Jalen Hurts and DeVonta Smith Steal Nashville's Final Moment

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STORY Read the story, then answer the questions.

How the Game Began

On Sunday, September 20, 2026, the Philadelphia Eagles, the away team, beat the Tennessee Titans, the home team, 24-20 in Nashville. Philadelphia moved to 2-0, while Tennessee fell to 0-2. Tennessee struck first when Hooker intercepted Hurts at the goal line and returned the ball 92 yards. Ward then sneaked in from 1 yard out. With Barkley briefly out, Bigsby, Shipley, and Hurts moved Philadelphia downfield. Bigsby's 2-yard touchdown tied the game early in the second quarter.

The Deciding Moments

Smith's 22-yard touchdown put Philadelphia ahead 14-7. Before halftime, Ward found Ayomanor and Spears, setting up Slye's field goal, but Philadelphia led 14-10. Elliott's 58-yard field goal stretched the lead. Ward then hit Ridley for 25 yards and ran in from 1 yard, tying the game 17-17. Harris intercepted Hurts, giving Tennessee a huge chance. Ayomanor and Spears made big gains, and Slye put Tennessee ahead 20-17 with 1:56 left. Hurts answered as Smith's 19-yard catch set up Cooper's winning 3-yard touchdown with nine seconds left.

Big Performances and Takeaways

Smith led Philadelphia with 10 catches for 117 yards and a touchdown. His reliable hands gave Hurts a trusted target after two interceptions. Hurts passed for 264 yards and two touchdowns, while Wicks had 74 receiving yards. Ward showed promise for Tennessee by passing for 183 yards, running for two touchdowns, and avoiding an interception. Pollard ran for 64 yards as the Titans gained 122 rushing yards. Philadelphia now heads to face the Chicago Bears, while Tennessee prepares for the New York Giants after a close loss that showed it can compete.

WORDS TO KNOW

From the story.

intercepted (v.): Caught a pass thrown by the other team, taking the ball away.

reliable (adj.): Able to be trusted to do a good job consistently.

stretched (v.): Made something larger or increased it.

compete (v.): To play strongly against another team or person.

READING

Fill in the bubble for the best answer. Write full sentences.

1 **Which detail best shows how Philadelphia responded after Tennessee scored first?**

- (A) Ward scored on a 1-yard sneak to open the game.
- (B) Barkley briefly left the game during the drive.
- (C) Hooker returned an interception 92 yards.
- (D) Bigsby scored a 2-yard touchdown to tie the game.

2 **What does the phrase "struck first" mean as it is used in the section?**

- (A) Tennessee received the opening kickoff.
- (B) Tennessee gained the most yards on one play.
- (C) Tennessee scored before Philadelphia did.
- (D) Tennessee caused the first injury of the game.

3 **How did Philadelphia regain the lead after Tennessee went ahead 20-17?**

- (A) Hurts ran for a 1-yard touchdown.
- (B) Cooper caught a 3-yard touchdown pass.
- (C) Smith scored on a 22-yard touchdown.
- (D) Elliott kicked a 58-yard field goal.

4 **Which statement best expresses a central idea of this section?**

(A) Both teams traded leads, but Philadelphia made the final scoring play.

(B) Tennessee built an early lead and kept it for the rest of the game.

(C) Philadelphia led by a wide margin throughout the second half.

(D) Neither team was able to score after halftime.

5 **What does the phrase "trusted target" suggest about Smith's role for Hurts?**

(A) Smith was a defender who stopped Tennessee's passes.

(B) Smith was a receiver Hurts could depend on to make catches.

(C) Smith was a coach who guided Hurts after interceptions.

(D) Smith was a runner who gained most of Philadelphia's yards.

6 **What central idea does the section develop about the performances of Philadelphia and Tennessee? Explain how at least two details from the section support your answer.**

MATH Math practice. Show your work.

1 PRACTICE

The concession stand fills 100 drink cups in 5 minutes at a steady rate. How many cups does it fill per minute?

(A) 20
(B) 100
(C) 95
(D) 5

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 PRACTICE

The box office collected a total of $153 at 9 ticketing windows. If each window had the same amount of sales, how many dollars did each window bring in?

(A) 144
(B) 1377
(C) 17
(D) 162

SHOW YOUR WORK

3 PRACTICE

In 2025, Devin Singletary recorded 151 receiving yards with a reception count of 18. Find the average yards per reception. Round to the nearest hundredth.

(A) 8.39
(B) 1.14
(C) 0.12
(D) 7.39

SHOW YOUR WORK

4 PRACTICE

A football player kicked the ball 14 yards, which is 70% of the distance they wanted to kick. How many yards did they want to kick?

(A) 0
(B) 84
(C) 20
(D) 10

SHOW YOUR WORK

5 PRACTICE

At the concession stand, a bag of popcorn weighs 1.56 pounds, a box of nachos weighs 1.240 pounds, and a tray of churros weighs 0.813 pounds. What is the total weight, in pounds, of all three items?

(A) 3.613
(B) 10.930
(C) 1.934
(D) 1.204

SHOW YOUR WORK

6 PRACTICE

In the 2025 season, Jacoby Brissett scored 23 passing touchdowns. Suppose he played 15 games. How many passing touchdowns did he score per game? Round to the nearest hundredth.

(A) 1.53
(B) 15.33
(C) 8.00
(D) 0.65

SHOW YOUR WORK

Answer key starts on the next page. Keep it back before handing out.

ANSWER KEY

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About 20 minutes

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READING

Correct answers are filled in.

1 **D** Bigsby scored a 2-yard touchdown to tie the game.

After Tennessee took the first lead, Philadelphia moved downfield and Bigsby scored a 2-yard touchdown. The article says this touchdown tied the game early in the second quarter.

2 **C** Tennessee scored before Philadelphia did.

The section explains that Tennessee scored after Hooker intercepted Hurts and Ward ran in a touchdown. This shows that Tennessee was the first team to score.

3 **B** Cooper caught a 3-yard touchdown pass.

With nine seconds left, Cooper scored on a 3-yard touchdown after Smith's 19-yard catch helped set up the play. That touchdown gave Philadelphia the winning lead.

4 **A** Both teams traded leads, but Philadelphia made the final scoring play.

The section describes several lead changes, including Tennessee's 20-17 lead late in the game. Philadelphia then answered with Cooper's winning touchdown in the final seconds.

5 **B** Smith was a receiver Hurts could depend on to make catches.

The section says Smith's reliable hands gave Hurts a trusted target after two interceptions. This means Hurts could rely on Smith as a receiver.

6 What a good answer includes:

A strong answer should explain that both teams had notable performances, with Philadelphia receiving key contributions from Smith and Hurts and Tennessee showing it could compete through Ward and its rushing offense. It should support the central idea with at least two accurate details, such as Smith's 10 catches for 117 yards and a touchdown, Hurts's 264 passing yards and two touchdowns, or Ward's 183 passing yards and two rushing touchdowns.

MATH Correct answers are filled in.

1	A	20
2	C	17
3	A	8.39
4	C	20
5	A	3.613
6	A	1.53