



MICHAEL CLAY

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR



NFL Experience: 11th Year (6th with Eagles)
 College: Oregon Hometown: San Jose, CA

Michael Clay completed his third year as the special teams coordinator of the Philadelphia Eagles and 10th season overall coaching in the NFL.

A member of an Eagles staff that guided the team to a Super Bowl LVII appearance, Clay led a group that featured three NFC Special Teams Player of the Week performances during the 2022 season. He also helped rookie **Britain Covey** rank third in the conference in both punt return yards (308, eighth in the NFL) and punt return average (9.3, ninth in the NFL).

In 2021, Clay oversaw a special teams unit that was highlighted by the excellence of kicker **Jake Elliott**, who earned his first career Pro Bowl nod after producing a franchise-record 90.9 field goal percentage (30-of-33) and a career-high 134 points (sixth-most in team history). Additionally, Elliott finished as one of just three NFL kickers who converted at least 90 percent of their field goals and all of their extra-point attempts (44-of-44), joining **Justin Tucker** (94.6 pct.) and **Younghoe Koo** (93.1 pct.).

Prior to coming back to Philadelphia, Clay spent five seasons (2016-20) as an assistant coach with the San Francisco 49ers.

During the 2020 campaign, Clay helped punter **Mitch Wishnowsky** post the most punts inside the 20-yard line (25) in the NFL while finishing among the top 12 in the NFL in net (41.6, 12th) and gross (46.9, 11th) average.

In 2019, when San Francisco advanced to Super Bowl LIV, Clay assisted a special teams group that ranked second in average starting field position (32.1-yard line) and seventh in opponent average starting field position (24.7-yard line). Kicker **Robbie Gould** recorded 100-plus points (110) for the third straight season and Wishnowsky registered the second-best punting average (44.9) by a 49ers rookie. **Richie James** also ranked seventh in the league in punt return average (8.0) and 10th in kickoff return average (21.4).

San Francisco's special teams flourished in 2018. Gould set a 49ers record for field goal percentage (97.1 pct.) after connecting on 33-of-34 attempts and totaling 126 points. He also set the franchise record for consecutive field goals made (33) and ended the year making each of his final 23 attempts. James, who produced the team's first kickoff return touchdown (97 yards) since 2011, capped his rookie year with All-NFC accolades from the PFWA after ranking seventh in the NFL in kickoff return average (25.2).

Clay served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach with San Francisco in 2017. He originally joined the 49ers' staff as an assistant special teams coach during the 2016 season.

Prior to San Francisco, Clay spent two years on the Eagles' staff, working as an assistant special teams coach in 2015 and a defensive quality control coach in 2014. In 2015, Philadelphia ranked second in the league in punt return average (11.4) and was one of four teams to produce multiple return touchdowns on special teams. **Darren Sproles** earned his second career Pro Bowl nod after recording the most punt return yards (446) in the league and tying for the most punt return touchdowns (two).

COACHING TIMELINE		
Years	Team	Position
2021-	Philadelphia Eagles	Special Teams Coordinator
2018-20	San Francisco 49ers	Assistant Special Teams
2017	San Francisco 49ers	Assistant Strength & Conditioning
2016	San Francisco 49ers	Assistant Special Teams
2015	Philadelphia Eagles	Assistant Special Teams
2014	Philadelphia Eagles	Defensive Quality Control



A native of San Jose, CA, Clay was a four-year letterman as a linebacker at the University of Oregon (2009-12). He earned second-team All-Pac-12 honors as a senior in 2012, starting all 12 games and registering 101 tackles, three sacks and one forced fumble. Clay was signed by the Miami Dolphins as an undrafted free agent in 2013.

Clay attended Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, CA. He played fullback and linebacker and was named a two-time *All-Mercury News* first-team selection.