

## On Second Thought....

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Bobby Lutz, who was among those strongly considered for the head coaching vacancy at Appalachian State University, has change his mind. And instead of possibly being named the 16th men's basketball

coach in school history, Lutz has decided he's going to stay at North Carolina State.

Lutz, who will enter his fourth year as Mark Gottfried's top assistant, has withdrawn his name from consideration.. He made the announcement Friday on Twitter.

Lutz had talked to Appalachian State athletic director Charlie Cobb about the Mountaineers' opening earlier in the week. The Mountaineers went 9-21 this season and fired coach Jason Capel, who had a 53-70 record in four seasons.

Lutz went 218-158 at Charlotte in 12 seasons and led the 49ers to the NCAA tournament five times. He was replaced after the 2009-10 season and spent one year as an assistant at Iowa State before joining the N.C. State staff when Gottfried was hired in April 2011.

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Lutz, who turns 56 next week, has helped Gottfried lead N.C. State to three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances. He has one year remaining on his contract with N.C. State, which is worth \$300,000.