling event.

Kilgore wasn't a casual observer either. He was coach, motivator, fan and cheerleader for all 85 participating kids all wrapped up into one NFL-sized package.

"To have that many kids here and all the helpers, the students at the high school level helping, speaks volumes about the school system and this community" added Kilgore. "I think it's awesome for these kids to get out here and do something where they are not sitting in the classroom and they are outside doing track and field."

It's not just the off-season where Kilgore supports his community. Kilgore and fiancé Megan Tolly regularly participate in community service projects in the San Francisco area during the regular season.

"Mondays are our days, our off days," noted Kilgore. "We have all kinds of events, working with kids with disabilities or going to San Quentin and talking to felons. It doesn't matter what it is."

One particular Monday last season, however, Kilgore and Tolly had other plans. It was the 49ers' bye week and Tolly had already flown home.

The two plan to be married this summer and planning the wedding was on the agenda. Along with visiting Tolly's grandfather in the hospital.

Kilgore was to join following the 49ers' Sunday night contest at Denver. The Sunday night ESPN game is arguably the league's biggest stage each week. The game against the Broncos, however, was primed for NFL history.

Denver quarterback Peyton Manning was two touchdown passes away from tying Brett Favre's career record of 508. Three TD tosses would give Manning the record.

The entire football world was watching, as was Tolly in her grandfather's hospital room.



“Sunday night is always a big stage,” said Kilgore. “We knew going into it Peyton had an opportunity to break the record.”

Manning had the record before halftime and the 49ers trailed 21-3. Kilgore said the 49er offense made several offensive adjustments at halftime.

“We changed a few things and thought we could come out and get back and compete in the game,” continued Kilgore.

The 49ers were driving early in the third quarter but faced a third down. Near the end of a Frank Gore carry on a draw play, disaster struck. Denver linebacker Brandon Marshall inadvertently ran into the back of Kilgore’s left leg. It’s every offensive lineman’s worst nightmare.

Kilgore’s reaction was immediate. Crumpled to the Sports Authority Field at Mile High Stadium turf, Kilgore waved to the 49ers’ sideline for assistance.

“I just got tangled up from behind with a linebacker,” recalled Kilgore. “I knew right away what had happened. I ended up fracturing my leg, my fibula. It’s the biggest injury I’ve ever had in sports.”

Kilgore was carted off the field, to a rousing ovation by Bronco fans who had plenty to cheer about that night.

“One thing that was special was the way the fans at Mile High really stood up and gave me a great ovation,” added Kilgore. “It speaks volumes about their organization and fans. Kudos to the Broncos for winning and playing a great game and Peyton Manning doing what he does best.”

Following the 42-17 loss to the Broncos, Kilgore flew back to San Francisco with the team. Tolly flew back across the country the next day.

“Security picked her up, brought her to our townhouse and she drove me to the surgery on Tuesday,” smiled Kilgore.

Kilgore’s recovery has been steady, but slow. Still, rushing back in order to impress the new 49er coaching staff isn’t an option.

“Recovery is going well, I’ve still got some time,” said Kilgore. “I’m being smart and not rushing back into anything. The biggest thing for me is to feel comfortable at going full speed. I am healing, there is progress in all the scans we are doing. We still have a lot of off-season left.”

While Kilgore can’t participate in workouts, he’s still actively learning the new system of head coach Jim Tomsula and his staff.

“It’s been good for me to sit back and watch what the new staff is doing and learn the new system,” Kilgore explained. “It’s had its advantages, but also disadvantages in not being out there.”

Surgery and the initial stages of his recovery also kept Kilgore out of turmoil surrounding now ex-San Francisco coach Jim Harbaugh. Instead, Kilgore overwhelmingly approves of the new hires.

“I love the new staff,” said Kilgore. “Coach Tomsula has done a wonderful job with how he controls and manages the teams from meetings and how practice is run is outstanding. He’s got coaches on his staff that are invested into getting the players better for wherever they may play, not just to win ball games.”

It’s the same type investing Kilgore did in Kingsport with the kids at the Tribe Games.

“Injuries and things happen for a reason in football and I’ve definitely been able to grow from it. But this is what it’s really all about, seeing all these kids smiling and happy.”



Erik Pears

A decade later, 49ers lineman Pears still grinding away

By Eric Branch
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Many NFL rookies believe they are destined for greatness, but Erik Pears was different: In 2005, the undrafted offensive lineman from Colorado State had visions of the 9-to-5 grind, not grandeur.

In fact, Pears' early goals in pro football were so modest that he laughed when recently asked about his mind-set as a 22-year-old.

"Honestly, coming out of college it was always a dream to make an NFL team and be productive," Pears said. "But my thinking was, put my head down, work hard and maybe I can make enough money to buy a decent car to get some job interviews or something."

A decade later, Pears, 32, who spent his first season on the Broncos' practice squad, has to yet to ditch his shoulder pads for a suit. The jack-of-all-trades offensive lineman has carved out a nine-year career that's included 86 starts and stops with five teams, along with a 2006 detour in Germany with the Cologne Centurions in NFL Europe.

The 49ers were attracted to Pears' experience and versatility when they signed him in March to a two-year, \$4.7 million contract with \$1 million guaranteed. Pears, the fourth-oldest member of the team, has the second-most starts among the 49ers' offensive linemen behind left tackle Joe Staley (114). Pears has started games at right tackle (58), right guard (16), left tackle (10) and left guard (2).

He will have the opportunity to compete for the starting spot vacated by the departure of Pro Bowl left guard Mike Lupati, who signed with the Cardinals in free agency. He could also assume the backup swing-tackle role assumed last year by Jonathan Martin, who was waived in March.

"I'm looking to do whatever they want me to do," Pears said. "Whatever they ask. I've started games at right tackle, right guard, left tackle, left guard. ... I've played sub tight end. I've been just about everywhere. Wherever I can be of value, that's what I want to do."

Pears, who turns 33 this month, is most comfortable at tackle, the position he played in college and for most of his NFL career. He made 68 of his first 70 starts at tackle before he started 16 games for the Bills at right guard last year. It wasn't an easy transition for Pears, who at 6-foot-8, 316 pounds is taller than most interior linemen. He ranked 76th of 78 players at his position, according to Pro Football Focus' grading system.

"When I moved down to guard at the start of last year it was like, 'Wow, these guys are right on top of me. I can get my hands on them,'" Pears said. "Then you start learning the little nuances, the advantages and the disadvantages of being inside. It's just a learning curve, but ever since I've been a rookie I've been trying to learn stuff every day."

