Colts Turn Miami's Opening-Drive Fumble Into a 24-22 Home Reset

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STORY Read the story, then answer the questions.

A Fresh Start

The Colts needed a new start at home. They had lost a close game the week before. Early on, Jonathan Taylor lost the ball, but the Colts got it back. Then their runners pushed the ball down the field.

Seth McGowan finished the long drive with a 4-yard touchdown. A touchdown gives a team six points. Miami soon tied the score. Malik Washington caught a pass, then threw it to Jalen Tolbert for a 34-yard touchdown. The surprise play made it 7-7.

The Ball Comes Loose

Before halftime, McGowan ran 23 yards to the 1-yard line. Then Daniel Jones threw a touchdown pass to Laquon Treadwell. The Colts led 14-7 at the break.

Then came the play that changed the day. On Miami's first play of the second half, Justin Walley knocked the ball loose from Kyle McCord. Adetomiwa Adebawore fell on it in the end zone. That gave the Colts another touchdown just 12 seconds into the half. Their lead grew to 21-7.

Miami did not stop fighting. McCord threw a long pass to Washington, helping set up a field goal. A field goal is a kick through the tall posts. Later, Chris Johnson caught a Jones pass meant for a Colt and ran 59 yards for a touchdown. The extra kick missed, so the Colts still led 21-16.

Holding On at Home

The Colts answered with a steady run game. Taylor ran for 83 yards, and McGowan added 77. Their runs helped set up Spencer Shrader's 51-yard field goal. Indianapolis now led 24-16.

Miami came close again in the fourth quarter. McCord ran 3 yards for a touchdown, cutting the lead to 24-22. His pass for two more points did not work. Miami later tried a 51-yard field goal to tie the score, but the kick went wide left.

The Colts defense made one last big stop near midfield. McGowan then ran twice for 12 yards, and Jones knelt to end the game. Indianapolis won 24-22 and moved to 3-7.

WORDS TO KNOW

From the story.

steady (adj.): Reliable, calm, and working at a consistent pace.

READING

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

1 **How did the Colts score their first touchdown?**

- (A) Daniel Jones threw to Laquon Treadwell.
- (B) Jonathan Taylor ran 83 yards for a score.
- (C) Seth McGowan ran 4 yards into the end zone.
- (D) Spencer Shrader kicked a field goal.

2 **What does the phrase "surprise play" describe in the first section?**

- (A) A defender knocking the ball loose
- (B) A kicker making a long field goal
- (C) A runner changing direction near the goal line
- (D) A receiver throwing a pass after catching one

3 **How did the Colts increase their lead to 21-7 early in the second half?**

(A) Jones completed a pass to Treadwell.

(B) Johnson returned an interception for a touchdown.

(C) Adebawore recovered a loose ball in the end zone.

(D) McGowan ran to the 1-yard line.

4 **Which event kept Miami from tying the score late in the game?**

(A) Miami's 51-yard field goal went wide left.

(B) Miami's two-point pass did not work.

(C) Jones knelt down to end the game.

(D) The Colts kicked a 51-yard field goal.

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

(A) Both teams relied only on field goals to score points.

(B) The Colts won easily because Miami did not score after halftime.

(C) The Colts used key scores and late stops to hold off Miami in a close home win.

(D) Miami led throughout the game because of strong passing plays.

6 **Explain how the Colts built a lead and then held on to win the 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 10 game, Jonathan Taylor averaged 10.00 receiving yards per catch. His average yards per catch is greater than which of the following decimals?**

(A) 5.00
(B) 10.00
(C) 100.00
(D) 20.00

SHOW YOUR WORK

2 **In a week 10 game, Jonathan Taylor had 83 rushing yards. What is 83 written in expanded form?**

(A) $8 \times 1000 + 3 \times 100 + 0 \times 10 + 0 \times 1$
(B) 8×1
(C) $8 \times 10 + 3 \times 1$
(D) $3 \times 10 + 8 \times 1$

SHOW YOUR WORK

3 **In a week 10 game, Jonathan Taylor averaged 5.19 rushing yards per attempt. His average yards per attempt is greater than which of the following decimals?**

(A) 5.19
(B) 2.60
(C) 10.38
(D) 51.90

SHOW YOUR WORK

4 PRACTICE

The training room employee used 5/11 of a roll of athletic tape to wrap a player's wrist. This fraction is greater than which of the following fractions?

(A) 10/11
(B) 5/33
(C) 50/11
(D) 5/11

SHOW YOUR WORK

5 PRACTICE

The concession stand had 4 8/11 pounds of popcorn at the start of a game. By the end of the game, 2 7/11 pounds of popcorn were sold. How many pounds of popcorn were left?

(A) 3 4/11
(B) 3 1/11
(C) 2 1/11
(D) 7 4/11

SHOW YOUR WORK

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT · Jonathan Taylor (IND)

Rushing yards: 83 | Catches: 2 | Receiving yards: 20

6 **Jonathan Taylor's stats from this game (IND): 83 rushing yards, 2 catches, 20 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 Jonathan Taylor score?**

(A) 4
(B) 12.3
(C) 105
(D) 10.3

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 C — Seth McGowan ran 4 yards into the end zone.

The article says McGowan finished the Colts' long opening drive with a 4-yard touchdown.

2 D — A receiver throwing a pass after catching one

Washington first caught a pass and then threw it to Tolbert for a touchdown, which made the play surprising.

3 C — Adebawore recovered a loose ball in the end zone.

Walley knocked the ball loose, and Adebawore fell on it in the end zone for a Colts touchdown.

4 A — Miami's 51-yard field goal went wide left.

After Miami had cut the score to 24-22, its field-goal attempt went wide left instead of tying the game.

MATH

1 A — 5.00

2 C — 8 × 10 + 3 × 1

3 B — 2.60

4 B — 5/33

5 C — 2 1/11

6 B — 12.3

83 rushing yards × 0.1 = 8.3
2 catches × 1 = 2
20 receiving yards × 0.1 = 2
Total: 8.3 + 2 + 2 = 12.3

READING (cont.)

5 **C** The Colts used key scores and late stops to hold off Miami in a close home win.

The Colts built their lead with touchdowns and a field goal, then held on as Miami scored late and missed a tying kick.

6 What a good answer includes:

A strong response explains that the Colts scored early, added a touchdown after recovering the loose ball in the end zone, and later added a field goal. It should also describe how they stopped Miami late, including Miami's missed tying kick or the Colts' final defensive stop.