Houston's Final Kick Spoils Jacksonville's Wembley Rally

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STORY Read the story, then answer the questions.

A Fast Start, Then a Stop

Three seconds remained at Wembley Stadium when Houston's kicker stepped up from 49 yards with the score tied. His field goal passed through the uprights, the tall posts behind the end zone, and Houston had a 34-31 win over Jacksonville. The final kick completed a game in which each surge seemed to demand an even faster answer.

Houston had arrived at 1-4, searching for proof that its slow start could change. Jacksonville entered at 4-1 after a strong run, but Houston struck first. C.J. Stroud threw 42 yards to Nico Collins, then found Foster Moreau for a 6-yard touchdown. Jacksonville moved close to the goal line on its next drive, yet safety Bullock intercepted Trevor Lawrence. By catching Lawrence's pass at the goal line, Bullock stopped a likely score and preserved Houston's 7-0 lead.

Answers Before Halftime

Jacksonville quickly recovered from that costly stop. Parker Washington caught a 27-yard pass, and Lawrence found Bhayshul Tuten for a 27-yard touchdown that tied the game. Houston took a small lead on a field goal, but Lawrence drove Jacksonville back down the field. Tuten's 2-yard touchdown catch with 55 seconds left in the half gave the Jaguars a 14-10 edge.

That advantage disappeared with stunning speed. Stroud connected with Jaylin Noel on a 50-yard play, pushing Houston deep into Jacksonville territory. With eight seconds left before halftime, Moreau caught a 1-yard touchdown pass. Houston led 17-14, and the rapid response changed the

game's direction. After halftime, Stroud guided a long drive that ended with Noel's 13-yard touchdown catch. The Texans had built a 24-14 lead by using a strategic mix of long passes and steady drives.

The Last Drive Wins

Jacksonville would not let Houston pull away. Lawrence threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Nate Boerkircher, cutting the lead to three points. Houston answered again when Jawhar Jordan ran 25 yards for a touchdown late in the third quarter. The score became 31-21, but Lawrence kept the pressure on, finishing with 306 passing yards and four touchdown passes.

Travis Hunter caught a 7-yard touchdown to pull Jacksonville within three early in the fourth quarter. He then intercepted Stroud in the end zone, stopping Houston from adding points and giving Jacksonville a new opening. Lawrence used it well enough to set up Cam Little's 60-yard field goal, which tied the score at 31 with 1:55 left.

Stroud stayed calm in the final minutes. A 21-yard catch by Collins, plus runs by Woody Marks and Jordan, moved Houston across midfield. That sequence set up the winning kick and lifted Houston to 2-4 before its trip to face the New York Giants. Jacksonville fell to 4-2, yet its resilient rally showed it could keep fighting after a difficult turn.

WORDS TO KNOW From the story.

strategic (adj.): Planned carefully to help achieve an important goal.

resilient (adj.): Able to recover and keep going after a setback or challenge.

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

1 **Which detail most strongly explains how Houston preserved its 7-0 lead early in the game?**

- (A) Collins caught a 42-yard pass from Stroud.
- (B) Houston entered the game with a 1-4 record.
- (C) Bullock intercepted Lawrence's pass at the goal line.
- (D) Moreau caught a 6-yard touchdown pass.

2 **How did Houston regain the lead before halftime?**

- (A) Jordan ran 25 yards for a touchdown.
- (B) Noel caught a 13-yard touchdown pass.
- (C) Houston made a field goal after halftime.
- (D) Moreau caught a 1-yard touchdown pass.

3 **As used in the sentence "Jacksonville would not let Houston pull away," what does "pull away" mean?**

- (A) Leave the field early
- (B) Build a much larger lead
- (C) Slow the pace of the game
- (D) Move closer to the end zone

4 **Which statement best expresses a central idea developed across the article?**

- (A) Jacksonville's early success ensured a comfortable win.
- (B) Houston's defense controlled every important moment.
- (C) Both teams answered key scores, but Houston's final drive earned a narrow win.
- (D) Long touchdown passes were the only reason Houston defeated Jacksonville.

