

Isaiah Likely's Big Night Lifts Giants Into a Wild Tie in Washington

NFL WEEK 5 · 2026

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STORY

Read the story, then answer the questions.

Washington Strikes Fast

With the clock at zero in overtime, Jayden Daniels was sacked, and a wild game ended 27-27.

Neither the Giants nor the Commanders could find one final score in Washington. The tie came after both teams had built leads, lost them, and fought back.

Washington started with the kind of speed that can change a game quickly. Daniels hit tight end Chig Okonkwo for two big catches, and Jacory Croskey-Merritt ran 33 yards up the middle for a touchdown. The extra-point kick missed, but the Commanders led 6-0. New York answered with a 51-yard field goal after Jameis Winston found Malik Nabers for a 20-yard catch.

Daniels Finds Open Space

The Commanders kept the momentum in the second quarter. Okonkwo and Austin Ekeler helped move the ball close to the goal line, but the Giants forced Washington to settle for a field goal. Then defensive tackle Tim Settle recovered a Winston fumble, which happens when a player loses the ball. Washington turned that chance into another field goal and led 12-3 at halftime.

After the break, Daniels made the lead much larger with his legs. He raced 38 yards through the middle for a touchdown early in the third quarter. In the fourth, he escaped again and ran 26 yards to the end zone. A two-point pass to Terry McLaurin gave Washington a 27-13 lead. Daniels finished with 103 rushing yards and two touchdowns, making the Giants chase both his passes and his runs.

Likely Brings Giants Back

Yet the Giants were persistent, continuing to fight even when the game looked nearly out of reach. Winston kept throwing to Isaiah Likely, who became New York's steady answer. Likely caught 11 passes for 94 yards. He scored on a 3-yard touchdown late in the third quarter, and replay later gave him another score. Officials saw that he crossed the goal line before losing the ball, so his 17-yard play counted as a touchdown.

That score cut the lead to seven points, and the Giants had time for one more charge. With 1:43 left, Winston found Nabers deep down the middle for a 17-yard touchdown. Nabers had 11 catches for 121 yards, and the extra point tied the score. In overtime, Giants kicker Dominic Zvada missed from 46 yards, but Washington could not win after reaching Giants territory. Daniels was sacked as time ran out, leaving the Giants at 3-1-1 and the Commanders at 1-3-1.

WORDS TO KNOW

From the story.

momentum (n.): A force or feeling that helps a team keep moving successfully forward.

persistent (adj.): Continuing to work or try despite difficulties.

READING

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

1 What does the phrase "settle for a field goal" mean as it is used in the article?

- (A) Kick a field goal instead of scoring a touchdown
- (B) End the half before attempting another play
- (C) Choose to punt the ball instead of kicking
- (D) Accept a penalty instead of continuing the drive

2 Which detail best shows how the Giants answered Washington's fast start?

- (A) Croskey-Merritt ran 33 yards for a touchdown.
- (B) Daniels was sacked as overtime ended.
- (C) The Giants forced Washington to miss an extra point.
- (D) Winston threw a 20-yard pass to Nabers before a field goal.

3 Which statement best expresses a central idea of the article?

- (A) Washington built a large lead, but the Giants fought back to earn a tie.
- (B) Replay reviews prevented both teams from scoring touchdowns.
- (C) The Commanders relied only on passing plays to control the game.
- (D) The Giants won because their kicker made a long field goal in overtime.

4 Why did officials count Likely's 17-yard play as a touchdown after reviewing the replay?

- (A) He crossed the goal line before losing the ball.
- (B) He was awarded a score because of a penalty.
- (C) He caught the ball after it bounced off a defender.
- (D) He stepped out of bounds after reaching the end zone.

5 How did the Giants' missed field goal in overtime affect Washington's chance to win?

- (A) It ended the game immediately with a Giants victory.
- (B) It gave Washington a chance to win, but the Commanders did not score.
- (C) It required Washington to attempt an extra-point kick.
- (D) It gave the Giants another touchdown on the same drive.

6 Explain how the game changed from Washington's 27-13 lead to the 27-27 tie. Use details from across the article to describe the key plays and explain why neither team won in overtime.

MATH

Math practice. Show your work.

1 PRACTICE

A stadium calculation uses $6/13 \div 16/20$. What is the quotient in simplest form?

(A) $3/104$

(B) $15/26$

(C) $65/24$

(D) $24/65$

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 PRACTICE

The concession stand warmed up 238 pretzels for the game. If the pretzels are packed equally into 7 boxes, how many pretzels will each box contain?

(A) 231

(B) 245

(C) 34

(D) 1666

SHOW YOUR WORK

3 PRACTICE

After a 40% discount, a game ticket costs \$48. What is the regular price?

- (A) 67 (B) 48
(C) 29 (D) 80

SHOW YOUR WORK

4 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) 0.013 (B) 0.103
(C) 0.000 (D) 0.875

SHOW YOUR WORK

5 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) 15.33 (B) 8.00
(C) 0.65 (D) 1.53

SHOW YOUR WORK

The medical staff ordered 468 cotton swabs. If they plan to use them equally over 9 weeks, how many cotton swabs will the staff use each week?

- (A) 459
- (B) 477
- (C) 4212
- (D) 52

SHOW YOUR WORK

ANSWER KEY

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About 20 minutes

Separate these pages before giving the worksheet to students.

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READING

Correct answers are filled in.

1

A Kick a field goal instead of scoring a touchdown

Washington moved close to the goal line but did not score a touchdown, so the team kicked a field goal instead. The phrase describes accepting fewer points than a touchdown would give.

2

D Winston threw a 20-yard pass to Nabers before a field goal.

After Washington took a 6–0 lead, Winston connected with Nabers for 20 yards, helping New York score a 51-yard field goal. This detail shows the Giants responding to Washington's opening score.

3

A Washington built a large lead, but the Giants fought back to earn a tie.

Washington led 27–13, but Likely's touchdowns and Nabers's late touchdown helped the Giants tie the game. The overtime plays then ended without either team scoring, resulting in a tie.

4

A He crossed the goal line before losing the ball.

The article states that officials saw Likely cross the goal line before he lost the ball. Because he had already crossed the line, the play counted as a touchdown.

5

B It gave Washington a chance to win, but the Commanders did not score.

After Zvada missed from 46 yards, Washington had an opportunity to win. However, the Commanders could not score after reaching Giants territory, and the game ended tied.

6

What a good answer includes:

A strong response explains that Washington built its lead through Daniels's two rushing touchdowns and a two-point pass. It should describe the Giants' comeback, including Likely's touchdowns and Nabers's late touchdown with the tying extra point. It should also explain that Zvada missed a field goal in overtime, Washington then failed to score, and Daniels was sacked as time expired.

MATHCorrect answers are filled in.

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B

 15/26

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C

 34

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