Amon-Ra St. Brown's Overtime Catch Lights Detroit's Opening Chapter

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STORY Read the story, then answer the questions.

How the Game Went

Detroit led 7-0 at halftime after Jahmyr Gibbs scored from 1 yard out. In the third quarter, Derrick Barnes intercepted Tyler Shough, and Gibbs scored again. After another Saints mistake, Jared Goff hit Amon-Ra St. Brown for a 19-yard touchdown and a 21-0 lead. New Orleans fought back with scores by Kendre Miller, Devaughn Vele, and Juwan Johnson. After Detroit led 24-17, Johnson tied it with 1:07 left. In overtime, Goff found St. Brown for a 4-yard touchdown and a 31-30 win.

Standout Performers

Gibbs powered Detroit's offense with 156 rushing yards and two touchdowns. He broke runs of 21 and 11 yards on the Lions' first scoring drive. St. Brown caught 10 passes for 67 yards and two touchdowns, including the overtime winner. Goff helped Detroit spread the ball around, while Jameson Williams made a 22-yard catch to the 5 in overtime. For New Orleans, Shough threw for 410 yards and three touchdowns. Chris Olave made 10 catches for 182 yards during the Saints' comeback.

What It Means

The Lions are 1-0 after opening the season with a close win, and they next face the Buffalo Bills. Detroit showed it can finish important drives when the pressure is highest. In overtime, Gibbs ran hard, Williams made a key catch, and Goff connected with St. Brown. New Orleans is 0-1 and will play the Baltimore Ravens next. Still, the Saints showed perseverance by climbing back from a 21-0 deficit. Shough and his young receivers proved they can challenge teams all season.

WORDS TO KNOW

From the story.

intercepted (v.): Caught a pass thrown by the other team, causing a turnover.

overtime (n.): Extra playing time used when a game is tied after regulation.

rushing (adj.): Moving the ball by running with it instead of throwing a pass.

comeback (n.): A strong effort by a team that was losing to get back into a game.

pressure (n.): The stress or challenge of performing well in an important moment.

READING

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

1 **Which detail best shows why the game went into overtime?**

- (A) Jahmyr Gibbs scored from 1 yard out.
- (B) Derrick Barnes intercepted Tyler Shough.
- (C) Kendre Miller scored during the comeback.
- (D) Juwan Johnson tied the game with 1:07 left.

2 **What is a central idea of this section?**

- (A) Both teams scored only touchdowns in the first half.
- (B) New Orleans led most of the game before Detroit made a late comeback.
- (C) Detroit controlled every part of the game from beginning to end.
- (D) Detroit built a lead, but New Orleans rallied before Detroit won in overtime.

3 **Which comparison is supported by the details about Detroit's two top scorers?**

- (A) Gibbs caught more passes, while St. Brown ran for more yards.
- (B) St. Brown scored more touchdowns, while Gibbs gained fewer yards.
- (C) Gibbs gained more total yards, while St. Brown caught more passes.
- (D) St. Brown gained more total yards, while Gibbs scored more touchdowns.

4 **What does the phrase "spread the ball around" mean as it is used in the section?**

(A) Goff handed the ball to Gibbs on most plays.

(B) Goff avoided throwing to his best receivers.

(C) Goff involved different teammates in the passing offense.

(D) Goff threw the ball far down the field on every play.

5 **Which statement best explains what Detroit's overtime drive showed about the team?**

(A) Detroit needed New Orleans to make another mistake.

(B) Detroit depended on one player for every important play.

(C) Detroit had already secured an easy victory.

(D) Detroit could make important plays when pressure was highest.

6 **What central idea does the section develop about both Detroit and New Orleans after the opening game? Use at least two details from the section to explain your answer.**

MATH Math practice. Show your work.

1 PRACTICE

In week 3, Giants running back Devin Singletary had an unknown rushing-yard total. 37 yards were about 56.9% of it. Find the total.

(A) 65
(B) 1
(C) 21
(D) 94

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 PRACTICE

In 2025, Kenneth Gainwell recorded 537 rushing yards in 114 rushes. Find the average yards per play. Round to the nearest hundredth.

(A) 3.71
(B) 4.71
(C) 1.27
(D) 0.21

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3 PRACTICE

In the 2024 and 2025 seasons, Drake London's averages for receiving touchdowns per reception were 0.0900 and 0.1029, respectively. What is the difference between the values? Round to the nearest thousandth.

(A) 0.103
(B) 0.193
(C) 0.009
(D) 0.013

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4 PRACTICE

The stadium has 225 light bulbs in total. The maintenance crew has replaced 63 light bulbs. What percentage of the light bulbs have been replaced? Round to the nearest percentage.

(A) 28%
(B) 0%
(C) 78%
(D) 72%

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5 PRACTICE

Stadium operations starts with 78 units. A loss removes 22 units. Which integer describes the change?

(A) -22
(B) 56
(C) 22
(D) 78

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6 PRACTICE

The box office collected a total of $238 at 7 ticketing windows. If each window had the same amount of sales, how many dollars did each window bring in?

(A) 245
(B) 34
(C) 1666
(D) 231

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

ANSWER KEY

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READING

Correct answers are filled in.

1 D — Juwan Johnson tied the game with 1:07 left.

The text says Detroit led 24-17 before Juwan Johnson tied the score with 1:07 remaining. That tie required the teams to play overtime.

2 D — Detroit built a lead, but New Orleans rallied before Detroit won in overtime.

The section describes Detroit taking a 21-0 lead, New Orleans tying the game late, and Detroit winning on an overtime touchdown. These events develop the idea of a close game with major momentum changes.

3 C — Gibbs gained more total yards, while St. Brown caught more passes.

Gibbs had 156 rushing yards and two touchdowns, while St. Brown had 10 catches for 67 yards and two touchdowns. Therefore, Gibbs gained more yards and St. Brown made more catches.

4 C — Goff involved different teammates in the passing offense.

The phrase means Goff used several receivers, as shown by the mentions of St. Brown and Williams making important catches. It does not mean that every pass was long or that he avoided key players.

5 D — Detroit could make important plays when pressure was highest.

The section directly states that Detroit showed it can finish important drives under pressure. It supports this with Gibbs's running, Williams's key catch, and Goff's connection with St. Brown.

6 What a good answer includes:

A strong answer explains that Detroit showed it can perform under pressure, while New Orleans showed perseverance and potential despite losing. It should use details such as Detroit's overtime plays by Gibbs, Williams, Goff, and St. Brown, and New Orleans climbing back from a 21-0 deficit with Shough and young receivers.

MATH

Correct answers are filled in.

1	A	65
2	B	4.71
3	D	0.013
4	A	28%
5	A	-22
6	B	34