# DANIEL BULLOCKS

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

### 13TH NFL SEASON (5 PLAYING/8 COACHING) × 7TH WITH 49ERS

Daniel Bullocks is in his seventh season with the 49ers and first as the team's defensive backs coach. He spent the previous four seasons as San Francisco's safeties coach (2019-22) after serving two years (2017-18) as assistant defensive backs coach.

In 2022, Bullocks and the 49ers defense ranked tied for first in interceptions (20) and added an additional three during the postseason. Second-year S Talanoa Hufanga saw a breakout season, starting all 17 games, grabbing his first four career interceptions and setting career highs in tackles (97), sacks (2.0), forced fumbles (two) and passes defensed (nine), earning First-Team AP All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors. S Tashaun Gipson Sr. made 17 starts and grabbed five interceptions, his most since 2014, to go along with 61 tackles and eight passes defensed.

Bullocks and the 49ers defense ranked sixth in the NFL in 2021, allowing 206.5 passing yards per game. This came a year after helping the Niners rank fifth in the NFL in total defense (314.4 yards per game allowed) and fourth in passing defense (207.9 passing yards per game allowed) in 2020. Along with leading the NFL in passing defense in 2019 (169.2 passing yards allowed per game), it marked the first time the 49ers defense ranked in the top five in the NFL in passing defense in consecutive seasons since 1976 (fourth – 126.9) and 1977 (fourth – 113.4). DB Jimmie Ward started a career-high 14 games and registered a career-high 71 tackles, two forced fumbles and four passes defensed. DB Tarvarius Moore played in all 16 games (career-high eight starts) and tallied a career-high 49 tackles and one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and one pass defensed.

In 2019, Bullocks helped the 49ers defense rank first in the NFL in passing yards allowed per game (169.2), the fewest passing yards allowed per game in the NFL since 2009 (NYJ - 153.7). It also marked the first time San Francisco led the NFL in passing yards allowed per game since 1987 (165.6). The 49ers defense also ranked second in the NFL in total yards per game allowed (281.8) and seventh in both opponent completion percentage (61.3) and opponent quarterback rating (83.0). Ward started all 13 games in which he appeared and registered 60 tackles, 1.0 sack and eight passes defensed. S Jaquiski Tartt started a career-high 12 games and tallied 44 tackles, 0.5 sack, two passes defensed, one forced fumble and a career-high two fumble recoveries.

In 2018, working alongside defensive backs coach Jeff Hafley, the 49ers secondary improved from 22nd in the NFL in passing yards allowed per game in 2017 to 11th in the league in 2018 (233.3). The 49ers also ranked 10th in the NFL in opponent completion percentage (63.5), improving from 20th in the NFL the year prior. In his first season with San Francisco, CB Richard Sherman helped lead the 49ers secondary as he registered 37 tackles, 1.0 sack and four passes defensed while CB K'Waun Williams led the secondary with 45 tackles.



In 2017, the 49ers secondary continued to improve throughout the season. Rookie CB Ahkello Witherspoon started the final nine games and finished the season with 32 tackles and he tied for the team-lead in both interceptions (two) and passes defensed (seven). Rookie DB Adrian Colbert started each of the last six games he played and finished with 32 tackles, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and five passes defensed. In his first season with San Francisco, Williams set a career high with 54 tackles while adding his first career interception, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and five passes defensed.

In 2016, Bullocks served as the assistant defensive backs coach with the Jacksonville Jaguars where he worked with defensive backs coach DeWayne Walker and helped the Jaguars pass defense rank third in fewest yards allowed per pass attempt (6.58) and fifth in fewest passing yards per game allowed (215.3). CB Jalen Ramsey, selected fifth overall in the 2016 NFL Draft, started all 16 games for Jacksonville while leading the team and all rookies with 14 passes defensed en route to being named to the PFWA All-Rookie team.

Prior to Jacksonville, Bullocks spent one season (2015) as assistant coach/cornerbacks at Eastern Michigan University. Bullocks helped EMU improve from 11th in pass defense in 2014 (274.8 pass yards allowed per game) to second in pass defense (202.8 pass yards allowed per game) in 2015 among Mid-American Conference teams.

Prior to Eastern Michigan, Bullocks spent three seasons (2012-14) at the University of Northern Iowa where he served as assistant coach/secondary. In three seasons at UNI, Bullocks helped the Panthers reach new heights, spending a combined 23 weeks ranked in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) polls.

During the 2014 campaign, Bullocks' secondary totaled 17 interceptions and three players from his defensive backfield were recognized by the Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) for all-conference accolades. UNI ranked second in scoring defense (19.9 points per game allowed), second in total defense (313.6 yards per game allowed) and fifth in passing defense (206.6 pass yards allowed per game) among all MVFC teams.

In 2013, Northern Iowa ranked second in scoring defense (18.8 points per game allowed), third in total defense (334.5 yards per game allowed) and fifth in passing defense (202.9 pass yards allowed per game) among all MVFC teams. Under Bullocks' guidance, CB Ray Mitchell ranked second in the conference with four interceptions.

Originally a second-round pick (40th overall) by the Detroit Lions in the 2006 NFL Draft, Bullocks appeared in 31 games (22 starts) and totaled 115 tackles, four passes defensed, three fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and 1.0 sack during his four-year (2006-09) NFL career with Detroit. In 2008, he was the team's Ed Block Courage Award winner and was the recipient of the Chuck Hughes Most Improved Player Award.

Bullocks played collegiately at the University of Nebraska (2001-05), where he appeared in 48 games at safety. In 2005, he earned Second-Team All-Big 12 honors and was named to the Big 12 Fall Commissioner's Academic Roll in 2005. He earned his degree in sociology in 2005.

A native of Chattanooga, TN, Bullocks is the founder of the Bullocks Foundation, which mentors and establishes scholarships for student-athletes to further education in his hometown. Bullocks and his wife, Vanessa, have four children: Bella, Thalia, Starlet and Liv.

## BULLOCKS' BACKGROUND

| YEARS | COACHING BACKGROUND | HEAD COACH |
|---|---|---|
| 2023-current | Defensive Backs, San Francisco 49ers | Kyle Shanahan |
| 2019-22 | Safeties, San Francisco 49ers | Kyle Shanahan |
| 2017-18 | Assistant Defensive Backs, San Francisco 49ers | Kyle Shanahan |
| 2016 | Assistant Defensive Backs, Jacksonville Jaguars | Doug Marrone/Gus Bradley |
| 2015 | Assistant Coach/Cornerbacks, Eastern Michigan University | Chris Creighton |
| 2013-14 | Assistant Coach/Secondary, University of Northern Iowa | Mark Farley |
| 2006-10 | *Safety, Detroit Lions | Jim Schwartz/Rod Marinelli |
| 2001-05 | *Safety, University of Nebraska | Bill Callahan/Frank Solich |

* Player