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Status of Aggie reserve Thomas unsure; waters to clear today

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Sports Editor

Mike Thomas, a 6-6 junior forward on the Texas A&M basketball team, says he will find out today whether he will remain on the squad the rest of the season.

After Aggie coaches had attempted to correct defensive mistakes by Thomas during the second half of Tuesday night's 83-74 defeat of the TCU Horned Frogs, the forward stalked out of G. Rollie White Coliseum and knocked down a chair in the process.

Thomas had entered the game with 18:44 left, but was taken out by Texas A&M coach Shelby Metcalf at the 17:53 mark after committing a foul. Angry at being removed from the game, Thomas strode by Metcalf and assistants Barry Davis, John Thornton and David Goff and sat at the end of the Aggie bench.

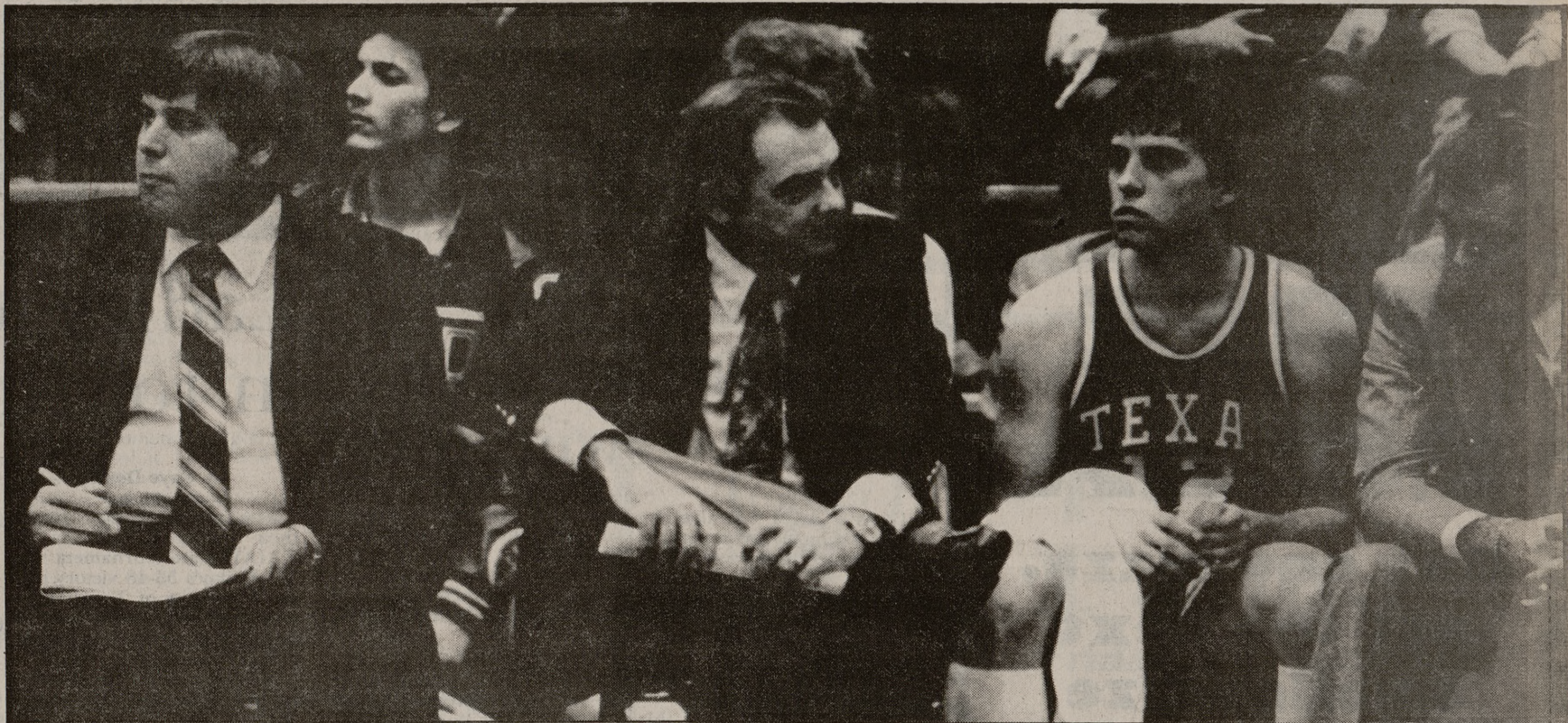
said. "He was out there in a man defense, and we talked to him twice to try to correct it. He was completely out of place in a man defense when we were playing a zone.

"As far as after that, the next thing I knew, he was gone. I'm sure he was real upset, but he overreacted to the whole thing. Something like that is hard to excuse."

Goff said that Thomas wasn't taken out for committing the foul.

"I'm sure the foul had nothing to do with it," Goff said. "He had definitely missed a couple of assignments. He got real upset about being pulled out of the game. Everything else he did, he did on his own. He got in the game and he really didn't know what defense we were in."

Goff said a decision would be made today.



What do we do now, Barry?

staff photo by David Fisher

University of Texas head basketball coach Abe Lemons looks at assistant Barry Dowd (right) as if to ask for a solution to the Longhorns' numerous problems during the past five weeks. To the right of Lemons is Longhorn guard Ray Harper. Texas lost

this game to the Texas Aggies 91-70 Saturday in G. Rollie White, and has now lost nine of its last 10 games.

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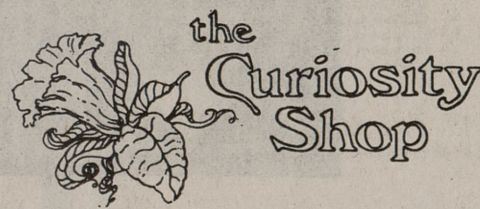
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