Pears has been playing right guard during practices in place of Alex Boone, who has not participated in the offseason program. Boone is expected to participate in next week's mandatory minicamp and report on time to training camp, which could set the stage for Pears to battle a group that includes Brandon Thomas and Joe Looney for the left-guard opening.

The favorite is the homegrown Thomas, a 2014 third-round pick who would have been selected higher if not for a torn ACL sustained shortly before last year's draft.



For his part, Pears remains focused on the process, not the outcome. On three occasions during a recent interview, he referenced his penchant for putting his head down and working hard. And why not? It's a formula that's worked surprisingly well so far.

"I'm still doing what I've been trying to do since day one," Pears said. "Be coachable, learn what they want out of the position and produce."



Mike Purcell

Purcell's anonymity could be part of past

By Eric Branch
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A few months ago, 49ers backup nose tackle Mike Purcell was stopped by a fan while he was shopping at Costco.

"I was walking down the aisles," Purcell said. "The guy didn't want to stop and talk too long. He just said, 'Hey, you're Mike Purcell. Good luck next season.' That was it."

Indeed, that's all, folks.

So why does Purcell recall such an innocuous exchange and what makes it worth sharing? It's the only time Purcell has been recognized by a fan in public since he entered the NFL 27 months ago.

Purcell specializes in anonymity. He's a former undrafted free agent from a low-profile college (Wyoming) who has spent far more time on the practice squad (30 weeks) than the playing field (28 snaps) in his one-tackle NFL career. As of Saturday morning, his Twitter account had 1,092 followers, meaning he's not close to being the most popular Mike Purcell on the social media site (Mike Purcell in Miamisburg, Ohio, had 12,225 followers).

On Friday, however, Purcell acknowledged he might have blown his cover, thanks to his performance in last week's preseason opener in Houston. Purcell had six tackles in his 23-snap outing — a huge figure for a nose tackle — and the Texans gained 5 yards on the six running plays in which he had a stop. (Fittingly, Purcell was mistaken for 49ers offensive lineman Justin Renfrow — they are both wearing No. 64 this summer — on the Texans' broadcast).

Purcell, 24, had two of his tackles on a six-play goal-line sequence in which Houston couldn't score despite running five plays from the 1-yard line. On 2nd-and-goal from the 1, Purcell blasted through the middle and dumped running back Alfred Blue for a 3-yard loss.

After stepping into the spotlight in Houston, Purcell stepped to the podium three days later in Santa Clara to answer questions from reporters.

For Purcell, it qualified as a media blitz. And he doesn't want it to distract him from his next assignment: He's focused on showing he's a force, not a fluke, when the 49ers host the Cowboys on Sunday night.

"Yeah, it's blown up in the past few days," Purcell said. "I just want to stay humble and keep working. My goal right now is to show I can do it back-to-back."

By all accounts, going Hollywood won't be an option for Purcell (6-foot-3, 303 pounds), who can be categorized as the strong-and-silent type.

Defensive line coach Scott Brown says Purcell "doesn't say a word." And defensive tackle Tony Jerod-Eddie laughed when asked about Purcell's demonstrative finger-wagging celebration after a tackle in Houston. ("Oh, yeah," he said. "That surprised me.")

"Mike doesn't say much," Jerod-Eddie said. "He's going to do what he's supposed to do. He's going to be where he's supposed to be. And he's going to kick a lot of butt."

Brown recognized Purcell's butt-kicking capabilities back in 2008.



Brown, then the defensive line coach at Colorado State, recruited Purcell when he was at Highlands Ranch (Co.) High. Purcell wanted to attend the in-state school and Brown wanted to offer him a scholarship, but Purcell said he wasn't as coveted by head coach Steve Fairchild.

"He wanted to pull the trigger on me, but the head coach didn't," Purcell said. "So I ended up going to rival Wyoming and beat them four years in a row."

Over four years later, Brown finally got Purcell, whom he coveted because of his flexibility, quickness and lower-body strength. Brown was a 49ers scout and influenced Purcell's decision to sign with the team after the 2013 draft, even though it had just added Tank Carradine (second round) and Quinton Dial (fifth round) to a well-stocked defensive line.

The depth at the position made Purcell a practice-squad fixture until injuries prompted his promotion to the active roster for the final two regular-season games of the 2014 season.

Now, it appears Purcell could become the latest undrafted defensive lineman signed by the 49ers to carve out an NFL career. Head coach Jim Tomsula also mentored Jerod-Eddie, starting nose guard Ian Williams, Demarcus Dobbs and Will Tukuafu during his eight seasons as the defensive line coach.

Dobbs and Tukuafu are with the Seahawks and Purcell understands he's not guaranteed to stick with the 49ers, who also employ Williams, Jerod-Eddie, Dial, Carradine, Darnell Dockett, Glenn Dorsey and first-round pick Arik Armstead.

Purcell has received advice from Tomsula that has allowed him to keep his focus on the field, not on his odds of surviving final roster cuts.

"When Jimmy T. was the defensive-line coach and even now in team meetings, he says 'Your No. 1 goal is to get paid for playing football. And, No. 2, is to get paid for playing football here,'" Purcell said. "That's really settled me down."

If Purcell keeps reprising last week's performance in Houston, he'll have no problem being recognized by other NFL teams.

And, perhaps, more fans at Costco.



Keith Reaser

Memory of cousin Sean Taylor inspires 49ers' Reaser

By Matt Maiocco
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Three thousand miles away, Carlene Ford is flooded with a range of emotions. Her son is finally on the practice field and embarking on a promising NFL career.

It has been a long and painful road for the family.

She was with her son, Keith Reaser, shortly after he underwent a second ACL surgery before the 2014 draft. Teams were calling him to line up workouts. And he had to tell them he would not be able to get on the field for a long time.

"I've never seen him so devastated," she said.

They braced for the strong possibility Reaser would not get drafted after his senior season at Florida Atlantic when it ended with a knee injury. When a problem with his graft was discovered at the NFL Scouting Combine, it appeared to be a major blow to the career he had planned since childhood.

"Since I was a little kid, I never saw any other future path for me," Reaser said. "I never thought of myself of doing anything other than playing in the NFL."

And when the 49ers surprisingly selected him in the fifth round, it was clear the organization was committed to a long-term union. Reaser would be afforded the opportunity to take his time to get healthy before competing for a roster spot.

"We didn't know what was going to happen," Ford said. "There was always the hope he was going to get on somebody's team. And when it happened, it was one of those moments we'll remember forever."

The excitement, however, cannot push away all the pain the family has experienced in the past eight years.

Sean Taylor was Reaser's cousin. Their mothers are sisters. Taylor was also Reaser's favorite player – a hard-hitting Washington safety who quickly established himself as one of the NFL's rising stars.

