Bud's at it again

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Maybe Bud Adams can’t help himself.

And you can’t teach an old dog, new tricks.

The Titans owner didn’t learn from his last misguided order. That missive was for the Titans to take Texas quarterback Vince Young with their first round pick of the 2006 NFL Draft.

Bud may have been the only one in the Titans building that wanted to take Young. The head coach didn’t want him. The offensive coordinator didn’t want him. The general manager didn’t want him.

That didn’t matter to Bud.

Six years later, Young is a backup quarterback who has failed to distinguish himself in the league.

And six years later, Bud has sent marching orders to sign Peyton Manning.

New general manager Ruston Webster has publicly said twice in the last month that the Titans are more than satisfied with quarterbacks Matt Hasselbeck and 2011 first-round pick, Jake

Locker.

To sign Manning would be disruptive, divisive and egotistical on Adams' part. Hopefully, Manning will see right through this charade.

Why would Manning want to come to a team whose owner is 89 years old and known for meddling in the football operations part of his business?

What is the future of the franchise when Adams is gone? No one seems to know. Peyton Manning deals in absolutes, not fantasies.

Adams thinks money is the key to acquiring Manning. He hasn't done his homework.

Manning wants to go to a team that can be a playoff team. Why would Manning want to go to a team that has been to one Super Bowl in its history?

Adams and Manning's agent Tom Condon had a conversation, but there has been no agreement for Manning to consider the Titans.

"(Condon) is all for having him come see me,'' Adams told Tennessean Titans beat writer Jim Wyatt. "He just wants to make sure my people in Tennessee want the same thing, too. ... I am 650 miles away (in Houston) but they will do what I say to do because that's the guy I want and I am going to make the decision.

"I think I will be able to work it out myself as far as the money angle goes.''

How pompous. You can't buy Peyton Manning. He's not a Mercedes or an ocean front mansion. Dangling money at someone who already has made all he will ever need is insulting.

Manning deals in relationships. He has a strong one with Arizona Coach Ken Whisenhunt, with whom he spent more than six hours with last week. He has a strong one with Broncos Vice-President John Elway, whom he also visited last week.

Adams believes Manning's University of Tennessee connection makes it a perfect place for him. It's the same type thinking when Bud thought Young would be able to play in the NFL like he did at the University of Texas.

Peyton does have strong ties to Tennessee, where he played four years, a Vol Forever. It's still not enough to make him seriously consider the Titans. He may give Adams a cursory visit, but it's doubtful.

Bud says he is not worried about Manning's physical status. He should be. There are no guarantees until Manning plays NFL games as to how sound he will be after four neck surgeries.

If Peyton is smart, and he is, he will steer clear of Bud Adams and the Titans.

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