Jahmyr Gibbs Powers Lions Past Vikings and Perfect Start

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STORY Read the story, then answer the questions.

A Fast Lane Opens

Jahmyr Gibbs found room up the middle, burst through it, and raced 30 yards for a touchdown. That run gave the Detroit Lions a 12-7 lead over the Minnesota Vikings in the third quarter at Ford Field. It also changed a hard, close game into Gibbs' chance to take over.

Detroit came in at 4-2, still trying to move past missing the playoffs last season. Minnesota was 6-0 and had kept opponents close with a tough defense. The Vikings nearly scored first, but Will Reichard missed a 57-yard field goal. Detroit then stayed patient after a penalty and a replay erased a touchdown. Jake Bates made a short field goal, putting the Lions ahead 3-0.

A Tight First Half

Minnesota answered early in the second quarter. Kyler Murray threw a one-yard touchdown pass to Justin Jefferson after a drive that reached the 1-yard line. The Vikings led 7-3, and then Pierre intercepted Lions quarterback Jared Goff. An interception happens when a defender catches a pass meant for the other team, giving his team the ball.

Detroit did not let that mistake grow into a bigger problem. Its defense forced Minnesota to punt, and Reed later intercepted Murray. Before halftime, Gibbs ran 19 yards to help set up Bates' 37-yard field goal. The Lions trailed only 7-6 at the break, with the game still waiting for one team to seize control.

Gibbs Drives the Finish

Detroit first missed a chance when Bates' 46-yard field-goal try hit the left upright. The Lions' pass rush then dropped Murray twice, stopping Minnesota from adding points. Soon after, Amon-Ra St. Brown ran for 10 yards on a creative play. Gibbs took the next handoff and sped through the opening for his go-ahead score.

Minnesota fought back with a 51-yard pass to Jordan Addison. Murray then threw an 8-yard touchdown to T.J. Hockenson and added a two-point pass to Addison for a 15-12 lead. Detroit's execution on its last big drive was steady. Gibbs opened it with a 17-yard run, while Sione Vaki added 27 yards on three straight carries. Goff then found Jameson Williams for the winning touchdown. Gibbs finished with 153 rushing yards and helped Detroit run down the clock for a 19-15 win. The Lions moved to 5-2, while Minnesota took its first loss at 6-1.

WORDS TO KNOW

From the story.

execution (n.): The act of carrying out a plan or action.

READING

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

1 **What does the phrase "stayed patient" suggest about how Detroit responded after a penalty and replay erased a touchdown?**

- (A) The Lions kept working for points instead of losing focus.
- (B) The Lions allowed Minnesota to begin its next drive.
- (C) The Lions asked the officials to change the replay decision.
- (D) The Lions stopped using running plays near the goal line.

2 **Which events best support the idea that Detroit recovered from Goff's interception before halftime?**

(A) Minnesota completed a long pass, and Hockenson scored a touchdown.

(B) Minnesota missed a field goal, and Detroit led 3-0.

(C) Detroit forced a punt, Reed intercepted Murray, and Bates made a field goal.

(D) Gibbs scored from 30 yards away, and Detroit took the lead.

3 **How did Detroit respond after Minnesota took a 15-12 lead?**

(A) The Lions returned an interception for a touchdown.

(B) The Lions stopped Minnesota with two sacks.

(C) The Lions made a field goal to tie the game.

(D) The Lions put together a drive that ended with a touchdown pass.

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

(A) Detroit won because one player made every important play.

(B) Field goals were the only important plays in a low-scoring game.

(C) Detroit used key defensive stops and strong late execution to earn a close win.

(D) Minnesota's early success showed that its defense could not be challenged.

5 **What does the phrase "run down the clock" mean in the final paragraph?**

(A) Detroit used plays that kept time moving near the end of the game.

(B) Detroit waited for Minnesota to use all of its timeouts.

(C) Detroit stopped the clock after each of Gibbs's runs.

(D) Detroit changed the game clock after the winning touchdown.

6 **In your own words, explain how Detroit turned a close game into a 19-15 win. Use details from across the article to describe at least two important turning points and explain how they connect to the final result.**

MATH

Math practice. Show your work.

1 PRACTICE

In the 2024 and 2025 seasons, Devin Singletary's averages for receiving yards per catch were 5.6667 and 8.3889, respectively. What is the sum of the values? Round to the nearest hundredths place.

(A) 14.06
(B) 7.03
(C) 2.72
(D) 47.54

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 PRACTICE

A stadium calculation uses 6/18 ÷ 3/5. What is the quotient in simplest form?

(A) 5/3
(B) 9/5
(C) 1/9
(D) 5/9

SHOW YOUR WORK

3 PRACTICE

In a week 12 game, Steelers running back Kenneth Gainwell had 92 rushing yards. If he had 62 yards in the first half of the game, what percentage of his total yards came in the first half?

(A) 67.4%
(B) 40.3%
(C) 32.6%
(D) 59.7%

SHOW YOUR WORK

4 PRACTICE

In 2025, Dyami Brown averaged 11.4 yards per catch and 1.8 catches per game. Find his receiving yards per game. Round to the nearest tenths place.

(A) 6.3
(B) 9.6
(C) 20.5
(D) 205.2

SHOW YOUR WORK

5 PRACTICE

In the 2024 and 2025 seasons, Drake London scored 0.0900 and 0.1029 receiving touchdowns per reception, respectively. What is the sum of the values? Round to the nearest thousandth.

(A) 0.193
(B) 1.929
(C) 0.013
(D) 0.096

SHOW YOUR WORK

6 PRACTICE

The maintenance staff used 7.08 gallons of paint, 1.4 gallons of sealant, and 5.24 gallons of turf cleaner to fix various parts of the stadium. What is the total number of gallons used?

(A) 4.573
(B) 9.912
(C) 13.720
(D) 6.640

SHOW YOUR WORK

ANSWER KEY

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Standards: RI.6.1 · RI.6.2 · RI.6.4 · 6.NS.A.1 · 6.NS.B.3 · 6.RP.A.3.C

READING

Correct answers are filled in.

1 **A** The Lions kept working for points instead of losing focus.

After the touchdown was erased, Detroit continued its drive and Jake Bates made a field goal. These details show that the team remained focused and kept working for points.

2 **C** Detroit forced a punt, Reed intercepted Murray, and Bates made a field goal.

After Goff's interception, Detroit's defense forced Minnesota to punt, Reed intercepted Murray, and Bates made a field goal. Those events helped the Lions stay close at halftime.

3 **D** The Lions put together a drive that ended with a touchdown pass.

After Minnesota took the lead, Gibbs and Vaki gained key rushing yards, and Goff threw the winning touchdown pass to Jameson Williams.

4 **C** Detroit used key defensive stops and strong late execution to earn a close win.

The article describes defensive stops, Gibbs's important runs, and a steady final drive ending in a touchdown. Together, these details show how Detroit earned a close victory through several key plays.

5 **A** Detroit used plays that kept time moving near the end of the game.

Gibbs helped Detroit keep the ball and use time after the Lions took the lead. In this context, the phrase means using plays to reduce the time remaining.

6 What a good answer includes:

A strong response should explain that Detroit stayed close despite early setbacks, then gained control with defensive stops and Gibbs's go-ahead touchdown. It should also describe Minnesota's response, followed by Detroit's steady final drive, Goff's touchdown pass to Williams, and the team using time at the end to protect the win.

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