In November 2007, five young men broke into Taylor's Miami-area home in a burglary attempt. The men expected Taylor to be with his teammates for a regular-season game in Tampa Bay. But Taylor was home rehabbing an injury. After the men broke in, Taylor confronted them with a machete. Taylor was killed with a single gunshot to his leg, which severed his femoral artery.

"He was that family member that you looked up to and said, 'I want to be like him; I want to play like him; I want to dress like him.' He was my idol," Reaser said.

His mother got a phone call in the early-morning hours while Taylor was in surgery. But she did not want her 16-year-old son to worry, so she did not tell him about the incident before he went to school.

While at school, a classmate mentioned the news to Reaser, who initially thought it was just a cruel joke. He called his mother, who was still at the hospital. The family experienced unspeakable grief. Time has passed, but the hurt remains.

Taylor's final resting place is Woodlawn Park Cemetery, about 2 ½ miles from Reaser's home. It was a year before Reaser could summon the strength to pay his respects to his cousin.



“He was very emotional -- very upset,” his mom said. “He told me, ‘I never want to go back there again.’ He said he wanted to remember Sean as he was.”

Reaser had started working out with his cousin and began to take the sport more seriously by the time Taylor had reached the NFL. They worked out together. They watched film together. The tragic and senseless death brought even more focus to Reaser’s goal.

Ford remembers a visit to the pediatrician when her son was about 10 years old. He announced he was going to be a professional football player. He was completely unfazed when his doctor produced statistics about the miniscule percentage of young athletes who actually realize that dream.

“Once he died, things with me started progressing with football,” Reaser said. “Everybody was looking for me to be that guy. He was kind of like that centerpiece in our family. At holidays and we’d go to his house. Everybody was looking for me to be that piece.”

Reaser’s determination was a lot bigger than his physical stature. As a senior he was listed at 5 foot 10, 147 pounds. He was a second-team all-state selection, but he failed to get the attention of major college football programs.

He ended up at nearby Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Over the course of four college seasons, he grew an inch and added 40 pounds. The 49ers placed a projected 40-yard dash time on him in the low 4.3s, making him one of the fastest cornerbacks in last year’s draft.

Reaser’s style of play is not similar to Taylor’s, but he has tried to adopt his cousin’s approach to the game.

“I don’t try to imitate his game because he was his own freak of nature,” Reaser said. “What I do try to take is the passion he played the game with, the way he prepared, the way he trained. I try to take that out there. I might not be the knockout-shot guy, so I don’t try to play like him. But I definitely take that passion and that mentality into the game.”

Reaser said the fact that a family member was able to establish himself as an NFL star provided him with inspiration.

“It gave me confidence in myself,” he said. “This is my family member. If he can do it, I can do it, too.”

San Francisco 49ers general manager Trent Baalke knew Taylor well. As a Washington scout, Baalke scouted Taylor and spent 2 ½ days in Miami prior to his team’s selection with the No. 5 overall pick in the 2004 draft. While fully aware he is related to Taylor, Reaser was selected on his own merits, Baalke said.

“They’re totally different,” Baalke said. “Sean was 6-2 and 230 pounds. He was a rare physical specimen. But a couple things stood out with Keith. He was extremely fast. He’s one of the fastest guys we evaluated that year. And the competitiveness. You can see that on the field. He’s got an edge to him.”

Reaser spent his entire rookie season with the 49ers in Santa Clara rehabbing his knee. He had a strong offseason program, and his training camp is off to a solid start as he looks to establish his presence on the 49ers’ roster.

“He’s been a dream,” Baalke said. “He came in from Day 1, and had a pro’s mentality. He was very focused on getting his knee right. And it’s paying off.”

Back in Miami, Ford is excited to receive reports from California about the progress of her son. He is working with the 49ers’ third-team defense. His future is bright. But the family’s return to the NFL also comes with some degree of anxiety.

“Me, personally, I’m terrified,” she said. “In one sense, it helps that we have that back in the family. But there’s that fear that now that he’s in the NFL, someone may target him.”



Ultimately, those thoughts are fleeting. She realizes there are no negatives to her son being in position to make his life-long vision a reality.

“After his first knee injury, he said, ‘Mom, I can’t think of anything else I want to do but play football,’ ” she said. “Yes, this has always been his dream. The way everything worked out, this was his destiny.”



Shayne Skov

49ers linebacker Shayne Skov teaches life lessons to prep football team

By Jamie Burns
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Shayne Skov's journey to the NFL has been full of snags and snares.

The 49ers linebacker was removed from his football and basketball teams in high school because of sagging grades and eventually shipped off to boarding school.

At Stanford, Skov endured three knee surgeries in five months and then returned to finish his career as an All-American.

Still, his stock slipped so far that the can't-miss talent's name wasn't called during the 2014 NFL draft. Passed over by every NFL team, Skov has lived the life of a free agent, bouncing between practice squads with the 49ers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers before landing back in Santa Clara.

No, the track wasn't greased for Skov, a Bay Area native who learned the game while living in Mexico. To that extent, he can sympathize with those he's paid to chase and tackle — he's been knocked down, beat up and humbled throughout his career.

The tough stuff will always be there. You have to find ways to overcome it or improve it.

Yet here he is, playing a marquee position for a team in need, a team he grew up rooting for.

And there he was Monday morning, hanging out with the Johansen High School football team in Modesto, doing his best to light the path for 38 teenagers caught in their own snare.

"My path has been a funky one," Skov told the student-athletes, "but I hope there is something you can take from it."

These days, coach Grant Genasci and his program will take anything they can get. Johansen has gone 0-10 in each of Genasci's first two seasons, and they've lost 31 of their last 32, a dubious stretch that spans four years.

During that time, Johansen has had more coaches (three) than victories (one).

Last fall, the Vikings were outscored 546-150. Johansen hasn't enjoyed a winning season since going 8-4 in 2008.

Skov doesn't put much stock in a program's checkered past. He cares more about the todays and tomorrows.

"Will this make me better?" he said time and again.

As an example, he pointed to Stanford. Before he arrived on The Farm, the Cardinal wasn't nearly the Pacific-12 Conference power it is today. Quite the opposite, actually.

"Coach (Genasci) told me you've had some hard times when it comes to football," Skov said. "When I showed up (at Stanford), there were guys there that started their careers 1-11 (in 2006). By the time they were seniors, they were 12-1 during an Orange Bowl year.

"Watching them go to work, you could tell they didn't want that to happen again. Even though I didn't know what it felt like to be 1-11, watching them, you learn that everything is a process."



