

Solid defense, steady scoring help CG-B boys tame Rams

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Strong defense and steady scoring gave the Cedar Grove-Belgium boys' basketball team a winning combination in Central Lakeshore play last week.

Sparked by 14 points apiece from Spencer Bares and Adam Chier, the Rockets surged to a 48-36 home win over Random Lake on Jan. 15.



"Adam and Spencer both played real solid games," Cedar Grove-Belgium coach Jim Meinen said.

"Adam has really been coming around in the last three weeks, and Spencer has been pretty steady."

The Rockets, whose three league wins this season include two over Random Lake, held a 9-7 lead after one quarter. A seven-point edge in the second period stretched their advantage to 25-16 by halftime.

Cedar Grove-Belgium maintained control throughout the second half when it outscored the Rams, 23-20.

"We're still not shooting as well as we would like, but we're getting better," Meinen said.

Meinen praised his team's defense, singling out junior swing player Drew Emperley.

"Drew is one of the better defenders in the conference," he said.

A busy schedule awaited the Rockets this week, starting with a CLC makeup game Monday against Sheboygan Lutheran.

After playing a nonconference game at St. Lawrence Seminary on Tuesday, Cedar

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Grove-Belgium will host Sheboygan Christian in a 7:30 p.m. CLC contest Thursday.

On Jan. 29, the Rockets will travel to Kiel for a 7:30 p.m. nonconference game.

Image Information: CEDAR GROVE-BELGIUM'S Jacob Winker looked for an opening in the face of tight defense from Ozaukee's Owen Miller. Photo by Sam Arendt