

Browns Steal Back the Finish in Tennessee

NFL WEEK 7 · 2026

GRADES 3-4

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STORY

Read the story, then answer the questions.

Three Seconds Remain

Only three seconds showed on the clock in Tennessee. The score was tied, and Cleveland had one last opportunity. Szmyt lined up for a 32-yard field goal, a kick worth three points.

His kick went through, and the Browns won 27-24. That final moment came after a game that swung back and forth.

Tennessee Starts Fast

Tony Pollard gave the Titans a quick lead. He ran 36 yards for a touchdown on Tennessee's first drive. Soon after, a Browns pass was caught by Tennessee defender Flott instead. Pollard then ran 10 yards for another touchdown.

Tennessee led 14-0 just six minutes into the game. But Cleveland fought back. Quinshon Judkins broke free for a 30-yard run, then ran 5 yards for a touchdown. Later, Judkins scored again from 6 yards away to tie the score.

Before halftime, Browns quarterback Watson threw sharp passes to Concepcion and Harold Fannin Jr. Szmyt made a 28-yard field goal as time ran out. Cleveland took a 17-14 lead into the break.

One Last Answer

The second half stayed close. Tennessee tied the score 17-17 with a 29-yard field goal. Then Cleveland made its best drive. Fannin caught two key passes, Concepcion ran 18 yards, and Watson ran 9 yards for a touchdown.

The Browns led 24-17 with 4:34 left. Yet Tennessee answered again. Cam Ward threw a 26-yard pass to Elic Ayomanor and found Tate near the goal line. Pollard ran in for his third touchdown with 58 seconds left. He finished with 129 rushing yards.

Then Fannin made a 36-yard catch to move Cleveland close. Szmyt's final kick won the game. The Browns improved to 5-2, while Tennessee fell to 1-6.

WORDS TO KNOW

From the story.

opportunity (n.): An opportunity is a chance to do something.

READING

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

1 What happened with three seconds left in the game?

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| (A) Watson threw a pass to Fannin. | (B) Szmyt made a 32-yard field goal. |
| (C) Tennessee made a 29-yard field goal. | (D) Pollard ran for a touchdown. |

2 What does the phrase "broke free" mean as it describes Judkins's 30-yard run?

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| (A) He ran toward the sideline. | (B) He changed teams during the game. |
| (C) He dropped the ball briefly. | (D) He ran without being stopped. |

3 How did Cleveland take the lead before halftime?

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| (A) Pollard ran 10 yards for a touchdown. | (B) Judkins scored from 6 yards away. |
| (C) Flott caught a Browns pass. | (D) Szmyt made a 28-yard field goal. |

4 Why did Cleveland need a final field goal to win?

- (A) Tennessee tied the game at 24-24 late in the fourth quarter.
- (B) Tennessee took a 27-24 lead late in the fourth quarter.
- (C) Cleveland missed its first field goal of the game.
- (D) Cleveland was behind 17-14 at halftime.

5 Which statement best expresses the central idea of the article?

- (A) Tennessee led from start to finish because of Pollard's running.
- (B) Cleveland recovered from an early deficit and won after a close finish.
- (C) The teams traded field goals, but neither team scored a touchdown.
- (D) Cleveland held a large lead for most of the game and easily won.

6 In your own words, explain how Cleveland responded after Tennessee's early lead and how the game ended. Use at least two details from the article.

MATH

Use the game stats. Show your work.

1 In a week 7 game, Quinshon Judkins averaged 5.65 rushing yards per attempt. His average yards per attempt is less than which of the following decimals?

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| (A) 11.30 | (B) 0.57 |
| (C) 2.83 | (D) 5.65 |

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 In a week 7 game, Quinshon Judkins averaged 8.0 receiving yards per catch. His average yards per catch is greater than which of the following decimals?

- (A) 16.00 (B) 8.00
(C) 4.00 (D) 80.00

SHOW YOUR WORK

3 In a week 7 game, Quinshon Judkins had 96 rushing yards. Round it to the nearest tens place.

- (A) 106 (B) 90
(C) 96 (D) 100

SHOW YOUR WORK

4 In a week 7 game, Quinshon Judkins had 96 rushing yards. What is 96 written in expanded form?

- (A) $9 \times 1000 + 6 \times 100 + 0 \times 10 + 0 \times 1$ (B) $6 \times 10 + 9 \times 1$
(C) $9 \times 100 + 6 \times 10 + 0 \times 1$ (D) $9 \times 10 + 6 \times 1$

SHOW YOUR WORK

5 In a week 7 game, Tony Pollard had 129 rushing yards. Round it to the nearest tens place.

- (A) 200 (B) 130
(C) 120 (D) 100

SHOW YOUR WORK

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT · Quinshon Judkins (CLE)

Rushing yards: 96

Catches: 1

Rushing TD: 2

Receiving yards: 8

6 Quinshon Judkins's stats from this game (CLE): 96 rushing yards, 2 rushing touchdowns, 1 catch, 8 receiving yards. Use the Player Spotlight above. Scoring: each rushing yard = 0.1 point; each rushing touchdown = 6 points; each catch = 1 point; each receiving yard = 0.1 point. How many fantasy points did Quinshon Judkins score?

(A) 23.4

(B) 22.6

(C) 22.4

(D) 13.8

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

Separate these pages before giving the worksheet to students.

Standards: RI.4.1 · RI.4.2 · RI.4.4 · 4.NBT.A.2 · 4.NBT.A.3 · 4.NF.C.7

READING

- 1 B Szmyt made a 32-yard field goal.

With three seconds on the clock, Szmyt kicked a 32-yard field goal through the posts. This gave Cleveland a 27–24 win.

- 2 D He ran without being stopped.

The article says Judkins “broke free” for a 30-yard run, meaning he got past defenders and ran a long distance without being stopped.

- 3 D Szmyt made a 28-yard field goal.

The score was tied after Judkins’s second touchdown. Szmyt’s 28-yard field goal just before halftime put Cleveland ahead 17–14.

- 4 A Tennessee tied the game at 24–24 late in the fourth quarter.

Pollard’s third touchdown tied the score 24–24 with 58 seconds left. Cleveland then moved close enough for Szmyt’s winning kick.

MATH

- 1 A 11.30

- 2 C 4.00

- 3 D 100

- 4 D $9 \times 10 + 6 \times 1$

- 5 B 130

- 6 A 23.4

$96 \text{ rushing yards} \times 0.1 = 9.6$
 $2 \text{ rushing touchdowns} \times 6 = 12$
 $1 \text{ catch} \times 1 = 1$
 $8 \text{ receiving yards} \times 0.1 = 0.8$
Total: $9.6 + 12 + 1 + 0.8 = 23.4$

READING (cont.)

- 5** **B** Cleveland recovered from an early deficit and won after a close finish.

Tennessee led 14-0 early, but Cleveland fought back and took the lead before halftime. After Tennessee tied the game late, Cleveland answered with a final drive and winning field goal.

- 6** What a good answer includes:

A strong response explains that Tennessee started ahead 14-0, Cleveland fought back through plays such as Judkins's touchdowns and Szmyt's field goal, and Tennessee later tied the game. It should also explain that Fannin's late catch helped set up Szmyt's winning kick.
