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NFL PLAYOFF WEEKEND SETS A RECORD WITH 12 FOURTH-QUARTER LEAD CHANGES

The NFL has experienced an unprecedented playoff weekend with the first four games featuring a combined 12 lead changes in the fourth quarter. This surpasses the previous postseason record of 10 set in 2007. The weekend began with a thrilling game between Carolina and the Los Angeles Rams, ending with Matthew Stafford's decisive touchdown pass. Buffalo and Jacksonville also traded leads before the Bills secured a win. Chicago pulled off a historic comeback against Green Bay, marking the Bears' seventh win this season when trailing in the final minutes. Meanwhile, New England and Houston delivered strong defensive performances, advancing to the next round.

JAYHAWKS CRUSH PREVIOUSLY UNBEATEN NO. 2 IOWA STATE

Kansas has shown what it can do with a healthy Darryn Peterson and a regular rotation. The timing couldn't have been worse for second-ranked Iowa State. After falling from the AP Top 25 following a second loss in their first three Big 12 games, the Jayhawks roared away from the stunned Cyclones on Tuesday night. Peterson scored 16 points and Tre White led the Jayhawks with 19.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Spencer swims past Mason City, Garrigan

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Spencer boys swimming competed in a dual meet with Algona Bishop Garrigan and Mason City at the latter on Tuesday, Jan. 13, winning both contests despite athletes out with sickness.

The Tigers won six events throughout the meet on Tuesday, starting with the 200-yard medley relay of Ray Kaiser, Owen Van Otterloo, Mason Yost and Ethan Hass dominating the field by 10 seconds.

four seconds faster than the runner-up. Miller went on to claim first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:59.

Kaiser, Miller, Van Otterloo and Hass placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:34. Kaiser was first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 56.96.

Van Otterloo gave the Tigers another individual win in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:02.

Additional top three placings for the Tigers included Kaiser second and Ethan Weston third in the 50 yard freestyle, Oliver Hass second in 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:01, Van Otterloo second in second and Hass third in

100-yard freestyle, Weston second in 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08, and Ted Harder, Oliver Hass, Weston and Miller second in 400-yard freestyle with a time of 3:45.

"The boys swam great tonight," coach Jesse Kuehler said. "Dealing with some sickness throughout the team, so we were missing some guys in some relays and key events, but the boys pulled it out. Almost everyone cut time in multiple events.

He continued, "We are really starting to come together as a team to push each other in practices and to get the best out of ourselves. The best is yet to come with this group!"

SIoux CENTRAL SPORTS

WRESTLERS FACE TOUGH FOES AT SHELDON

Sioux Central went 0-5 as a team at a dual meet event at Sheldon Saturday, Jan. 10. The Rebels fell to Sheldon, 47-22; Storm Lake, 48-29; Logan-Magnolia, 61-18; Tracy-Milroy-Batalon (Minnesota), 62-18; and Fulda (Minnesota), 59-17. Gavin Casey at 165 pounds and Connor Brown at 175 points each went 4-1 on the day. Xander Waldstein was 3-2 at 150 pounds and Kooper Bean was 2-3 at 285 pounds. Bo Smith was 1-1 at 144 pounds. Coach Chance Rice said of the meet, "Very Tough competition. Team scores don't show it, but we wrestled well. He added the team needs "to keep heads held high and turn the page, keep working and learning — plenty of stuff ahead of us." Bryce Gunderson (126), Noah Garcia (138), Spencer Forbes (144), and Reid Anderson (190) all won one match on the day.

REBELS SPLIT MATCHES WITH GTRA SLIP

Sioux Central topped Spirit Lake-Harris-Lake Park, 50-28, and fell to GTRA, 45-30, in a pair of home dual meets Tuesday, Jan. 13. "Wrestled well," coach Chance Rice said. "Fell short with GTRA but bounced back great, handling Spirit Lake. Was nice to give our seniors a great home send-off." Going 2-0 for the Rebels were Spencer Forbes at 144 pounds, Xander Waldstein at 150, Gavin Casey at 165, and Kooper Bean at 285. Going 1-1 were Vincent Hardin at 113 pounds, Brandon Zeledon at 132, and Hunter Ries at 157. Dalton Kreibbaum won his only match at 190 pounds.

GIRLS FINISH DUAL SEASON WITH 2 WINS

Sioux Central started this week by polishing off its dual meet season with two victories to finish 9-5 on the year. The Rebels beat GTRA/Estherville Lincoln Central, 40-27, and then beat Spirit Lake Park, 36-28. Individually, Ashley Alvarado at 100 pounds, Nichole Hart at 125, Nataley Frerk at 130, Hannah Weier at 155, and Angel Frederick at 170 all went 2-0. Coach Joel McCoy said it was a nice way to finish the dual meet portion of the year, and he noted that it was first time in three years that Sioux Central defeated GTRA/ELC, "so this was quite satisfying. We did come out ready to go and put it on them a little bit." The coach added, "Against SLP, we did some nice things. They have some really tough girls. Nataley avenged a loss she had after coming back off injury last month. Sigrid dropped a tough major decision to a state medalist she beat last month. We will get her ready for her at the regional tournament. We will all continue to work to continue for this weekend and beyond. I am very happy to finish with a 9-5 record. It is our fourth straight winning season"



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