Monday's visit with San Francisco 49ers linebacker Shayne Skov was set up by Johansen assistant coach Scott Sacuskie, who served on Stanford's strength and conditioning staff during Skov's collegiate career.

Skov's message to Johansen was simple and succinct: "Enjoy the process."

Those words have echoed about the practice field and locker room throughout Genasci's tenure. Though the Vikings haven't enjoyed much success on Friday nights, Genasci has asked his players and coaches to find the fun in the rebuilding effort.

Sometimes, it's best to hear it from another's mouth.

A task that monumental isn't accomplished with one mighty leap, Skov warned. Using a track metaphor, Skov said becoming a 100-meter champion takes a series of steps, each setting up the next.

Though his trip has been fraught with missteps and setbacks, Skov has reached his finish line — the NFL — by being resilient, teachable and determined.

"He was going down the wrong path, but he switched up everything by going to Stanford and now playing in the NFL," Genasci said. "I hope they get as much as they can about how if you want to achieve something, you have to work hard.

"It's not going to just happen for you. Wins aren't going to just come. We're 0-20 the last two years. They can't just hope for it to happen. They have to actively work at it."

Skov surprised the Vikings following their weight room session with assistant coach Scott Sacuskie, also Skov's strength and conditioning coach at Stanford. The team gathered in a classroom on campus, toting their cleats and bags.

They were told someone wanted to speak with them. They just didn't know who.

When Skov entered the room, donning a Johansen football T-shirt, the chatter ceased. Players shifted in their chairs, training their eyes on the 6-foot-3, 245-pound linebacker known for his big hits and intimidating face paint.

Skov spoke for more than an hour, sharing the details of his upbringing and his time at Stanford.

It took him five years to complete high school, and he spent time at a New York boarding school. A three-sport athlete, Skov marketed himself to small colleges — not Stanford or other Division I giants — believing that was his athletic ceiling.

"I grew up dreaming about Division III schools," Skov said, "but now I'm playing for the team I grew up cheering for."

Skov outlined his growth at Stanford, year by year, noting the steps it took to become a third-team All-American and captain of a BCS program. He embraced the process, discovering a love for the sciences in the classroom and laboratories while blossoming into the emotional leader of one of the nation's best defenses.

"It goes to show you that you could be at the bottom, but that doesn't matter," senior lineman Marcos Gonzalez said. "There's a new season every year, and things can change.

"These past couple of seasons we haven't won a game at all. A lot of people don't like to come out because they think we're not a good program anymore. In reality, we are. We have great coaches, great teammates and a great chemistry."



DeAndre Smelter

DeAndre Smelter Tells the Story of How He Struck Out Bryce Harper

By Taylor Price
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A pitcher never forgets.

Whether they gave up a grand slam or struck out the side, key moments in a baseball career can always be recalled in a moment's notice.

Just ask DeAndre Smelter.

The San Francisco 49ers fourth-round draft pick was an accomplished baseball prospect prior to suiting up as a football player for Georgia Tech. In fact, Smelter was a 14th-round draft pick of the Minnesota Twins back in the 2010 Major League Baseball Draft. Smelter was a powerful right-handed pitcher and topped out at 97 miles per hour on the radar gun.

Smelter's baseball career ultimately ended due to lingering arm injuries, but he still enjoyed some memorable experiences on the diamond.

Need proof?

The rookie receiver shared a humble brag on a recent episode of the team's "49ers Radio Podcast." When asked to share the most notable strike-out victim of his playing career, Smelter offered a well-known big leaguer.

Washington Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper.

The 22-year-old baseball superstar was once a promising prospect, like Smelter, who competed in amateur All-Star games. That's where the two athletes met.

"I had a chance to face Bryce Harper in the Athletic All-American game," Smelter said. "He's a great player, especially right now, he's tearing it up right now."

The 49ers wideout paused after the initial statement and then he grinned.

"I struck him out."

Harper currently leads the National League with 18 home runs and 43 runs batted in.

A strike out of this magnitude is almost like telling your grandkids you dunked on LeBron James, beat Tiger Woods in a round of golf or any other brag-inducing sports comparison.

Smelter, true to pitcher form, has not forgotten about the swing-and-miss scenario.

"I think it was a 3-2 count," he said. "I threw him a slider and I got him to chase it, so I felt pretty good about that."

Smelter has good recollection of every moment on the mound. It's not something he'll forget any time soon either.

"I can pretty much tell you every pitch sequence I've ever thrown," Smelter said. "It's pretty crazy."



Torrey Smith

The goal at former Stafford High and NFL receiver Torrey Smith multi-sport camp: Be different

By Taft Coghill Jr.
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Torrey Smith has learned a bit about stepping out of comfort zones in the past four months. Smith spent four seasons as a wide receiver with the Baltimore Ravens after graduating from the University of Maryland. But in March he signed a five-year contract with the San Francisco 49ers and will spend the next phase of his career on the other side of the country.

Smith wants his campers on Saturday to escape their comfort zones, as well.

The Torrey Smith Foundation will host a multi-sport camp for youth ages 6–12 at his alma mater, Stafford High School, on Saturday morning.

There will be stations teaching fundamentals of football, basketball and soccer. There will also be a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) station to stimulate the minds of the 250 children in attendance.

“I think it will get them out of their comfort zone,” Smith said of the idea behind the multifaceted camp. “Everyone wants to go to football camp because they’re good at doing football things and it’s something they’re used to.

“But you might be very good at football and not know a thing about soccer. You might not be the best at basketball. So you’ll get a little bit of everything in one setting.”

Registration for the free camp is closed. A one-day sign-up was held on July 11 at Stafford High. Smith said the motivation for the camp was to give back to the Fredericksburg area, including children from his hometown, Colonial Beach.

He said he wanted to bring an event back to the region after his annual celebrity basketball game was moved to College Park, Md., in 2014.

That contest, which mostly featured members of the Ravens and Washington Redskins, was held at Stafford High the offseason of Smith’s first three years in the league. In 2014, it was held in the Xfinity Center on Maryland’s campus. The event wasn’t held this year as Smith was focused on free agency and his postgraduate education.

Smith is enrolled in the University of Miami’s Executive Masters of Business Administration program, which is tailored toward professional athletes and artists.

Smith will host the game again next year at Maryland.

“That was a fun event,” Smith said. “Everyone looked forward to it and it became a staple event. It just outgrew the school and it got crazy really quick. It was really important for me to bring something back to the area.”

Smith will oversee the camp. He’ll be assisted by former Stafford and Maryland teammate Dexter McDougle, who is entering his second season as a cornerback with the New York Jets. Former University of Pittsburgh women’s basketball player Marquel Davis, also a Stafford graduate, will teach basketball.

