CG-B girls put clamps on Dominican and stretch win string to five games

Defense paved the road to victory for the Cedar Grove-Belgium girls' basketball team Monday.

Grabbing an early lead and holding an athletic opponent in check, the host Rockets secured a 47-36 over Whitefish Bay Dominican in a nonconference game.

"It was a big win for us against a good team that has great athletes," said Cedar Grove-Belgium coach Josh Ketterhagen, whose team won its fifth straight game and improved to 6-2 overall.

"We did an excellent job of making Dominican working for every point they got."

Dominican's Deysha Smith-Jenkins scored 20 points, but only one of her teammates had more than four.

The Rockets' were led by Kristen Slotman's 20 points and also got 11 points from Abi von Heimburg.

Cedar Grove-Belgium raced to an 18-11 lead in the first quarter and slowly

stretched the advantage.

The Rockets led, 28-20, at halftime and held a 40-30 edge after three periods.

CG-Belgium 42, Elkhart Lake 39

A fourth-quarter rally allowed the Rockets to pull out a Central Lakeshore Conference win on the road last Friday.

Cedar Grove-Belgium trailed by six points with four minutes left but pulled even on consecutive three-point plays by Mariah Keller and Slotman. Each drew a foul while scoring a two-point
basket and then converted a free throw.

When the Resorters tried to rally, von Heimburg helped hold them off by making three of four throws in the final two minutes.

“Any time you can go on the road in the CLC, it’s difficult to get a win,” said Ketterhagen, whose team improved to 4-2 in league play. “I knew it would be a tough game.”

The Rockets trailed, 10-9, after one quarter before rallying to take a 22-19 lead by halftime. Elkhart Lake drew even at 28-28 after three periods.

Von Heimburg finished with a game-high 15 points, and Slotman had 11.

Anna Vollrath led Elkhart Lake (3-3) with 11 points.

This week, the Rockets will continue conference play this week with a 7:30 p.m. game at Howards Grove on Thursday and a 3 p.m. home contest Saturday against Sheboygan Christian.

On Jan. 19, Cedar Grove-Belgium will host Random Lake at 7:30 p.m.

RACHEL SLOTMAN got ready to turn the corner as she drove past a Dominican defender in Cedar Grove-Belgium’s nonconference win Monday. Photo by Sam Arendt