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Warriors impressive in pair of home wins; Ozaukee improves CLC record to 5-2

Center Steve Street was slowed by illness in the Ozaukee boys' basketball team's final two games before the holiday break.

But if last week was any indication, the senior standout is back to full strength. He led the Warriors to a pair of home victories with impressive performances.



After scoring 19 points in a nonconference win Jan. 3, Street had 23 points and 18 rebounds in a 51-33 victory over Random Lake in Central Lakeshore Conference play Friday.

In addition to his strong offensive work, Street sparked the Warriors' defensive effort by holding Aaron Rathke, Random Lake's top scoring threat, in check.

Street "played fantastic," said Ozaukee coach Isaiah Ketterhagen, whose team improved to 5-2 in the conference and 8-3 overall.

"He finished around the hoop, held Aaron Rathke to nine points, had three blocked shots and altered many others," Ketterhagen said.

Ozaukee held a 10-5 lead after one quarter, stretched the margin to 24-13 by halftime and owned a 34-18 cushion after three periods.

"I think we took a nice step forward. It is tough to come back from a game the night before and get it going, but we did," Ketterhagen said.

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Owen Miller and Andy Richter each had 10 points for the Warriors.

Ketterhagen had high praise for Richter, who finished with a career-high in scoring.

“I thought Andy had his best game of the year. He did a very nice job of attacking the hoop,” Ketterhagen said.

Random Lake, which fell to 2-5 in CLC play and 3-7 overall, was led by Rathke and Logan Martin with nine points each.

Ozaukee 44, Living Word Lutheran 37

The Warriors overcame a sluggish performance to secure a win in their first game of the new year.

“I thought we had a nice break with some solid practices, but they didn’t evolve into what I thought,” Ketterhagen said.

“I thought we should have been more crisp. Our defense was sluggish, and we couldn’t hit a shot on offense.”

Despite their problems, the Warriors built a 25-16 lead by halftime. Although Lutheran trimmed the margin to 31-38 after three periods, Ozaukee pulled away in the final quarter.

Street’s 19 points provided much of his team’s offense. Miller added seven points, but no other Warrior had more than five.

Daniel Axtman led Living Word Lutheran with 12 points, and John Winter added 10.

This week, Ozaukee faced Campbellsport on Tuesday and will continue nonconference play with a 7:30 p.m. home game against Kiel on Thursday.

On Jan. 15, the Warriors will resume their CLC schedule with a 7:30 p.m. contest at Sheboygan Christian.

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Image Information: WARRIOR OWEN MILLER met resistance from Random Lake on a drive to the basket.

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