Warriors poised for CLC mat showdown Thursday

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The No. 1 seed for the Central Lakeshore Conference tournament will be on the line Thursday when two undefeated wrestling teams square off at 7 p.m. at
Ozaukee High School in Fredonia.

The host Warriors and Oostburg Flying Dutchmen both bring 3-0 league dual-meet records and plenty of anticipation to the showdown.

“For us, it’s the last home dual meet of the year,” Ozaukee co-coach Luke Gundrum said. “It should be an exciting night.”

The Warriors are also expecting a large, boisterous crowd.

“We got it worked out that any Ozaukee students would get in free,” Gundrum said.

Oostburg comes in with a deeper roster but may have its hands full against a determined host squad.

“We’re going to have some forfeits, but depending on what we can do, we’re pretty solid,” Gundrum said. “We could make things close.”

The meet, he added, will be won in the middle weights, where the Warriors will count on wrestlers such as Brady Watry, Pat Leonard, Scott Watry and Vince Cardarelle.

“I think we’re a little bit stronger at the light weights, and Oostburg is stronger at the upper weights,” Gundrum said.

“The key matches are going to be the mid-weights. From 130 to 152 are going to be very close, key matches.”

And the Warriors are ready to go.

“The kids are excited about it. It should be a pretty close meet,” Gundrum said.

The overall conference title is determined by a combination of each team’s dual-meet record and its tournament finish.

As the top seed, Thursday’s winner will hold the inside track to the title heading into the tournament Saturday, Feb. 6, at Cedar Grove-Belgium.