DeVoe to make changes?

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—The question is getting old for Virginia Tech Coach Don DeVoe here in the Hokies. People want to know if there is going to be a change in the Virginia Tech starting lineup.

"Ask me a half hour before tomorrow's game, I might know a little more by then," replied DeVoe to the question after the Hokies lost their second straight game in the All-College tournament here yesterday to Weber State 79-74.

The Hokies were to have to do the dubious task of playing today's game for seventh place at 2 p.m. (EST) against Southwestern University of Texas, a NAIA school which was a last-minute substitution for Southwestern Louisiana when that school was placed on NCAA probation.

If DeVoe was to decide on a lineup change, the most likely new starter would be freshman Duke Thorpe. The 6-5 forward scored eight points down the stretch yesterday to get Tech back in the game against Weber State as the Hokies wiped out most of a nine-point deficit.

However, Thorpe's inexperience in the clutch showed in the final minutes. Tech got the ball and trailed by three points with a minute left. Before this the Hokies had set up a play for Craig Lieder to take a jump shot.

But Thorpe came down and fired a 15-footer from the head of the circle with no one underneath. Weber snared the rebound and got a pair of free throws by Paul Marigey with 34 seconds left to lock up the win. Thorpe's final play was typ...

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