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MSU football coach Jeff Jamrog said Wednesday that he is not a candidate for a coaching position with Wisconsin.

Jamrog denies Wisconsin rumor

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MANKATO — Minnesota State football coach Jeff Jamrog sees both a positive and negative effect when his name is linked with other jobs.

When he's listed among candidates for Division I jobs, it's flattering and a sign that others respect his ability to coach.

But it also can, and will, be used by opposing coaches in a battle over recruits, painting a

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picture of instability at Minnesota State.

"Two years now, my name has been out there," Jamrog said. "But I plan on staying at Minnesota State."

The latest rumor came earlier this week from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, which listed Jamrog among five possibilities to fill the defensive staff for new coach Bret Bielema at the University of Wisconsin.

The story used unnamed sources for the report. Bielema is replacing Barry Alvarez, who announced before the season

that he would step down as head coach and assume full-time duties as the athletic director.

"I have not been contacted by Wisconsin," Jamrog said. "There's not much to comment on."

Last year, Jamrog was linked to an opening at Ohio University, which hired Frank Solich as its head coach. Jamrog coached under Solich at Nebraska before coming to Minnesota State in 2004.

Jamrog said it's not a priority for him to move to Division I, having already coached at that level. He also said his family is happy in this area.

Jamrog said the report comes at a bad time as he prepares to host potential recruits this weekend. He said 23 recruits will be on campus Friday and Saturday, and he knows the Wisconsin rumor will come up.

"It's one thing to be in the newspaper when you're an assistant coach," Jamrog said. "but when people read that about the head coach, they use it against you in recruiting."

After the Mavericks went 6-5, 3-3 in North Central Conference games, in Jamrog's first season, Minnesota State slumped to 2-9 this season, going winless in six North Central Conference games.

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