Current Stafford athletes will serve as instructors and Stafford teachers will help with the STEM station.



“We’re working on promoting leadership, so we wanted the athletes from Stafford to help run the stations,” said Smith’s wife, Chanel, who is the vice president of his foundation. “We want to get them in the mode of giving back and being leaders.”

Another benefit will be the opportunity to learn a sport they may not be comfortable with.

Chanel Smith said one mission of the camp and the LEVEL Up (Leadership Education Vision Effort and Love) initiative associated with it is to ensure that the youth give their all, no matter how adept they are performing an activity.

“One of the principles of the whole LEVEL Up concept we came up with is effort,” Chanel Smith said. “So we’re going to be harping on the kids the whole time that, ‘This may not be something you’re good at, but we’re looking for everyone to put forth effort and do the best that you can do.’”



Jaquiski Tartt

High school teammates Tartt, Ward reunited in 49ers' secondary

By Matt Barrows
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You had to have felt at least a little sorry for Chris Hughes.

In 2009, he was a blue-chip safety at Davidson High School in Mobile, Ala., and the most highly recruited kid on his team. He was big, fast and part of one of the best defenses in the state. College coaches who came to watch him play left with his name triple underscored. The future was bright.

When he came back, his position had been filled by ... well, by some guy who never had played high school football and had a name no one could pronounce.

Until that year, Jaquiski (Ja-KWAH-ski) Tartt had fancied himself a basketball player. At the time he stood just over 6-foot and played small forward. He was physical, defensive-minded, the type of guy who would skid out of bounds on his belly for a loose ball, upending folding chairs along the way.

The football coaches noticed.

"What I remember most was watching him on a fast break," Davidson defensive coordinator P.J. Wright said. "He came through the lane and dunked the ball. It was, 'Man, he can jump out of the gym.' And that's what we were looking for from a secondary player – someone who could stop a deep ball."

For three years, Wright and others gently attempted to persuade Tartt to give football a try. Eventually, he concluded there weren't a lot of 6-1 forwards in the NBA, and before his senior season, he asked Davidson coach Fred Riley if he could participate in spring practices.

"We started him out covering kicks," Riley said. "He was fearless. The question was whether he'd develop the IQ to play."

Fate intervened when Hughes hurt his ankle. The injury not only opened a spot on the starting defense, it meant Tartt would be paired with a fellow senior named Jimmie Ward. Whereas Tartt was raw, coltish and new to the sport, Ward was a professor when it came to safety. He always wanted to be a football player and knew every detail of the game.

"Jimmie was the king of football IQ," Riley said. "We refer to it as 'Factor 11.' That's where you understand football to the point where you know all 11 working parts on the other side of the ball and all 11 working parts on this side of the ball. They'd break the huddle, and Jimmie'd know what play they were about to run."

Riley always put his best players at safety – "You can always be demoted to offense," he said – and gave them the most responsibility. They were expected to mirror each other on the field, prompting endless study sessions between Ward and his neophyte teammate. Sometimes coaches arrived at school in the morning to find their starting safeties watching game film.

The cram sessions paid off.

One Friday night in October 2009, Davidson was leading its crosstown rival, Theodore High School, 14-12 late in the game when a Theodore receiver caught a pass in the open field and took off for the end zone. Witnesses said Tartt ran half the length of the field and blasted his opponent out of bounds just short of the goal line. But with 57 seconds remaining, it seemed as if Davidson was doomed.



“It felt like we had no chance of winning,” Wright said. “That was it. They were going to put the ball in. They were going to beat us.”

On the next play, however, Theodore attempted another pass, this time to the back of the end zone. Tartt leaped and picked it off with one hand.

The headline in the Mobile (Ala.) Press-Register the next morning: “Sweet, Tartt.”

A few weeks later, Hughes was ready to get back on the field. The bad news for him: Tartt had been such a wrecking ball on run defense and so dependable in pass defense that the coaches dared not remove him from the lineup. They told Hughes to play outside linebacker instead.

“He wanted to know why he wasn’t playing safety anymore,” Wright said. “It was, ‘So which one do you want us to take off the field, Jimmie or Jaquiski?’”

Hughes remained the team’s top recruit. He had offers from seven schools, four from the Southeastern Conference, and chose Mississippi State. He was dismissed from the team in 2013 after an arrest on a domestic violence charge, his third arrest since 2011.

As for Ward, Wright called him the best player he’s ever coached. But big college programs didn’t think he had the size to play safety, and he ended up at Northern Illinois.

Tartt? He played 4 1/2 hours away at Samford, which is known for tough admissions standards and top-notch academics but certainly not its football program. He graduated with a degree in geography.

Riley said coaches from Auburn and Alabama would have zeroed in on Tartt had he played football sooner. But the kid with the odd name was a no-name until late in his senior season.

“He was an SEC guy more than Jimmie or Chris, physically,” Riley said. “It’s just that the scholarships already had been given out.”

A second-round pick by the 49ers this month, Tartt still is considered raw, still needs refinement, and just like in high school, he’ll probably start out on special teams. But for the second time, he’ll be paired with Ward, whom the 49ers selected in the first round in 2014.

“That’s my best friend – Jimmie Ward,” Tartt said. “We played together in high school, and we talked about this day. It would be crazy if me and him end up on the same (NFL) team. For it to actually happen, it’s crazy.”



Jaquiski Tartt

Jimmie Ward, Jaquiski Tartt Turn Mobile, Alabama into 49ers Country

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The Niner Empire has a new territory.

Mobile, Ala., is halfway across the country from the San Francisco 49ers headquarters in Northern California, but the midsized Gulf of Mexico town of less than 200,000 people has produced two of the team's recent high draft picks.

Jimmie Ward and Jaquiski Tartt, both products of Davidson High School in Mobile, have turned the city's college football-crazed fans into bona fide Faithfuls.

"I don't care what anybody's allegiances are in Mobile anymore, we are 49ers supporters no matter what," said Fred Riley, Ward and Tartt's coach at Davidson. "People around here really don't grow up being NFL fans. You cheer for either Alabama or Auburn. But I can tell you now that Mobile is all in with the San Francisco 49ers."

Riley was at his daughter's college graduation when he got word from a friend of Tartt's selection in the second round of the 2015 NFL Draft. At first, the coach didn't believe which team drafted Tartt.

"I texted back, 'You're kidding me,'" Riley said. "So I went out of the building and called her. She said, 'Coach, we have two kids who are San Francisco 49ers.'"

"I mean, what are the odds of that? Two kids who played side-by-side in high school are now possibly going to play side-by-side together for the 49ers."

