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DE Brayton tests market in Seattle

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Another Carolina Panthers starter could be on the move.

Unrestricted free agent defensive end **Tyler Brayton** was in Renton, Wash., on Tuesday for day and night meetings with the Seattle Seahawks.

The Seahawks could be considering Brayton for a starting job, or at least a chance to compete for the first team. One 2009 Seahawks starting defensive end, **Patrick Kerney**, might not be retained because of his \$5.167million base salary for next season.

The Panthers held contract talks with Brayton's representatives before free agency started but were unable to strike a deal, so he chose to test the market.

Brayton, who started 31 games the past two seasons, said late last season that he wanted to stay with the Panthers. He played well last year, but at 30 he's older than all but three players on the roster after a week of purging 30-and-over types in an apparent youth movement.

Brayton led the Panthers' defensive linemen last season with 45 tackles, and his five sacks ranked second. He also had two forced fumbles.

With Pro Bowl defensive end **Julius Peppers** already gone to the Chicago Bears via free agency, getting Brayton back would seem a boost for a defensive line that currently has no starters returning.

As of now, **Everette Brown**, a 2009 second-round pick, and 2007 third-rounder **Charles Johnson** are the Panthers' top two defensive ends. They have a combined five career starts. C.C.

Browns release Anderson

The Cleveland Browns released quarterback **Derek Anderson** rather than pay him a \$2million roster bonus due this month.

That throws him into the hopper of potential free agent candidates the Carolina Panthers could

consider in their search to find a quarterback who can compete with and/or back up starter **Matt Moore**.

Panthers offensive coordinator **Jeff Davidson** and quarterbacks coach **Rip Scherer** worked with Anderson in Cleveland. Scherer tutored him during his standout season in 2007, when he made the Pro Bowl and led the Browns to the playoffs, passing for 3,787 yards, 29 touchdowns and 14 interceptions.

Anderson has split time at the position since then.

Browns quarterback **Brady Quinn**, a 2007 first-round pick, could still be available via trade. He, too, could be of interest to the Panthers. C.C. and D.G.

Panthers interested

in ASU's Edwards

Appalachian State quarterback **Armanti Edwards** said on his online journal the Panthers were showing him more interest than any other NFL team.

He might need to be a wide receiver at the next level, as many scouts view him as a slot receiver and return man.

But Edwards said the Panthers have scheduled a private workout on March 18, two days after his pro day workout on campus for all teams. There, he'll work as a passer and a receiver.

He said New England, Jacksonville and Indianapolis have also asked for individual workouts. D.G.



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