

Basketball: Deacs lose two

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game away and resulting in the final seven-point margin of victory.

"The better team won tonight," Prosser said. "The first half we didn't guard too well and in the second we guarded better. We just couldn't make a shot and you have to credit them defensively."

The Deacs dropped their nationally-televised game versus Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium Jan. 17 as well. Amazingly, the contest

was the first match-up between the schools when both were ranked in the Top 5.

The telling stat in this game was the Wake Forest's atrocious 35 percent shooting, due in large part to Duke's Sheldon Williams, who held the Deacs' sophomore Williams to just six points on three-of-10 shooting, while racking up eight blocks.

Sophomore J.J. Redick led Duke with 23 points, while junior Daniel Ewing added 20. Their performances along

with the three-point shooting of Texas and Georgia Tech exhibit the Deacs' need to tighten up their perimeter defense.

Wake Forest currently sits at No. 7 in the Coaches' Poll and No. 10 in the AP Poll, but will almost surely fall out of the Top 10 for the first time since climbing to that position over a month ago.

The Deacs will try to get back on track when they travel to Tallahassee to take on a much-improved Florida State team Jan. 25. Tip-off is set for 1 p.m.

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us made sure we knew they were present as their hands and bodies constantly flailed over press row.

Loud fans – yes; but the most intelligent fans – no. I heard some students asking each other if sophomore Justin Gray was the Wake player who injured his jaw last season. Others had no clue as to how many consecutive free throws their sophomore and "savior" J.J. Redick had com-

plied. So while the Cameron crazies are loud, energetic and at times intimidating, they seem to garner more respect, hype and publicity than deserved.

And don't even get me started on the ties between Duke, ACC referees, the Cameron crazies and Dick Vitale. Over the past four years it has become frighteningly clear that Vitale is likely on the Blue Devils' payroll.

The Joel Coliseum will most likely never become as recognized as Cameron Indoor Sta-

dium. Not because their fans are that much more superior, but rather because the compact dungeon in which they play is more conducive to the deafening noise we have come to witness. And while many would not consider the Joel an intimidating environment for opponents to visit, I am sure things will change in the near future.

Give Cameron Indoor the respect it deserves, but be careful not to get blinded by the overzealous compliments it gets.

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