

2014 REPLAY QUIZ #5

1. 3/10 @ A-25. A11's pass to A87 is ruled complete at the 50 where he is downed. B94 is flagged for roughing the passer with targeting, and play is stopped so the Replay Official can review the targeting, which he confirms, bringing up 1/10 @ B-35. The Team B head coach then wishes to challenge the ruling on the field of a completed pass.

Challenge not permitted. Once the game is stopped for a review of the previous play, the Replay Official is responsible for reviewing any and all reviewable aspects of that play. See 2014 Replay Case Play #163.

2. 2/15 @ A-40. A16's pass to A83 is ruled complete at the B-40. Replays show that A83 controlled the ball while airborne near the sideline, and that he had firm control of the ball when he touched the ground inbounds with:

- a. both feet. As he continued to fall to the ground while still inbounds, he momentarily lost control of the ball, but regained control prior to touching out of bounds, and maintained control as he hit the ground out of bounds.

Confirm ruling of 1/10 @ B-40. A83 was inbounds when he lost control, so only needed to re-establish control prior to touching the ground out of bounds and maintain control all the way to ground.

- b.. his left foot, and then out of bounds with his right foot. As he continued to fall to the ground out of bounds, he momentarily lost control of the ball, but regained and maintained control as he hit the ground out of bounds.

Reverse to 3/15 @ A-40. A83 was out of bounds when he lost control, and any loss of control all the way to the ground makes this an incomplete pass.

3. 3/5 @ B-45 -- A12's pass is intercepted by B36 and returned for a touchdown. The Team A coach (who challenged successfully earlier in the game) challenges that B24, the 12th B player, was not off of the field at the snap. Replays show that, at the snap, B24 was:

- a. completely off the field.

Confirm the ruling on the field. B - Try @ A-3. Coach loses time out and has no challenge remaining.

- b. two steps on the field (i.e., his next step did not take him off the field).

Reverse to A - 1/10 @ B-40. Coach retains time out, but has no challenge remaining as this was his 2nd.

- c. one step on the field (i.e., his next step took him off the field).

Not Reviewable. B - Try @ A-3. Coach retains time out and has one challenge remaining. *

*** This was the agreement made at the 2012 National Instant Replay Clinic. Note how this philosophy for handling a challenge when the 12th man's next step would take him off the field parallels this year's philosophy for handling a challenge when a passer is ruled to have intentionally grounded the ball from the end zone, when in fact he was not entirely in the end zone. See question 3c on Replay Quiz #1.**

4. 2/5 @ B-30. A14's pass is intercepted by B23 near the goal line. The ruling on the field is that B23:

- a. secured possession at the B-2, and that his momentum carried him into the end zone where the ball became dead in his possession, resulting in B - 1/10 @ B-2. Replays show that B23 did not have firm control of the ball until after it had broken the goal line plane.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-20. Replay may rule on where the ball was possessed relative to the goal line. **

- b. did not secure possession until the ball had broken the goal line plane, and the ball became dead in his possession in the end zone, resulting in B - 1/10 @ B-20. Replays show that B23 had firm control of the ball at the B-2, and his momentum carried him into the end zone.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-2. Replay may rule on where the ball was possessed relative to the goal line. **

- c.. secured possession at the B-2, and that he carried the ball into the end zone on his own (no momentum) where the ball became dead in his possession, resulting in a safety. Replays show that B23 did not have firm control of the ball until after it had broken the goal line plane.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-20. Replay may rule on where the ball was possessed relative to the goal line. **

- d.. secured possession at the B-2, and that he carried the ball into the end zone on his own (no momentum) where the ball became dead in his possession, resulting in a safety. Replays show that B23 had firm control of the ball at the B-2, but it is clear that his momentum carried him into the end zone.

Safety Stands. Replay may only rule on where the ball was possessed relative to the goal line. **

**** Replay may always rule on where the ball was possessed relative to the goal line (i.e., in the field of play or in the end zone). This may result in a ruling of possession in the field of play / momentum being reversed to possession in the end zone / touchback, or vice-versa. When a ruling of safety is involved, replay can not get involved with momentum...only where the ball was possessed relative to the goal line.**