

Star-bound Rockets:

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Cedar Grove-Belgium's Jacque, Paulus to join state's best in Football Coaches Association All-Star Game on Saturday

Two Cedar Grove-Belgium High School standouts will be among the state's football elite Saturday, July 17, when they play in the annual Wisconsin Football Coaches Association's Small School All-Star Game in Oshkosh.

Linebacker Spencer Jacque and defensive lineman Wayne Paulus, who both graduated this spring, will be members of a South squad that includes 46 players from schools in divisions 4 through 7.

The South will take on the North stars at 2 p.m. in Titan Stadium on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Cedar Grove-Belgium head coach Chris Zablocki will be one of six assistants for the South squad, which is headed by Ken Taylor of Watertown Luther Prep.

The same day, the Large School All-Star Game will have South and North teams from schools in divisions 1 through 3 squaring off in the stadium at 7 p.m.

Jacque and Paulus were both three-year starters and helped the Rockets win Central Lakeshore Conference titles and make deep runs into the WIAA Division 5 playoffs each of the past two seasons.

Under Zablocki, Cedar Grove-Belgium took state runner-up honors in 2008 and reached the state quarterfinals last fall.

The 6-foot, 205-pound Jacque was one of the Rockets' most versatile players and a all-conference first-team linebacker. In addition to leading them in tackles with more than 100 stops, he was their second-leading rusher as a fullback who averaged more than 10 yards per carry.

Jacque plans to play football at UW-Whitewater this fall.

Paulus (6-4, 270) was a unanimous first-team choice as both a defensive end and offensive lineman in the coaches' all-conference voting. He was the Rockets' top pass rusher.

Paulus will play football this fall at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn.

No other players from the Ozaukee Press coverage area were chosen for the all-star rosters.

The Large School South team will include four North Shore Conference players — Homestead's Lucas Speaker (linebacker), Justin Barber (offensive lineman) and John Laihinen (defensive end) and Whitefish Bay's Brian Kroll (defensive back).

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The annual WFCA All-Star Games raise money for patient care at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.