

With Carter out, SC State in search of respectability, another hoops coach

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ORANGEBURG - On the heels of Tim Carter's recent resignation as head basketball coach at South Carolina State, the Bulldogs are trying to find their way back to respectability; and to bring in another leader.

In his sixth season as hoops mentor at S.C. State, Carter, a former assistant at Oklahoma State, made his departure effective last Wednesday (Feb.6), as announced by the institution.

While accepting Carter's resignation, Charlene Johnson expressed appreciation to the long time college coach.

"We thank Coach Carter for his service as head men's basketball coach at South Carolina State and wish him well in his future endeavors," said the S.C. State athletics director, of Carter, who has been in the coaching business on the college level for 27 years.

Directing the basketball program in Bulldog Country, for a little over five seasons, Carter exited with a 67-113 worksheet.

The 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 seasons were Carter's only two winning campaigns, wherein he compiled 17-14 and 18-14 marks; respectively. In the 18-14 season, the Bulldogs played in the championship game of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament.

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Nonetheless, what likely contributed most to his ultimate decision to step down was the Bulldogs miserable record versus conference foes, following that favorable run among league competitors in 2009-2010.

With Carter at the helm, such futility opposite MEAC opponents slid to an all-time low, when the Bulldogs went 0-16 versus league foes and finished in 13th place at the end of the 2011-2012 campaign.

Such gloom was still prevailing at Carter's resignation; and a lowly conference mark of 0-8 was marked evidence of the non-productivity attached to the Bulldogs.

For some people, Carter's resignation was met with question; however, numerous other S.C. State alumni and friends believe his leaving was long overdue.

Citing his inability to get the maximum or near it from his players, many disgruntled individuals close and not too far away from the S.C. State team said this was the thing that they were concerned with the most.

And more importantly, the aforementioned people mentioned their lack of confidence in Carter being able to maximize the effort of the team going forward.

Perhaps, after consulting with persons closest to him, Tim Carter made his ultimate decision to leave based on what he felt was in the best interest of all concerned.

That likely thought process by the Southland Conference Coach of the Year (while heading up the program at the University of Texas at San Antonio, in 1989) led to South Carolina State once again looking for another head coach, for the second time in a little over five seasons.

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As promulgated from the office of Charlene Johnson, associate head coach Murray Garvin will be in charge of the Bulldog program until further notice.