

CG-B girls hold their ground for hard-fought win

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When you're going to draw fouls, you better be good at the free-throw line.

Although the Cedar Grove-Belgium girls' basketball team didn't exactly singe the home nets Monday, it was successful enough at the stripe to outlast Kewaskum, 57-49, in a foul-filled nonconference game.

"It was the most physical game we've played in all year," said Cedar Grove-Belgium coach Josh Ketterhagen, whose team rebounded from a pair of tough conference losses.

"I was proud of the way we came out and played with some intensity. We've looked like a different team the last two games."

The host Rockets led most of the night and took a 26-19 edge into intermission before holding off a second-half Kewaskum rally.

The Indians were whistled for 27 of the 43 fouls called in the game. Cedar Grove-Belgium cashed in at the line by converting 24 of 36 attempts, a 67% clip that pleased Ketterhagen.

"We took care of the ball when we had to and did a good job at the free-throw line," he said.

Balance highlighted the Rockets' offensive attack, with six players each scoring at least seven points. Senior forward Kristen Slotman led the way with a game-high 16 points and 13 rebounds.

The Rockets also got 11 points from Abi von Heimburg and eight apiece from Hannah Kaul, Mariah Keller and Rachel Slotman.

Kewaskum was paced by Anna Butler's game-high 20 points.

The game left both teams with 9-5 overall records.

Oostburg 56, CG-Belgium 43

A second-half comeback wasn't enough for the visiting Rockets to upset the state-ranked Lady Dutch in a Central Lakeshore Conference game Jan. 28.

First-place Oostburg built a 28-17 lead by halftime and withstood a determined Cedar Grove-Belgium rally that trimmed the margin to four points in the fourth quarter.

"I was pleased with our effort," Ketterhagen said. "We fought back, but every time Oostburg went on a run to stay in front."

Von Heimburg led the Rockets with 11 points.

Amanda Huibregste scored a game-high 21 points for Oostburg, which also got 18 from Julie Raeder.

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The loss dropped Cedar Grove-Belgium to 6-5 in CLC play. Oostburg improved to 10-1 and remained tied for first place.

This week, the Rockets resumed CLC play against Kohler on Tuesday and will host Stockbridge at 7:30 p.m. Friday.