This week, the start of the 49ers OTAs, could mark the first time Ward and Tartt are on the same field since high school. Ward, San Francisco's first-round pick in 2014, is still recovering from a foot injury that shortened his rookie season last fall, so whether or not he will participate is unknown at this time.

Regardless, Riley believes that his former pupils will push each other in the NFL. He added that having a familiar face will be especially beneficial for Tartt, a hard-hitting safety who only began playing competitive football his senior year of high school.

"Having Jimmie there is in Jaquiski's best interest," Riley said. "He'll have somebody that can help him through all the little things. I'm sure it'll help with the learning curve."



Jaquiski Tartt

Jaquiski Tartt Leans on Jimmie Ward, 49ers Veteran Safeties

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Jaquiski Tartt has a lot of people looking out for him these days, even teammates in the San Francisco 49ers defensive backfield.

The team's second-round draft pick out of Samford has been fortunate to learn from two established veteran safeties, plus a childhood friend and high school teammate.

Enter Eric Reid, Antoine Bethea and Jimmie Ward. The first two players represent the entrenched starting safety duo for the 49ers defense. Ward, on the other hand, grew up with Tartt in Mobile, Ala., and has been an added mentor for Tartt in his first month as a professional football player.

In fact, Ward gave his close friend some valuable tips prior to recent Organized Team Activities.

"Really, it was just get in the playbook," said Tartt, who was selected as an FCS All-American in his senior campaign. "That's the only thing that could keep me behind - that's the playbook."

Tartt's studying is multiplied these days. In addition to lining up behind Reid at free safety, the rookie is also picking up strong safety, the spot manned by San Francisco's reigning team MVP, Bethea.

Tartt said he's been trying to soak up as much knowledge as he can from his veteran teammates. The lessons begin in the classroom and extend to the practice fields.

When asked what the 6-foot-1, 221-pound safety has picked up the most from the 49ers starting duo, Tartt offered a quick response: "How serious they are about the game."

"When they walk into the meeting room, you can just tell from their faces that they are serious about the game."

Tartt, who finished his collegiate career with 277 tackles, six interceptions and 20 pass breakups, said he's comfortable approaching anyone in the team's defensive back meeting room for advice. The sharing of information begins with respected secondary coach Tim Lewis.

"He's a very smart coach," Tartt said. "There's a lot of knowledge in the room. You can talk to anybody and they pretty much know what they're doing, and they'll help you out."

Tartt's understanding of Eric Mangini's new-look defensive system has been tested this offseason. Besides having to execute play calls for the first time, Tartt and his fellow reserve defenders are having to line up rapidly to counteract the quickness in which the 49ers have been snapping the ball in practice.

In the rookie's estimation, the quick turnaround in between plays is helping both sides of the ball prepare for training camp and the preseason.

"You most definitely have to focus on every play and try to be ahead of the offense, but I'm pretty used to it," Tartt said. "My offense in college, it's not the same, but they used to do an up-tempo style of offense. I'm kind of used to it."

Speed is one thing. Volume of a new defensive playbook is a whole different beast.



So while Tartt does his best to try and adapt to life as a professional player, he sounded optimistic about his on-field talent being able to transition from small-school college football to the rough-and-tough nature of the NFC West.

Tartt was clear in assessing how his style of play can be viewed by outsiders.

"I love to come in the box, but I can cover the deep middle of the field, too," he said.

Tartt's transition will be one of the many fascinating storylines for first-year players on the 49ers roster. Making matters more intriguing is the fact that Tartt has a unique challenge to overcome in his life away from the facility.

"My boy Jermaine Whitehead, he's a safety from Auburn," Tartt began, "He talks in his sleep. He'll be talking about random stuff in his sleep. It was funny. I thought he was up, but he was actually asleep."

It sounds like all of the rookies are coping with their initial experiences in their own ways.



Brandon Thomas

49ers' Brandon Thomas making push to be starter

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First, his knee hurt. Then, his heart ached.

Now, 49ers guard Brandon Thomas is in a better place: He's dealing with less pain as he prepares for his delayed NFL debut.

A year ago, Thomas was in the midst of an excruciating seven-month stretch in which he sustained another torn ACL and lost his mother, Yvonne, to a blood cancer, multiple myeloma, at 60.

Last week, Thomas reflected on his difficult 2014. He tore the ACL in his right knee in a workout with the Saints about a month before the draft and the injury made the potential second-round pick the final pick of the third round (the 49ers took him at No. 100). Thomas spent his first year rehabilitating at the 49ers' facility, but left the team in November to be with his mother in the days preceding her death.

Thomas, 24, is grateful his mom, who made it clear education ranked far above athletics, was present when he graduated from Clemson and entered the NFL. His guess: She was a bit more excited about that diploma than about draft day.

"Those were huge events and she was able to be there for them," Thomas said. "She won't be there when I play in an NFL game, but I know she'll be with me."

Thomas will play in his first game Saturday when the 49ers visit Houston in their preseason opener. It will mark the first time he has played in a game since he participated in the Senior Bowl more than 18 months ago.

Given his pedigree, the two-time All-ACC pick was viewed as a candidate to fill the vacancy created in March when Pro Bowl guard Mike Iupati signed with Arizona. However, Thomas has spent the majority of the first eight practices of training camp with the second unit.

That's partly a reflection on first-string guard Marcus Martin, another 2014 third-round pick who made eight starts at center as a rookie. And it's also a nod to the rust Thomas is knocking off. In addition to returning from a serious injury, he's playing guard for the first time since 2011.

Thomas, a left tackle for his final two seasons at Clemson, opened eyes in 2013 when he went mostly one-on-one with South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, and the No. 1 pick in 2014 finished with two solo tackles and a sack.

On Sunday, left tackle Joe Staley said Thomas (6-foot-3, 317 pounds) was starting to show why he generated such pre-draft buzz.

"His first week kind of coming back — he had a year off from football, basically — so that transition is going to take a little bit," Staley said. "But you're starting to see more of the natural talent that he has and the reason that we drafted him high last year. ... He's so powerful, and he's so big and moves really well. And you're seeing that come on in the second week."

Thomas has been here before. He tore the ACL in his left knee as a senior at Dorman High in Roebuck, S.C., and the injury delayed his college development. He redshirted in 2009, played only 136 snaps in 2010 and didn't become a starter until the fourth game of his sophomore season.



“It’s kind of the same situation and I know it’s going to be a process,” Thomas said. “I’m sure everyone knows it’s going to be a process. I’m working hard to push through every day, trying to come out, be competitive and learn what I need to learn.”

Thomas is eager to assist the 49ers, who surprised him when they halted his draft plunge. After his ACL tear, Thomas said teams began canceling the pre-draft visits they’d scheduled and he feared he’d also be ignored until deep in the draft.