5 **What was the direct result of Hunter's interception of Stroud in the end zone?**

(A) Houston ran out the remaining time.

(B) Jacksonville gained an opening to tie the score.

(C) Jacksonville took a lead before the fourth quarter.

(D) Houston immediately scored another touchdown.

6 **Explain how the major turning points from the beginning of the game through the final drive led to Houston's victory. Use details from across the article to support your response.**

MATH Use the game stats. Show your work.

1 **Mia's week 6 stat sheet models Trevor Lawrence's passing-yard adjustment as 214 - (-92). Evaluate the expression.**

(A) -19688

(B) 122

(C) -306

(D) 306

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 **On Mia's stat sheet, in a week 6 game, Trevor Lawrence had an average of 3.7 - (-3.8) yards per passing attempt. Evaluate the expression.**

(A) -7.5
(B) 7.5
(C) -1.0
(D) -14.1

SHOW YOUR WORK

3 **In week 6, Trevor Lawrence had 41 passing attempts. His practice total is 60% lower. Find it. Round to the nearest whole number.**

(A) 16
(B) 40
(C) 25
(D) 66

SHOW YOUR WORK

4 **In week 6, Bhayshul Tuten averaged 12.00 yards per reception. Suppose his practice average is 1.20 yards higher. What is his practice average?**

(A) 10.80
(B) 24.00
(C) 1.20
(D) 13.20

SHOW YOUR WORK

5 **On Mia's stat sheet, in a week 6 game, Bhayshul Tuten had an average of 4.23 + (-0.98) yards per rushing attempt. Evaluate the expression.**

(A) -5.21
(B) 3.25
(C) -4.15
(D) -3.25

SHOW YOUR WORK

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT · Trevor Lawrence (JAX)

Passing yards: 306
Interception thrown: 1
Passing TD: 4
Rushing yards: 11

6 **Trevor Lawrence's stats from this game (JAX): 306 passing yards, 4 passing touchdowns, 1 interception, 11 rushing yards. Use the Player Spotlight above. Scoring: each passing yard = 0.04 point; each passing touchdown = 4 points; each interception = -2 points; each rushing yard = 0.1 point. How many fantasy points did Trevor Lawrence score?**

(A) 45.7
(B) 35.34
(C) 31.34
(D) 27.34

SHOW YOUR WORK

ANSWER KEY

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READING

Correct answers are filled in.

1 C — Bullock intercepted Lawrence's pass at the goal line.

Bullock's interception stopped Jacksonville near the goal line, preventing a likely score and keeping Houston ahead 7-0.

2 D — Moreau caught a 1-yard touchdown pass.

After Jacksonville took a 14-10 lead, Stroud's long pass to Noel set up Moreau's 1-yard touchdown catch with eight seconds left in the half.

3 B — Build a much larger lead

Houston had taken a 24-14 lead, and Jacksonville responded with a touchdown to keep Houston from increasing its advantage further.

4 C — Both teams answered key scores, but Houston's final drive earned a narrow win.

The article traces repeated scoring responses by both teams, including Jacksonville's fourth-quarter rally and Houston's final drive that set up the winning kick.

5 B — Jacksonville gained an opening to tie the score.

The interception stopped Houston from adding points and gave Jacksonville the opportunity that led to Little's field goal, tying the score at 31.

6 What a good answer includes:

A strong response explains the sequence of key changes in the game: Houston's early goal-line interception, Jacksonville's response before halftime, Houston's quick touchdown before the break and later lead, Jacksonville's fourth-quarter rally and tying field goal, and Houston's final drive that set up the winning kick. The response should show how these events connect rather than simply list them.

MATH Correct answers are filled in.

1. D 306
2. B 7.5
3. A 16
4. D 13.20
5. B 3.25
6. D 27.34

306 passing yards × 0.04 = 12.24
4 passing touchdowns × 4 = 16
1 interception × -2 = -2
11 rushing yards × 0.1 = 1.1
Total: 12.24 + 16 – 2 + 1.1 = 27.34