Jahmyr Gibbs Powers Lions Past Vikings and Perfect Start

NFL WEEK 8 · 2026 | GRADES 3–4 | MIN @ DET · DET 19 – MIN 15

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STORY Read the story, then answer the questions.

A Tight Opening

Jahmyr Gibbs found a clear lane at Ford Field. He ran with the ball for 153 yards as Detroit beat Minnesota 19-15. The Lions came in at 4-2. The Vikings were 6-0 and had not lost.

Minnesota moved the ball early, but Will Reichard missed a long kick. Detroit then drove down the field. Jared Goff threw a 46-yard pass to Jameson Williams. A replay took away a touchdown, but Jake Bates made a short field goal, a kick worth three points. Detroit led 3-0.

The Score Stays Close

Minnesota answered in the second part of the game. Kyler Murray threw a short touchdown pass to Justin Jefferson. The Vikings led 7-3. Soon after, Pierre caught one of Goff's passes for Minnesota. This is called an interception, and it gave Minnesota the ball.

Detroit's defense kept fighting. Reed then caught one of Murray's passes, giving the ball back to the Lions. Gibbs ran 19 yards to help Bates make another field goal. Minnesota held a small 7-6 lead at halftime.

Gibbs Finds the Fast Lane

Detroit had a missed kick in the third part of the game. Still, its defense stopped Murray twice behind the line. Then Gibbs took a handoff up the middle. He slipped through a gap and raced 30 yards for a touchdown. Detroit moved ahead 12-7.

Minnesota fought back late. Murray threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to T.J. Hockenson, and the Vikings led 15-12. But Gibbs opened Detroit's next drive with a 17-yard run. Sione Vaki added three runs, and Goff found Williams for the winning touchdown. Gibbs kept running on the final drive as Detroit used up the clock. The Lions finished with a big 19-15 win and handed Minnesota its first loss.

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

1 **What happened after the replay took away Detroit's touchdown?**

- (A) Will Reichard made a long kick.
- (B) Jake Bates made a short field goal.
- (C) Minnesota scored a touchdown.
- (D) Jahmyr Gibbs ran 30 yards.

2 **What does the word "interception" mean in this article?**

- (A) A player catches a pass from the other team.
- (B) A team uses up time near the end.
- (C) A kicker sends the ball through the posts.
- (D) A player runs through a gap in the line.

3 **How did Gibbs's 17-yard run help Detroit late in the game?**

- (A) It began the drive that ended with the winning touchdown.
- (B) It gave Minnesota the ball after an interception.
- (C) It set up Minnesota's 8-yard touchdown pass.
- (D) It stopped Murray behind the line twice.

4 **Which detail best shows how Detroit protected its lead at the end of the game?**

(A) Williams caught a 46-yard pass.

(B) Bates made a field goal before halftime.

(C) Reed caught a pass from Murray.

(D) Gibbs kept running as Detroit used up the clock.

5 **Which sentence best states the main idea of the article?**

(A) Detroit won a close game after Gibbs made important runs and the team scored late.

(B) Both teams missed many kicks, so the game ended in a tie.

(C) Minnesota controlled the game from start to finish with several long plays.

(D) Detroit built a large early lead and did not need to score again.

6 **Explain how Detroit came back to win the game. Use at least two details from different parts of the article in your answer.**

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

1 **In a week 8 game, Jahmyr Gibbs averaged 7.50 receiving yards per catch. His average yards per catch is less than which of the following decimals?**

(A) 15.00

(B) 3.75

(C) 7.50

(D) 0.75

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 **In a week 8 game, Jahmyr Gibbs averaged 6.7 rushing yards per attempt. His average yards per attempt is less than which of the following decimals?**

(A) 0.67
(B) 6.70
(C) 3.35
(D) 13.40

SHOW YOUR WORK

3 **In a week 8 game, Jahmyr Gibbs had 153 rushing yards. What is 153 written in expanded form?**

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

SHOW YOUR WORK

4 PRACTICE

The bulb count is written as $6 \times 1000 + 8 \times 100 + 3 \times 10 + 4 \times 1$. Which number is less than that amount?

(A) 10251
(B) 68340
(C) 6835
(D) 3417

SHOW YOUR WORK

5 PRACTICE

The box office sold 3 11/12 rolls of tickets before the game started and 2 11/12 rolls of tickets before halftime. How many rolls of tickets did the box office sell in total?

(A) 6 5/6
(B) 5 11/12
(C) 15 1/12
(D) 27

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PLAYER SPOTLIGHT · Jahmyr Gibbs (DET)

Rushing yards: 153
Rushing TD: 1
Catches: 2
Receiving yards: 15

6 **Jahmyr Gibbs's stats from this game (DET): 153 rushing yards, 1 rushing touchdown, 2 catches, 15 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 Jahmyr Gibbs score?**

(A) 23.3
(B) 22.8
(C) 18.8
(D) 24.8

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

ANSWER KEY

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About 20 minutes

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READING

Correct answers are filled in.

1 B — Jake Bates made a short field goal.

The article says the replay took away the touchdown, and then Jake Bates made a short field goal to give Detroit a 3-0 lead.

2 A — A player catches a pass from the other team.

Pierre caught one of Goff's passes for Minnesota, so the article explains that an interception happens when the other team catches a pass.

3 A — It began the drive that ended with the winning touchdown.

After Minnesota took a 15-12 lead, Gibbs opened Detroit's next drive with a 17-yard run. That drive later ended with Goff's touchdown pass to Williams.

4 D — Gibbs kept running as Detroit used up the clock.

The article says Gibbs kept running on the final drive while Detroit used up the clock, helping the Lions finish the game with the lead.

5 A — Detroit won a close game after Gibbs made important runs and the team scored late.

Detroit and Minnesota traded leads, but Gibbs ran for 153 yards and made key late runs. Detroit then scored the winning touchdown and won 19-15.

6 What a good answer includes:

A strong answer explains that the game stayed close and that Detroit overcame changes in the score. It should include at least two accurate details, such as Gibbs's touchdown run, Minnesota's late lead, Gibbs's 17-yard run, Williams's winning touchdown, or Detroit using up the clock.

MATH

Correct answers are filled in.

1	A	15.00
2	D	13.40
3	C	1 × 100 + 5 × 10 + 3 × 1
4	D	3417
5	A	6 5/6
6	D	24.8

153 rushing yards × 0.1 = 15.3
1 rushing touchdown × 6 = 6
2 catches × 1 = 2
15 receiving yards × 0.1 = 1.5
Total: 15.3 + 6 + 2 + 1.5 = 24.8