Kain Medrano's Pick-Six Powers Washington Past Seattle

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STORY Read the story, then answer the questions.

A Fast Start

Washington needed one huge play to change its season. The Commanders had lost their first two games. Seattle arrived at Northwest Stadium with two wins and plenty of speed.

Washington struck first after Seattle lost the ball near its own goal line. Marcus Mariota then threw a short touchdown pass to Rachaad White. A touchdown gives a team six points. Seattle soon tied the game when Sam Darnold found Jaxon Smith-Njigba in the end zone.

A Tight Battle

Washington answered with a long drive down the field. Treylon Burks caught an 11-yard touchdown pass for a 14-7 lead. Before halftime, Drew Stevens made a 57-yard field goal. Washington led 17-10 at the break.

After halftime, Sonny Styles caught a Darnold pass meant for Seattle. That steal gave Washington the ball at Seattle's 42-yard line. Mariota quickly threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Terry McLaurin. But Seattle fought back. Smith-Njigba made a clever trick-play pass, then caught a touchdown himself. The game was tied 24-24.

Medrano's Giant Run

Stevens made another field goal, putting Washington ahead 27-24. Then came the biggest play. With less than four minutes left, linebacker Kain Medrano caught another Darnold pass. He raced 50 yards for a touchdown.

That kind of score is called a pick-six. A player picks off, or catches, a pass and runs it in. Washington led 33-24 after the extra kick missed. Seattle scored once more, making it 33-31. Yet White ran 19 yards, and Mariota ran late to help use up the clock. Washington held on for its first win, 33-31.

WORDS TO KNOW From the story.

clever (adj.): Clever means showing skill at thinking of smart ways to do something.

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

1 **Why did Washington get an early chance to score in the game?**

- (A) Seattle lost the ball near its own goal line.
- (B) Washington intercepted a pass at Seattle's 42-yard line.
- (C) Washington returned a kickoff for a touchdown.
- (D) Seattle missed a field goal before halftime.

2 **What does the word "clever" show about Smith-Njigba's trick-play pass?**

- (A) It was a planned and skillful play.
- (B) It was a penalty that stopped play.
- (C) It was a pass caught by Washington.
- (D) It was a long kick through the goalposts.

3 **What is a pick-six?**

(A) A player makes a six-yard catch near the sideline.

(B) A player catches a pass and runs it in for a touchdown.

(C) A player throws six passes in one drive.

(D) A team scores six points with a field goal.

4 **How did Washington keep Seattle from getting the ball back at the end of the game?**

(A) White and Mariota ran to use up the clock.

(B) Medrano caught another interception.

(C) Stevens made a final field goal.

(D) McLaurin caught another touchdown pass.

5 **Which statement best gives the main idea of the article?**

(A) Mariota threw touchdown passes to White, Burks, and McLaurin during the game.

(B) Seattle started with two wins because Smith-Njigba scored and threw a trick-play pass.

(C) Washington built an early lead by making two field goals before halftime.

(D) Washington earned its first win after a close game that Medrano helped change with a late pick-six.

6 **Explain how Washington won the game. Include at least two important events from different parts of the article, including Medrano's pick-six.**

MATH Most questions use the game stats. Show your work.

1 **In a week 3 game, Rachaad White averaged 6.0 receiving yards per catch. His average yards per catch is less than which of the following decimals?**

(A) 0.60
(B) 6.00
(C) 12.00
(D) 3.00

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 **In a week 3 game, Rachaad White had 35 rushing yards. What is 35 written in expanded form?**

(A) $5 \times 10 + 3 \times 1$
(B) $3 \times 10 + 5 \times 1$
(C) $3 \times 1000 + 5 \times 100 + 0 \times 10 + 0 \times 1$
(D) $3 \times 100 + 5 \times 10 + 0 \times 1$

SHOW YOUR WORK

3 **In a week 3 game, Rachaad White averaged 4.38 rushing yards per attempt. His average yards per attempt is less than which of the following decimals?**

(A) 0.44
(B) 2.19
(C) 4.38
(D) 8.76

SHOW YOUR WORK

4 PRACTICE

Across the season, team merchandise earned $845821, refunded $151751 in sales, then earned $881435 more. What is the net amount earned?

(A) 694070
(B) 1575505
(C) 187365
(D) 1879007

SHOW YOUR WORK

5 PRACTICE

In the 2025 season, Jacoby Brissett had 3366 passing yards. Suppose the yards are shared as evenly as possible among 8 practice sessions. How many whole yards are in each share, and how many are left over?

(A) 419 R 14
(B) 374 R 0
(C) 3358 R0
(D) 420 R 6

SHOW YOUR WORK

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT · Rachaad White (WSH)

Rushing yards: 35 | Receiving yards: 6
Catches: 1 | Receiving TD: 1

6 **Rachaad White's stats from this game (WSH): 35 rushing yards, 1 catch, 6 receiving yards, 1 receiving touchdown. Use the Player Spotlight above. Scoring: each rushing yard = 0.1 point; each catch = 1 point; each receiving yard = 0.1 point; each receiving touchdown = 6 points. How many fantasy points did Rachaad White score?**

(A) 7.6
(B) 11.1
(C) 10.5
(D) 10.1

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ANSWER KEY

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About 20 minutes

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READING

Correct answers are filled in.

1 **A** Seattle lost the ball near its own goal line.

Seattle lost the ball near its own goal line, which gave Washington an opportunity to score first.

2 **A** It was a planned and skillful play.

The article calls the trick-play pass clever, showing that it was skillful and helped Seattle fight back in the game.

3 **B** A player catches a pass and runs it in for a touchdown.

The article explains that a pick-six happens when a player picks off a pass and runs it in for a touchdown.

4 **A** White and Mariota ran to use up the clock.

After Seattle made the score 33-31, White ran 19 yards and Mariota ran late to help use up the clock.

5 **D** Washington earned its first win after a close game that Medrano helped change with a late pick-six.

The article follows Washington through a close game and highlights Medrano's late pick-six as the biggest play in its 33-31 first win.

6 What a good answer includes:

A strong answer explains that Washington scored early, built leads with touchdowns and field goals, and stayed in a close game when Seattle tied it. It should describe Medrano's 50-yard pick-six as a key late play and explain that White and Mariota ran to use up the clock after Seattle scored again.

MATH Correct answers are filled in.

1 C 12.00

2 B 3 × 10 + 5 × 1

3 D 8.76

4 B 1575505

5 D 420 R 6

6 B 11.1

35 rushing yards × 0.1 = 3.5
1 catch × 1 = 1
6 receiving yards × 0.1 = 0.6
1 receiving touchdown × 6 = 6
Total: 3.5 + 1 + 0.6 + 6 = 11.1