

LONNIE YOUNG

WEST-REGIONAL SCOUT

BORN: 7/18/63, FLINT, MI

EXP. (NFL/RAVENS): 25/8 (12 PLAYING / 13 SCOUTING)

Lonnie Young is in his third year as the Ravens' Westregional scout. As one of three regional scouts, Young scouts conferences in the entire western section of the country, including players from the Pac-12, Mountain West, Sun Belt and WAC. Originally joining the Ravens in 2008, he spent five seasons as a West area scout. Young played 12 seasons as a defensive back for three NFL teams (Arizona, San Diego and NY Jets). While away from football, Young was a member of the McDonalds owner/operator program and ran two restaurants prior to going into the staffing industry with Express Personnel services. He began his NFL scouting career with the New York Jets in 2002. After a year in New York, Young spent the next five years with the Arizona Cardinals evaluating players from the western half of the country.

2008-15: (with Baltimore) **2013:** Named West-regional scout following the draft. **2012:** Ravens selected CB Asa Jackson (Cal Poly) from Young's focus area. **2011:** First-round pick CB Jimmy Smith (Colorado) was taken in the draft. **2010:** Ravens drafted TEs Ed Dickson and Dennis Pitta, and WR/RS David Reed from Young's area. **2009:** Team selected OLB Paul Kruger (Utah) in the second round of the draft. **2008:** Joined the Ravens as a West area scout.

2003-07: (with Arizona) Cross checked player evaluations for the western half of the country...Was also responsible for scouting additional Midwestern states, including Michigan

and Indiana. **2003-04:** Re-joined the Cardinals, spending two years as the team's national scout.

2002: (with New York Jets) Started his scouting career as a Midwest scout for the last team for which he played.

NFL PLAYER (1985-96): Was originally selected (12th round) by the Cardinals in the 1985 NFL Draft and appeared in 150 career games as a DB for the Cardinals (1985-90), Jets (1991-93, 95-96) and Chargers (1994), earning an AFC Championship ring, along with Ravens director of player development Harry Swayne, while with San Diego...Tallied 720 tackles (540 solo), 11 INTs, 14 FRs, 9 FFs, 44 PD and 2 sacks...In 1985, Young earned All-Rookie honors after leading the Cardinals' secondary with 3 INTs...He received an honorable mention All-Pro honor in 1988...His Jets teammates selected him as their 1993 Ed Block Courage Award recipient after he returned from a career-threatening knee injury...Also received the Jets' Dennis Byrd Award for being the most inspirational player on the team (Byrd suffered a career-ending spinal injury in 1992).

COLLEGE/PERSONAL: Was a two-year starting CB at Michigan State, earning a degree in communications...Was a two-sport athlete for the Spartans, also lettering in track and field...Attended Beecher (Flint, MI) HS and was inducted into the Flint Hall of Fame in 2004...Was a childhood friend and teammate of former Giants LB Carl Banks...Both high school jerseys were retired in the same ceremony.

RAVENS DRAFT WIZARDRY

Adam Schein, *Sirius/NFL.com:* "Three guarantees in life: Death, taxes and the Ravens ruling the draft. General manager Ozzie Newsome, assistant general manager Eric DeCosta and a great scouting department comprise a front office that always seems to be three steps ahead."

Don Banks, *SI.com*: "The Ravens are the NFL's gold standard on draft day, consistently making choices that stand the test of time."

Ian Rapoport, NFL.com: "The Ravens' general manager [Ozzie Newsome] has built a perennial playoff participant through the draft, and he's done so by spotlighting the kinds of players the organization is now known for – those who play like they'd do it for free. Gritty, tough and with a love of the game. Hard-nosed, nasty and with a certain violence. If you were choosing sides for a street fight, think about how many Ravens you'd want on your team."

John Clayton, ESPN: "As a player, he was known as the Wizard of Oz, a Hall of Fame tight end who was hard to stop. As a drafter, he's a master of finding the right players."

Mel Kiper, **ESPN**: "This team wins because it drafts well. Steve Bisciotti is a great owner because he lets his guys do their job. It's a great organization."

Todd McShay, **ESPN**: "The Ravens are successful, because they ignore needs to take the best player available. There's a reason the Ravens are always picking in the bottom half of the draft. They win and are in the playoffs each year."

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