

2014 REPLAY QUIZ #10

1. 3/G @ B-10. The ruling on the field is that A15's pass was complete to A81 at the B-2. He then turned and attempted to extend the ball over the goal line, but his hand was hit, causing the ball to come loose and hit the ground. The ball went backward and was recovered on the run by B37 at the B-2, who then fell down in the end zone (9:49). Officials rule a safety and two points for Team A. Replays show that A81:
 - a. never had control of the ball prior to it being knocked out his hand and hitting the ground (9:51).

Reverse to Incomplete Pass. 4/G @ B-10. Reset clock to 9:51. Whether or not the catch was actually completed is the first thing the Replay Official must determine.
 - b. controlled the ball, touched the ground inbounds, and performed an act common to the game, extending the ball over the goal line (9:52) prior to it being knocked out of his hand and hitting the ground (9:51).

Reverse to Touchdown. Try @ B-3. Reset clock to 9:52. After determining that the catch was completed, the Replay Official must then determine if the ball in A81's possession broke the plane of the goal line.
 - c. controlled the ball, touched inbounds, and attempted to extend the ball over the goal line (9:52), but his hand was hit and the ball came loose and hit the ground (9:51). B37 then muffed the ball, only securing possession after the ball was beyond the goal line plane (9:50), and fell to the ground in the end zone with the ball (9:49).

Reverse to Touchback. B - 1/10 @ B-20. Clock remains at 9:49. After verifying a catch and a fumble short of the goal line, the Replay Official must then determine where B37 possessed the ball.
 - d. controlled the ball, touched inbounds, and attempted to extend the ball over the goal line (9:52), but his hand was hit and the ball came loose and hit the ground (9:51). B37 then possessed the ball in the field of play (9:50), and in the judgment of the Replay Official, his momentum carried him into the end zone where he fell to the ground with the ball (9:49).

Safety Stands. Once the Replay Official has determined that all other rulings on the field were correct (completed catch, fumble short of the goal line, and ball possessed in the field of play), his job is finished. Momentum vs. Safety is not reviewable. The Replay Official may rule on Momentum vs. Touchback or Safety vs. Touchback, but only insofar as where the ball was possessed relative to the goal line. (From the CFO 2013 Pre-Season Instant Replay Video: "You cannot review how the ball got into the end zone. You can only review where the ball was in relation to the goal line when possession was gained.")
 2. 4/15 @ B-40. A7's punt is high, and B23 give a "get away" signal at the B-10 (8:19) which is clear on replays but undetected by onfield officials. B23 subsequently picks up the ball at the B-15 (8:16) and runs to the:
 - a. A-45 where is forced out of bounds (8:10).

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-10. Reset clock to 8:16. 2014 Replay Case Book Play #103 authorizes the correction of this "egregious error" by not only returning the ball to the spot of the recovery (B-15) but also enforcing a five-yard penalty for Delay of Game. While a touchdown was scored in this Case Book play, Referees and Replay Officials at the 2014 National Instant Replay Clinic who asked "How much is too much?" were told "You'll know it when you see it". An unwarranted 40-yard advance seems "egregious" enough.
 - b. B-20 where he is tackled (8:14).

Don't stop the game. B - 1/10 @ B-20 Stands. Clock remains at 8:14. Though unwarranted, this advance is the difference between the B-15 and B-20, and hardly seems "egregious". What will your "limit" be?
 3. 2/5 @ B-25. A43 is hit and fumbles forward out of bounds. The covering official spots the ball at the:
 - a. B-22. Replays show that A43 fumbled at the B-20 and the ball went out of bounds at the B-18.

Reverse to 1/10 @ B-20. Reviewable because the line to gain is involved (B-20 vs. B-22). *
 - b. B-23. Replays show that A43 fumbled at the B-21 and the ball went out of bounds at the B-19.

Ruling on the field (3/3 @ B-23) stands because the line to gain is not involved (B-21 vs. B-23). *
 - c. B-20. Replays show that A43 fumbled at the B-22 and the ball went out of bounds at the B-20.

Reverse to 3/2 @ B-22. Reviewable because the line to gain is involved (B-20 vs. B-22). *
 - d. B-21. Replays show that A43 fumbled at the B-23 and the ball went out of bounds at the B-21.

Ruling on the field (3/1 @ B-21) stands because the line to gain is not involved (B-21 vs. B-23). *
- * These rulings are governed by 2014 Rule 12-3-3-k and 2014 Replay Case Book Plays #82 and #91.**