

2014 REPLAY QUIZ #4

1. 1/10 @ B-20. A89 gains possession of A7's pass near the sideline at the B-5, and advances across B's goal line for an apparent touchdown. Officials rule that A89 was in contact with the sideline when he touched the ball and signal incomplete pass. The Team A coach challenges the ruling on the field of an incomplete pass -- his first challenge of the game. Replays show that A89 was not in contact with the sideline when he touched the ball:

a. and that he had not previously stepped out of bounds.

Reverse to 1/G @ B-5. A89 is given the catch, but not the advance. See 2014 Replay Case Play #35. Team A is not charged with a time out, and they have one challenge remaining.

b. but that he had previously stepped out of bounds and re-established inbounds.

Though both the ruling on the field and the correct ruling will yield the same result, they are different rulings. Officially, the ruling on the field is reversed from an incomplete pass to a completed pass with illegal touching, though the result of 2/10 @ B-20 remains unchanged. Team A is not charged with a time out, and they have one challenge remaining. See 2014 Replay Case Play #53.

2. 4/5 @ B-15. A15's field goal attempt is partially blocked. B41 picks up the ball near the sideline at the B-5 and advances to the B-35 where he is downed. Replays show that B41 first touched the ball:

a. inbounds, then touched the sideline at the B-5 while still touching the ball.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-5. Kick was touched by B beyond the neutral zone.

b. while in contact with the sideline at the B-5.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-20. B41 was out of bounds, so kick was untouched by B beyond the neutral zone.

3. 2/G @ B-5. A24 is ruled down at the B-2 prior to the ball coming loose. Replays show that A24 fumbled, and that in the immediate continuing action:

a. A68 recovered the ball in the end zone.

Reverse to Touchdown. A - Try @ B-3.

b. B75 recovered the ball in the end zone.

Reverse to Touchback. B - 1/10 @ B-20.

c. several players converged on the ball, and it was unclear who actually recovered the ball.

If clear recovery can not be established, the errant ruling of 3/G @ B-2 must Stand.

4. 3/G @ B-10. A32 is running near the sideline when he is ruled out of bounds at the B-5. Replays show that A32 was not out of bounds, and that he subsequently took:

a. two more steps, then while upright extended the ball over the goal line inside the pylon.

Ruling of 4/G @ B-5 Stands. A32 did not score in the "immediate continuing action after the ruling". *

b. one more step inbounds, then took a dive for the end zone. The ball in his right hand crossed the sideline plane at the B-1 and then the goal line extended, after which he touched the goal line pylon with his left hand prior to his right knee touching the ground out of bounds.

Reverse to TD. A32 scored in the "immediate continuing action after the ruling". *

c. one more step inbounds, then took a dive for the end zone. The ball in his right hand crossed the sideline plane at the B-1 and then the goal line extended, after which he touched the ground out of bounds with his right knee prior to his left hand touching the goal line pylon.

Ruling of 4/G @ B-5 Stands. A32 did not score in the "immediate continuing action after the ruling". *

**** Per page 15 of the 2014 Replay Case Book, "If the officials rule the player down or out of bounds we can only look at the position of the ball at that point in relation to the line to gain or the goal line. The one exception is if the runner is ruled out of bounds but crosses the opponent's goal line in the immediate continuing action after the ruling." Per the agreement made at the 2012 National Instant Replay Clinic, this "immediate continuing action" is limited to "a step and a dive". See 2014 Replay Case Plays #114 and #115.***