Juwan Johnson Finishes Saints' Overtime Escape From Cleveland

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STORY Read the story, then answer the questions.

The Game Stays Close

Juwan Johnson made his biggest catch when New Orleans needed it most. In overtime, the extra time after a tie, he caught Tyler Shough's pass in the end zone. A touchdown is a score worth six points. Johnson's 15-yard catch gave the Saints a 23-22 win over Cleveland.

The Saints had started the game with a 2-5 record. They needed a spark at home in the Superdome. Audric Estime ran hard on the first long drive. Shough then found Johnson for 19 yards. That helped set up a field goal and a 3-0 lead.

Stops Near the Goal

Cleveland fought back, and the game stayed tight. The Browns tied it before halftime. They also reached the Saints' 1-yard line after New Orleans lost the ball. But the Saints stopped two short runs. The score stayed 3-3 at the break.

After halftime, Cleveland took a 6-3 lead. Shedeur Sanders threw a long pass to Denzel Boston. The pass moved the Browns to the 3-yard line. New Orleans soon tied the score again with a field goal. Neither team could pull far ahead.

Johnson's Big Finish

Late in the fourth quarter, the race became wild. A Saints field goal made it 9-6. Three plays later, Sanders threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to KC Concepcion. Cleveland led 13-9, but Shough led a quick drive back down the field.

With 58 seconds left, Estime ran in a touchdown. New Orleans moved ahead 16-13. Cleveland then responded with a field goal at the buzzer, forcing overtime. Shough used Chris Olave, Alvin Kamara, and Devaughn Vele to move the Saints forward. Then Johnson caught the winning pass with 4:17 left. Cleveland scored once more, but its final try did not work. The Saints rose to 3-5 after a huge win.

WORDS TO KNOW

From the story.

respond (v.): To react to something that has happened.

READING

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

1 **What does the word "overtime" mean in the article?**

- (A) The first part of a game
- (B) A break before halftime
- (C) A short team meeting
- (D) Extra time after a tie

2 **Why was the score tied 3-3 at halftime?**

- (A) The Saints stopped Cleveland near the goal line.
- (B) Cleveland ran in a touchdown before halftime.
- (C) Cleveland missed a long pass near the goal line.
- (D) The Saints scored a touchdown before halftime.

3 **What happened three plays after the Saints took a 9-6 lead late in the fourth quarter?**

- (A) Sanders threw a touchdown pass.
- (B) Cleveland kicked a field goal.
- (C) Johnson caught the winning pass.
- (D) Estime ran in a touchdown.

4 **Which statement best tells the central idea of the article?**

- (A) Both teams scored many touchdowns before halftime in the Superdome.
- (B) The Saints built a large lead early and protected it for the whole game.
- (C) Cleveland stayed ahead after scoring a late touchdown in the fourth quarter.
- (D) The Saints earned a close win by responding to Cleveland and scoring in overtime.

5 **How did Shough help the Saints move forward during their overtime drive?**

- (A) He kicked a field goal himself.
- (B) He used Olave, Kamara, and Vele.
- (C) He handed the ball to Estime.
- (D) He threw a pass to Boston.

6 **In your own words, explain how the Saints won this close game. Use at least two details from different parts of the article.**

MATH

Most questions use the game stats. Show your work.

1 **In a week 9 game, Quinshon Judkins averaged 2.87 rushing yards per attempt. His average yards per attempt is greater than which of the following decimals?**

- (A) 1.44
- (B) 5.74
- (C) 2.87
- (D) 28.70

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 **In a week 9 game, Quinshon Judkins had 43 rushing yards. What is 43 written in expanded form?**

(A) $4 \times 1000 + 3 \times 100 + 0 \times 10 + 0 \times 1$

(B) $4 \times 100 + 3 \times 10 + 0 \times 1$

(C) $3 \times 10 + 4 \times 1$

(D) $4 \times 10 + 3 \times 1$

SHOW YOUR WORK

3 **In a week 9 game, Quinshon Judkins averaged 2.0 receiving yards per catch. His average yards per catch is greater than which of the following decimals?**

(A) 20.00

(B) 1.00

(C) 2.00

(D) 4.00

SHOW YOUR WORK

4 PRACTICE

The training room employee has 4646 rolls of athletic tape to evenly put inside 6 boxes. How many rolls will go in each box? Include the remainder.

(A) 774 R 2

(B) 27876 R0

(C) 775 R0

(D) 4640 R0

SHOW YOUR WORK

5 PRACTICE

The janitor is counting the number of trash bags in storage. There are 84 boxes, and each box holds 28 trash bags. How many trash bags are there in total?

(A) 672
(B) 1688
(C) 112
(D) 2352

SHOW YOUR WORK

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT · Quinshon Judkins (CLE)

Rushing yards: 43 **Catches:** 1 **Receiving yards:** 2

6 **Quinshon Judkins's stats from this game (CLE): 43 rushing yards, 1 catch, 2 receiving yards. Use the Player Spotlight above. Scoring: each rushing yard = 0.1 point; each catch = 1 point; each receiving yard = 0.1 point. How many fantasy points did Quinshon Judkins score?**

(A) 4.5
(B) 5.5
(C) 1.2
(D) 5.3

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.

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READING

1 **D** Extra time after a tie

The article directly explains that overtime is extra time after a tie.

2 **A** The Saints stopped Cleveland near the goal line.

Cleveland reached the Saints' 1-yard line, but New Orleans stopped two short runs. This kept Cleveland from adding points before halftime.

3 **A** Sanders threw a touchdown pass.

The article says that three plays after the Saints' field goal made the score 9-6, Sanders threw a 64-yard touchdown pass.

4 **D** The Saints earned a close win by responding to Cleveland and scoring in overtime.

The teams stayed close throughout the game. The Saints answered Cleveland's late scores, and Johnson's overtime catch won the game.

5 **B** He used Olave, Kamara, and Vele.

The article states that Shough used Chris Olave, Alvin Kamara, and Devaughn Vele to move the Saints forward in overtime.

MATH

1 **A** 1.44

2 **D** 4 × 10 + 3 × 1

3 **B** 1.00

4 **A** 774 R 2

5 **D** 2352

6 **B** 5.5

43 rushing yards × 0.1 = 4.3
1 catch × 1 = 1
2 receiving yards × 0.1 = 0.2
Total: 4.3 + 1 + 0.2 = 5.5

READING (cont.)

6 What a good answer includes:

A strong answer explains that the Saints kept the game close with key stops and field goals, answered Cleveland's late scores, and won when Johnson caught Shough's pass in overtime. It should include at least two accurate details from the article.