Now, more than a year after he was selected, he’s finally in a better place: A spot where he can start to show the 49ers that they’ll be rewarded for their risk.

“I was surprised and happy when they” drafted me, Thomas said. “But then I thought, ‘I’ve got to go to work now and prove that I can help. I’m not just going to be another pick.’”



Brandon Thomas

49ers' Thomas pays touching tribute to mother

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49ers offensive lineman Brandon Thomas shared a heart-wrenching statement on Mother's Day on his Instagram account, one that stood out from other posts on social media Sunday.

He paid tribute to his mother, Yvonne Thomas, who passed away after a battle with cancer on Monday, Nov. 24, 2014 at the age of 60.

Brandon Thomas wrote what this day means to him and his family, and the importance of the role of a mother:

Today is going to be pretty tough for my sisters and I. But so is every other day since we've lost our mother. There is absolutely no love in this world like the love of a mother. There is a void that cannot and will not ever be filled, no matter what anybody tells you. We don't miss her today any more than we will tomorrow, or the next day, or the day after that. Today, Mother's Day, is just another painful reminder that she is no longer physically here. Although I am a motherless son and my sisters are motherless daughters now, I still have a mom, and I celebrate that. I will for the rest of my life. She is just no longer physically next to me. I will continue to honor her life not only on Mother's Day, but for the rest of my life until I see her again. Of course I envy people who still have their mothers around, especially the ones around my age. My mother was so healthy then cancer comes in her life. I can't help but think of all she has missed so far and is going to miss. Renee, Mara, and I love you dearly. You sacrificed so much for us to be where we are right now in our lives. I love you mom, I know you're up there watching over all of us. Happy Mother's Day to a woman who gave it her all for her children and her grandchildren. You were our rock.

The second-year guard was selected in the third round of the 2014 NFL Draft at pick 100 overall.

Thomas is a South Carolina native and graduate of the University of Clemson.



Dylan Thompson

Rookie QB Dylan Thompson Relishes Opportunity to Learn from Colin Kaepernick

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Did you know the San Francisco 49ers signed the top statistical quarterback in 2014 from arguably the best college football conference?

No, you didn't miss any big news. The aforementioned player is Dylan Thompson, a signal-caller from South Carolina who landed with the 49ers as an undrafted free agent earlier this month.

As a redshirt senior last fall, Thompson led the Southeastern Conference in passing with 3,564 yards – a school record. He threw for 26 touchdowns as well.

Despite not hearing his name called at the draft, Thompson found himself in a relatively fortuitous situation with the 49ers. He is only the third quarterback on the roster, behind starter Colin Kaepernick and veteran backup Blaine Gabbert.

At the team's recent rookie minicamp, Thompson was the only quarterback on the field, meaning he got a golden opportunity to make a good first impression on the coaching staff.

"He's a collected individual," Jim Tomsula told reporters this month. "He's got those... intangibles. Then you watch the tape. This guy can throw a football around. He spins it. We're excited about him. We really are."

Thompson was understandably disappointed to go undrafted, but that initial feeling soon went away when he signed with the 49ers.

"You're sitting there wondering, 'Am I going to get drafted or not?' You don't really know," Thompson said on Thursday after completing the team's first week of OTAs. "Early on in the process though, I got to talk with (quarterbacks) coach (Steve) Logan and thought this was a great place to learn. And that's the way it worked out. I'm thankful to be here."

Part of the reason Thompson chose San Francisco over other suitors was because of Kaepernick and Gabbert. The rookie wanted the chance to grow under two established NFL quarterbacks.

"Kap and Blaine are really smart guys," Thompson said. "They've been here, and they do things the right way. I appreciate them shedding light on things for me. I'm just trying to learn something new every single day. ... If it's 10 reps a day, I'm just trying to make those 10 reps the best I can."

"That's the type of situation I wanted to come into if I did end up in free agency."

Of course, it didn't hurt that three of Thompson's offensive weapons from South Carolina were also on the 49ers roster. The quarterback has reunited with his running back, Mike Davis, tight end, Busta Anderson and wide receiver, Bruce Ellington. In January of 2013, Thompson and Ellington hooked up for a game-winning 32-yard touchdown with 11 seconds left to defeat Michigan in the Outback Bowl.

"That's fun," Thompson said. "To be in a locker room with Bruce again; we've known each other since we were 5 years old. Then Mike and Buster, the past four or five years have been great with those guys. Just great teammates, fun friends, and I'm enjoying it."



DeAndrew White

49ers Undrafted Rookie WR DeAndrew White: 'I Feel Like I Belong Here'

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At any given point in the early goings of the San Francisco 49ers offseason program, one curiosity-induced sight could be witnessed on repeat.

No. 18 catches pass. Onlooker glances down at roster to learn who No. 18 is.

This happened so many times that by the end of minicamp, no one questioned who No. 18 was.

DeAndrew White, the player in that jersey, came to the 49ers as a largely unknown undrafted free agent in early May. In the two months since, the wide receiver has done nothing but make plays. And in the process, he's drawn praise from media, coaches and teammates alike.

"The type of person he is; he motivates himself," co-wide receivers coach Adam Henry said. "He has a little chip on his shoulder, and he brings it to the building each and every day."

White is only 23 years old, but he's experienced enough highs and certainly enough lows to understand the opportunity ahead of him.

Need convincing? Here's a snapshot of his football career to date: hometown hero, blue-chip prospect, injury-plagued collegian, afterthought to a Heisman Trophy contender and draft-day snub. Now he's striving to ensure the next bullet point added to that list isn't "NFL roster cut."

"I'm a hard-worker and ultra-competitive," White said. "I just can't wait for the opportunity to showcase my talent. I know what I want to achieve, and I know that I need to get better than what I've been doing."

"The NFL is not for everybody, but I feel like I'm at home; I feel like I belong here. I know I'm going to succeed. This is just the beginning."

In early September of 2008, Hurricane Ike swept through the Houston area and left significant flooding and power outages in its wake.

At the time, White was a junior at North Shore High School, a perennial powerhouse in Texas football whose home stadium seats more than 10,000 fans.

When the storm hit, North Shore lost electricity for 16 days. The school was forced to cancel three games as its city recovered from the third-costliest hurricane in U.S. history.

But as they often do, sports provided a temporary distraction from the destruction. In this case, North Shore was on the cusp of history. Sitting on 72 consecutive regular-season victories, the team needed one more win to break the state record.

Following the layoff, North Shore went on the road to face another elite program in Lufkin High School, which owned a 27-game home winning streak.

