

## 2014 REPLAY QUIZ #9

1. 2/10 @ A-25. A14's pass to A87 is ruled complete at the 50; however, A87 is correctly flagged for Illegal Touching since he went out of bounds on his own, then re-established inbounds where he was the first to touch the ball. The Referee announces, "The penalty is loss of down at the previous spot...2nd down", and this error is undetected by both onfield officials and the replay booth. On the next play, Team A gains five yards to bring up what they think is 3/5 @ A-30. The Replay Official then realizes the error and has indisputable video evidence.

**Reverse to 4/5 @ A-30. Replay may correct the down "at any time within that series of downs or before the ball is legally put in play after that series" (Rule 12-3-5-d-2).**

2. 3/5 @ A-40. A16's pass from the A-35 is touched by A82 and falls to the ground (9:06). Replays show that A82 touches the ball at the:

- a. A-35½, but the covering official rules the pass backward. B27 scoops up the ball at the A-34 (9:03) and advances for an apparent touchdown (8:56); however, he is flagged for Unsportsmanlike Conduct (Taunting) at the A-5.

**Reverse to an incomplete pass, and enforce the penalty for what is now a dead ball foul. The result will be A - 1/10 @ B-45. The clock will be reset to 9:06.**

- b. A-34½, but the covering official (after a delay of several seconds) rules the pass forward and incomplete. In the immediate continuing action, B27 scoops up the ball at the A-36 (9:03) and advances for an apparent touchdown (8:56 -- clock kept running); however, he is flagged for Unsportsmanlike Conduct (Taunting) at the A-5.

**Reverse to a backward pass with a clear recovery in the immediate continuing action. Team B's ball at the spot of recovery (no advance), and enforce the penalty for what is now a dead ball foul. The result will be B - 1/10 @ B-49. The clock will be reset to 9:03.**

3. 4/5 @ B-45. Punter A8 receives the snap and runs to his right. From near the line of scrimmage, he:

- a. punts the ball (7:53), which goes untouched into B's end zone (7:46); however, during the kick, B36 was guilty of an illegal block in the back at the B-20 (7:49). Replays show that A8 was at the B-44 when he punted the ball.

**Reverse to B - 1/10 @ 50. Reset the clock to 7:53. The ball is dead when kicked from beyond the neutral zone, and Team A is penalized five yards from the previous spot with a loss of down. B36's foul (now a dead ball foul) is disregarded since it was neither a personal foul nor unsportsmanlike conduct.**

- b. passes the ball (7:53) which falls incomplete (7:49); however, B36 is flagged for Defensive Pass Interference with Targeting against A16 at the B-25. Replays show that A8 was at the B-44 when he passed the ball, and that B36 made forcible contact to head and neck area of A16.

**Reverse to A - 4/5 @ B-45. Clock remains at 7:49. A8 is guilty of an Illegal Forward Pass, so there can be no Defensive Pass Interference; however, B36's targeting foul will offset the Illegal Forward Pass.**

4. 4/15 @ A-30. A10's punt is mishandled by B28 at the B-40 (5:23), then picked up by A82 at the B-45 (5:21) and advanced for an apparent touchdown. The ruling on the field is that B28:

- a. fumbled the ball, but replays show that B28 never possessed the ball.

**Reverse to A - 1/10 @ B-45. Reset the clock to 5:21. Among reviewable plays are "Kicking team player advancing a ball after a potential muffed kick / fumble by the receiving team" (Rule 12-3-4-c).**

- b. muffed the ball, and the covering official blew the ball dead when possessed by A82. Replays show that B28 possessed and then fumbled the ball.

**Don't stop the game as Replay could not change the outcome of the play. A - 1/10 @ B-45. Clock at 5:21.**

5. 3/10 @ A-45. A12 scrambles to the left, then fumbles at the A-35 near the sideline. From there, he bats the ball forward to prevent B94 from recovering, and the ball goes out of bounds at the A-40. After administering the penalty for A12's foul, the result is:

- a. 3/30 @ A-25.

**Reverse to 4/30 @ A-25. Replay may correct the down when the penalty enforcement "includes an automatic first down or loss of down" (Rule 12-3-5-d-1).**

- b. 4/20 @ A-35.

**Not reviewable. The officials got the down right, but apparently enforced the 10-yard penalty from the previous spot. While the down may be corrected, "foul or penalty yardage error is not reviewable" (2014 Replay Case Book Play #59).**

- c. 3/20 @ A-35.

**From (a), the loss of down enforcement error is reviewable. From (b), the yardage enforcement error in-and-of-itself is not reviewable. If we're going to stop the game to correct the down, why not get it 100% right? Reverse to 4/30 @ A-25. To fix only half of the problem would be -- dare we say -- "egregious"?**