

Could Buzz change his mind about ASU?

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That is the question at the moment.

According to the Wednesday edition of the Charlotte Observer, Buzz Peterson, who seems to be Appalachian State's only choice to take over the men's basketball program, could be approached a second time by the university's search committee led by Athletics Director Charlie Cobb, according to a source close to the situation.

Peterson, who rejected the job last Thursday after thinking it over for a week-and-a-half, could be offered a sweeter deal by ASU that would include help with disposing of his home in the Charlotte area. Peterson, who is currently the Player Personal Director of the Charlotte Bobcats, coached the Mountaineers for four seasons (1996-2000) and led them to a Southern Conference tournament championship and to the NCAA tournament in 1999-2000.

Peterson will not comment on the situation, according to the Observer. Now, Ed Conroy of The Citadel and Melvin Watkins, the associate head coach at Missouri, are also possibilities.

Conroy, in only his third season with the Bulldogs, led them to a 20-win season this past year, only the second one in school history. Watkins, who coached at Charlotte and Texas A&M, won 42 games at during his two-year stay at UNCC after Jeff Mullins retired. And he led the 49ers to two NCAA tournament appearances.