White caught a team-high seven passes for a 120 yards that night, but coach David Aymond remembers one reception with vivid detail.



Tied at 21 with 26 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, White, a slot receiver who won the Texas Class 5A 200-meter dash in the spring, had his number called.

White dug his cleats into the turf, broke off the line scrimmage and caught a slant route. Using his sprinter speed, White split the safeties and raced into the end zone for a 26-yard touchdown. The score gave North Shore the victory and the state record.

“He always had a penchant for making the big play,” Aymond said. “It didn’t surprise me at all. That’s DeAndrew.”

White arrived at Alabama in 2010 as the seventh-best wide receiver prospect in the nation. He redshirted as a true freshman before earning sporadic playing time in 2011, his first season suiting up for the Crimson Tide.

White’s breakout campaign was supposed to occur as a sophomore in 2012. He won a starting job over an incoming freshman named Amari Cooper and even caught a 51-yard touchdown pass in the team’s season opener against Michigan.

But just a few games later, White’s ascension came tumbling down when he sustained a season-ending ACL injury.

“I was blocking on a play, and my knee just popped,” he said.

Cooper took over with White sidelined and went on to earn consensus Freshman All-America honors. Cooper continued his rise to stardom over the ensuing two seasons while White battled not only the ACL injury, but also a fractured toe, separated shoulder and pulled hamstring.

In his final season in Tuscaloosa last fall, White regained a starting role, playing in 12 games opposite of Cooper. But while the Heisman Trophy finalist dominated the SEC by hauling in 124 passes for 1,727 yards, White recorded a modest 40 receptions for 504 yards.

He turned in his best performance in the SEC championship game against then-No. 16 Missouri, catching four balls for 101 yards including a 58-yard touchdown.

“I just played my role,” White said. “It wasn’t for me to say or complain about. I just wasn’t the No. 1 receiver at Alabama, so I did what I could to help the team.”

Nick Saban urged NFL scouts and general managers not to ignore White. In the buildup to the 2015 NFL Draft, the Alabama coach told anyone who would listen that his wide receiver could make an impact at the next level.

“DeAndrew White is probably the guy that I would say, if you said, ‘Who would be most underappreciated by the NFL?’ because he has a lot more ability than what his production maybe has been here,” Saban said after Alabama’s pro day. “He’s got great speed. He’s got great size. He’s a great special teams player.”

“I think he’s going to be a real value for somebody. Somebody’s going to get a guy who has great ability and probably could develop into something special.”

When word of Saban’s comments about White were relayed to Cooper, this year’s fourth overall pick expressed similar support.



"Nick said that? Nick was correct," Cooper said. "Great athlete. Great route runner, and he's getting better. He's always getting better, and he always wants to work. He's driven, and he can go out and make plays. I'm telling you, he can go out there and make plays."

Yet despite the high-profile endorsements and a 4.34-second 40-yard dash time at his pro day, White sat through 256 picks of the draft without hearing his name called. The wideout knew his injury history would be a deterrent, but he still thought a team would take a shot on him in the later rounds.

"I was surprised," White said. "I had been hearing a lot of good stuff from coaches and scouts but things worked out that way."

Shortly after the draft concluded, White fielded a call from nearly every NFL team, all reaching out to gauge his interest in signing as an undrafted free agent. White said he was offered more money elsewhere, but he chose to join the 49ers because San Francisco represented the best opportunity to stick long-term.

"I decided I didn't want to do the money grab," White said. "I made the best choice for my career. I don't regret it at all. I love the facility, I love the program, I love the staff and I love the team."

Although no official stats were taken during the 49ers offseason program, it's a safe bet that White was the most targeted wide receiver throughout the nine-week schedule.

He displayed strong hands, solid route-running, impressive leaping ability, and most importantly, top-end speed. White said he felt no lingering effects from the laundry list of injuries he dealt with in college.

"Oh yeah, I'm good," White said. "I haven't had a problem with my knee since the year I did it or anything else. I'm recovered. I'm full-go."

White appeared to mesh well with all three 49ers quarterbacks. He rarely, if ever, mishandled a pass from Colin Kaepernick, famous for being a gunslinger.

"He throws like no other," White said. "You watch his windup, and he just lets it go like a rocket. It's challenging to catch but it makes you think faster. You just have to focus on the ball. It's really a reflex with him."

As of now, the 49ers have 12 receivers on their roster. White fully understands that at least half of those players will not make the final 53-man roster out of training camp. That's why he wants to prove his value beyond catching passes.

"The more versatile you are, the better chance you have to be on the field," White said. "I like to try to take advantage of that because I'm an athlete. I can do a lot of things."

Along with the likes of Reggie Bush and Jarryd Hayne, White received reps in the punt and kick return game during OTAs and minicamp. He also has experience playing gunner on special teams at Alabama.

"He's not afraid of anything," special teams coordinator Thomas McGaughey Jr. said. "He's not afraid of competition. He goes out there every day and works his tail off. You can't ask for much more from a rookie free agent. I think he's on his way."

Famous undrafted wide receivers that went on to star in the NFL include names like Wes Welker, Victor Cruz and Rod Smith. White obviously still has everything to accomplish, but those players prove that successful careers can start from humble beginnings.



The highlight of White's standout offseason came on the final day of minicamp. In a hurry-up, red-zone period, White ran down the left side of the field, leaped over his defender and hauled in a touchdown pass from Blaine Gabbert.

Without breaking stride, White returned to same line of scrimmage to run another play, this time on the opposite side of the field. He ran a skinny post toward the back of the end zone, where Gabbert targeted him again. The pass was high and behind the receiver, but White displayed excellent body control by snatching the ball midair and tapping both feet inbounds for another dazzling score.

"He's made some incredible plays," said Quinton Dial, White's teammate at Alabama. "I like how he's looking out there."

Added co-wide receivers coach Ronald Curry, "I like his competitiveness. He's a savvy player, too. If you're out there working hard every day, the ball will find you. He got hot during minicamp."

Coincidentally, White's new home is not far away from the player whose shadow he couldn't escape in college. Across the Bay in Oakland, Cooper is beginning his career with the Raiders.

"We talk almost every day. That's my boy," White said. "We tell each other what we did at practice and how we routes. We still compete even now that we're not on the same team. We still compete. I think that's pretty cool."

White doesn't like to look too far ahead, but for the Houston native, it's difficult not to imagine what it will be like on Aug. 15 when the 49ers visit the Texans to open the preseason. A football career with so many twists and turns comes full circle to the place where it started.

"I can't wait, honestly," White said. "Going back home for my first NFL game, it would be a dream come true. We'll have to see what happens, but I've circled that date. And when it's my time, it'll be my time."