JOHN LYNCH

As an Executive, one of the most respected players to ever play the game of football, and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2021, John Lynch is in his sixth season as the San Francisco 49ers' General Manager following impressive NFL playing and broadcasting careers.

With the 82nd pick of the 1993 NFL draft, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers selected Lynch out of Stanford, bringing in a hard-hitting and smart playmaking safety. In 1996, he earned a permanent starting role in his fourth NFL season. In a defense that dominated the NFL, he racked up over 100 tackles and tied his career-high with three interceptions.

Becoming an anchor of Tampa Bay's secondary, ranking among the best in the NFL, Lynch was voted to the Pro Bowl for the first time in his career in 1997, followed by the same accolade eight more times. He earned first-team All-Pro recognition consecutively from 1999 to 2001. He helped the Buccaneers to the franchise's first Super Bowl title in 2002 recording 96 tackles, three interceptions, and 12 passes defensed as Tampa Bay finished 12-4 on the season. He continued this dominance in the postseason adding five tackles in the divisional playoff, six in the championship game, and one tackle, as well as a pass, defended in the Super Bowl XXXVII victory.

As a free agent in 2004, Lynch signed with the Denver Broncos where he spent his final four seasons of his 15-year NFL career. He helped the Broncos to a conference championship game in his second season with the team recording a career-high four sacks, 2 interceptions, four forced fumbles, and 69 tackles during the season with an additional 4 tackles and one pass defense in the 2005 AFC Championship Game against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

After his stellar 15-year NFL career filled with action seen in 224 regular season games, 26 interceptions, 13 sacks, and over 1,000 tackles, Lynch began his broadcasting career in 2008 and spent 8 seasons as an NFL analyst.

Beginning his executive career, Lynch was named the general manager of the San Francisco 49ers in 2017 and signed a multi-year contract extension in 2020. Since joining San Francisco, he has been vigilant in seeking and acquiring players that embody the team's culture on the field and in the community. He works hand in hand with Kyle Shanahan and the coaching staff to add players through all available avenues. After a 13-3 regular season record and a trip to Super Bowl LIV, Lynch was named the 2019 Executive of the Year by the Pro Football Writers of America following only his third season with the team