Jahmyr Gibbs Powers Lions Past Vikings and Perfect Start

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STORY Read the story, then answer the questions.

A Tight First Half

Jahmyr Gibbs made Ford Field look wide open whenever he found a crease Sunday, but Detroit first had to survive a tense start. The Lions entered at 4-2, still trying to leave last season's playoff miss behind. Minnesota arrived 6-0, bringing a defense that had kept opponents close all year. On the Vikings' first drive, Kyler Murray hit Ben Yurosek for 24 yards, yet Will Reichard missed a 57-yard field goal.

Detroit answered with patience. Jared Goff connected with Jameson Williams for 46 yards, but a penalty stalled the push. A replay also removed what looked like an Amon-Ra St. Brown touchdown. Still, the Lions stayed near the goal line, and Jake Bates made a 25-yard field goal. Minnesota then took a 7-3 lead when Murray threw a one-yard touchdown pass to Justin Jefferson.

Defense Holds the Door

The Vikings had a chance to take control after Pierre intercepted Goff, but Detroit's defense did not allow points from that opening. Late in the half, Reed intercepted Murray, giving the Lions their own chance. Gibbs then ran 19 yards to help Bates make a 37-yard kick. Detroit trailed only 7-6 at halftime, despite several early mistakes and missed chances.

The second half began with another near miss, as Bates' 46-yard try struck the left upright. Detroit's pass rush answered by tackling Murray behind the line twice on Minnesota's next series. That work gave Gibbs the stage he needed. After St. Brown gained 10 yards on a creative running play, Gibbs

took a handoff through the middle, slipped through a small gap, and sprinted 30 yards for a touchdown. Detroit led 12-7 after its two-point pass failed.

Gibbs Finishes the Climb

Minnesota responded with the force expected from a 6-0 team. Murray found Jordan Addison for 51 yards, then hit T.J. Hockenson for an eight-yard touchdown. A successful two-point pass to Addison put the Vikings ahead 15-12 with 8:44 remaining. The Lions now faced the kind of late pressure that can decide a division race.

Gibbs answered first with a 17-yard run, and Sione Vaki followed with three straight carries for 27 yards. Together, they kept Minnesota's defense on the field and moved Detroit close enough for Goff to find Williams for the go-ahead touchdown. Gibbs had 153 rushing yards and added runs of 14, eight, and six yards on the final drive, helping run out the clock. Detroit won 19-15, improved to 5-2, and handed Minnesota its first loss.

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

1 **Which detail most strongly supports the idea that Detroit had difficulty turning early opportunities into points?**

- (A) Murray threw a touchdown pass to Jefferson.
- (B) Minnesota opened the game with a 24-yard pass to Yurosek.
- (C) A penalty stalled Detroit after a 46-yard pass to Williams.
- (D) Bates made a 25-yard field goal for Detroit.

2 **What does the phrase "stalled the push" mean as it is used in the article?**

- (A) The penalty caused Minnesota to change players.
- (B) The penalty moved Detroit closer to the goal line.
- (C) The penalty ended Detroit's progress toward scoring.
- (D) The penalty gave Detroit extra time to plan.

3 **How did Detroit's pass rush help create the conditions for Gibbs's 30-yard touchdown run?**

(A) It set up St. Brown's earlier touchdown catch.

(B) It stopped Minnesota's next series by tackling Murray behind the line twice.

(C) It gave Detroit points after Pierre intercepted Goff.

(D) It forced Bates's 46-yard kick through the uprights.

4 **How does the final section develop the article's central idea that Detroit overcame setbacks to win?**

(A) It shows Minnesota scoring first after Detroit missed an early field-goal attempt.

(B) It shows Minnesota protecting its lead with a series of late defensive stops.

(C) It shows Detroit responding to Minnesota's lead with key runs, a touchdown pass, and clock-consuming plays.

(D) It shows Detroit building a large halftime lead that Minnesota could not overcome.

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

(A) To score quickly before Minnesota can respond.

(B) To stop the game while officials review the final play.

(C) To wait until halftime before making another play.

(D) To use plays that consume the remaining time in the game.

6 **In your own words, explain how Detroit's performance changed from the first half to the end of the game. State a central idea of the article and support your explanation with details from all three sections.**

MATH Use the game stats. Show your work.

1 **In week 8 of the 2026 season, Lions running back Jahmyr Gibbs had 23 rushing attempts. A model predicts y = 3x + 30 rushing yards for x attempts. How many yards does this model predict for his attempt count?**

(A) 53
(B) 759
(C) 99
(D) 69

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 **On Mia's stat sheet, in a week 8 game, Jahmyr Gibbs had an average of 3.99 - (-2.66) yards per rushing attempt. Evaluate the expression.**

(A) -6.65
(B) 6.65
(C) -1.50
(D) 1.33

SHOW YOUR WORK

3 **On Mia's stat sheet, in a week 8 game, Jared Goff had an average of -4.22 + 11.26 yards per passing attempt. Evaluate the expression.**

(A) 7.04
(B) -47.52
(C) 15.48
(D) -7.04

SHOW YOUR WORK

4 **Mia's week 8 stat sheet models Jared Goff's passing-yard adjustment as -70 - (-246). Evaluate the expression.**

(A) -176
(B) 316
(C) 176
(D) -316

SHOW YOUR WORK

5 **In week 8, Jared Goff had 25 passing attempts. His practice total is 60% lower. Find it. Round to the nearest whole number.**

(A) 15
(B) 40
(C) 10
(D) 100

SHOW YOUR WORK

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

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

ANSWER KEY

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READING

Correct answers are filled in.

1 **C** A penalty stalled Detroit after a 46-yard pass to Williams.

The penalty stopped Detroit's drive after a large gain, showing that the team could not fully capitalize on an early opportunity.

2 **C** The penalty ended Detroit's progress toward scoring.

In context, Detroit had gained 46 yards but then received a penalty that prevented the drive from continuing successfully.

3 **B** It stopped Minnesota's next series by tackling Murray behind the line twice.

After Bates's missed kick, Detroit's pass rush tackled Murray behind the line twice. The article states that this defensive work gave Gibbs the stage he needed.

4 **C** It shows Detroit responding to Minnesota's lead with key runs, a touchdown pass, and clock-consuming plays.

The final section shows Detroit answering Minnesota's late lead through rushing gains, Williams's go-ahead touchdown, and Gibbs's final runs that ended the game.

5 **D** To use plays that consume the remaining time in the game.

Gibbs's late runs helped Detroit keep possession and use the remaining game time so Minnesota could not mount another response.

6 What a good answer includes:

A strong response identifies a central idea, such as Detroit overcoming early mistakes and late pressure through defense and rushing. It should explain that Detroit missed or lost early scoring opportunities, stayed close because of defensive stops and Gibbs's touchdown run, and then answered Minnesota's late lead with key rushing plays, Williams's go-ahead touchdown, and final clock-consuming runs.

MATH

Correct answers are filled in.

1. C 99
2. B 6.65
3. A 7.04
4. C 176
5. C 10
6. B 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