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Gift points help Warriors breeze past CG-Belgium, Elkhart Lake in CLC meets

Forfeits became a way of life for the Ozaukee and Cedar Grove-Belgium wrestling teams last week.



When the squads met in a Central Lakeshore Conference meet Jan. 15, host Ozaukee received seven forfeits in a 51-28 victory.

“I think that score should have been a lot tighter. We gave them 42 points,” Cedar Grove-Belgium coach Trevor Peterson said.

With Ozaukee’s Colton Kraus sidelined due to illness, Peterson said he was hoping for a win by pin or technical fall at 113 pounds. Instead, Cedar Grove-Belgium’s Isaac Brockman won a 15-2 major decision over Jacob Wagner.

At 132, Cedar Grove-Belgium’s Devon Villareal led Taz Gottsacker by two points before Gottsacker pinned him with one minute left in the match.

At 195, Ozaukee’s Tyler Klipple edged Matt Krier, 5-4, in another match that could have gone either way.

Cedar Grove-Belgium received one forfeit and won the other three matches by pin. Those wins came from Greg Wenzel (182), Daniel Gjertson (220) and Alex May (285).

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The Warriors, who battled the flu last week, picked up six forfeits in an easy home win Jan. 17.

Ozaukee also got pins from Jacob Wagner (113) and Chris Schmidt (170), a technical fall from Kevin Beckmann (160) and a decision by Sam Schuette (182).

The Warriors have added a heavyweight, Hunter Vande Boom, to fill one more weight class as the regular season winds down.

Ozaukee coach Luke Gundrum said he isn't worried about the lack of matches in dual meets.

"We're getting what we need in the practices. It's more important just being healthy than really missing the matches right now," he said.

This Saturday, the Warriors will participate in the Pirate Invitational at Pewaukee. The tournament will include several strong Division 1 teams such as Oconomowoc, Pewaukee, Muskego and Wilmot Union.

This week, Cedar Grove-Belgium faced Random Lake in a conference meet Tuesday, will travel to Princeton for a nonconference meet Thursday and participate in the Deerfield Scramble on Saturday.

Peterson said Thursday's meet should be competitive because Princeton has 10 wrestlers and the Rockets have nine.

Image Information: KEVIN BECKMANN of Ozaukee held the upper hand on his way to a pin of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah's Shane Schanke in a Central Lakeshore Conference meet Jan. 17.

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