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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

BOUNCING BACK



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From left to right, Virginia's Johann Grünloh and Thijs De Ridder wait for a rebound in the University of Virginia versus Wake Forest men's NCAA basketball at John Paul Jones Arena in Charlottesville on Tuesday.

Cavs dunk on Deacons after defeat at Duke

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The Daily Progress

It took about 15 minutes of game action on Tuesday for Virginia to finally shrug off Saturday's lopsided loss at Duke.

Forward Thijs De Ridder's top-of-the-key 3 with 5:11 to go before halftime began a late first-half surge for the No. 13 Hoos, enabling them to separate from Wake Forest on the way to a 75-70 bounce-back victory at John Paul Jones Arena.

UVa (26-4, 14-3 ACC) has yet to lose consecutive games this campaign, and Tuesday's win over Wake Forest (15-15, 6-11 ACC) clinched the Cavaliers the No. 2-seed and a double bye for next week's ACC tournament.

The long-range shot by De Ridder, who scored a team-high 16 points while tallying double figures for the fifth straight contest, started a 13-5 run that the Hoos closed the opening half on to take control of the bout.

After Wake Forest star Juke Harris was fouled shooting a 3 and made all three free throws, De Ridder stayed in attack mode



Virginia's Jacari White with the ball in the University of Virginia versus Wake Forest men's NCAA basketball at John Paul Jones Arena in Charlottesville on Tuesday.

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REDISTRICTING

Redistricting referendum still on

Lynchburg tries, fails to derail vote on redrawing of state congressional map

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News & Advance

A Lynchburg judge on Monday dismissed the city's request to prevent the general registrar from preparing for early voting on a state congressional redistricting referendum, which is scheduled to start on Friday.

After hearing arguments in the case Feb. 26, Circuit Court Judge Patrick Yeatts said he would not grant the temporary injunctive relief sought by Lynchburg that would delay the city from proceeding with early voting in the redistricting referendum.

Yeatts explained in his ruling that he was

“not inclined” to ignore a body of Virginia legal precedent that says courts cannot interfere with an ongoing constitutional amendment process.

The April 21 vote on the constitutional amendment would permit the General Assembly to redistrict mid-decade. Currently, redistricting powers lie with an independent, nonpartisan commission.

Democrats contend the redistricting of congressional seats in Virginia is urgently needed to counteract the political gerrymandering that has occurred in Texas and other states in favor of Republicans.

The Virginia Attorney General's Office defended the state Department of Elections in the lawsuit filed by Lynchburg.

“The Lynchburg Circuit Court's decision reinforces our position since the

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From left to right, Lynchburg at-large Councilman Martin Misjuns, Ward I Councilwoman Jacqueline Timmer and Vice Mayor and Ward III Councilman Curt Diemer speak outside the Lynchburg Circuit Courthouse on Monday.