
GRAB THE LEAD

Let's backtrack for a moment. In a **literal** and **figurative** deluge of rumors that Wolverines coach Brady Hoke's replacement has already been named, **Harbaugh** tops every list. Of course, **Harbaugh** is a licensed **Michigan Man** in a head coach's body. Should he consider a move to Ann Arbor?



A perfect storm of factors is poised to erupt. On our tinfoil hat, it's worth remembering that the most disputed: Harbaugh nearly **became** the head coach. **Florio first reported**, a trade sending Harbaugh to the 49ers for draft picks "was in place," likely a done deal. Harbaugh, head coach and 49ers GM Trent Baalke **reportedly initiated the talks**. Harbaugh's move to the 49ers is an outwardly attractive situation for both teams, but the move never came to fruition, but the rumors suggest the clock is ticking on Harbaugh's departure, especially considering **his contract**.

In addition to the apparent Harbaugh rumors, the 49ers may be in the midst of an honest-to-goodness rebuilding. The offense looks average, the defense has been riddled with injuries, and it's going to be tough to make the playoffs in the same division. The prospect of Harbaugh bolting for another team is more plausible than it would have a year ago.