

2015 REPLAY QUIZ #1

1. F/K @ A-35. On the opening kickoff of the first half, Team A executes a surprise onside kick. Video clearly shows that A89 blocked B72 at the A-46 before the ball traveled ten yards and before it was touched by a Team B player, but officials do not call a foul. The kick is recovered at the A-47 by:
 - a. A82, resulting in A - 1/10 @ A-47
Reverse to A - F/K @ A-30. A89 is guilty of an Illegal Block (6-1-12), which is reviewable (12-3-4-e). The penalty is five yards from the previous spot. (See 2015 Replay Case #6.) *
 - b. B79, resulting in B - 1/10 @ A-47.
Don't stop the game. While reviewable, there is no direct competitive impact involved. If the Team B coach wishes to challenge, Replay will reverse this to B - 1/10 @ A-42. (See 2015 Replay Case #8.) *
2. F/K @ A-35. The score is A-28, B-35 with 0:47 remaining in the fourth quarter, and each team has one time out remaining. Team A executes an onside kick. Officials flag A89 for blocking B72 at the A-46 before the ball traveled ten yards and before it was touched by a Team B player; however, video clearly shows that the ball was at the A-45 when the block occurred. The kick is recovered at the A-47 by:
 - a. A82, resulting (after enforcement of the penalty) in A - F/K @ A-30.
Reverse to A - 1/10 @ A-47. A89's block was legal, and Team A was in legal possession of the ball at the end of the down. (See 2015 Replay Case #7.) *
 - b. B79, resulting (after enforcement of the penalty) in B - 1/10 @ A-42.
Don't stop the game. While reviewable, there is no direct competitive impact involved. If the Team A coach wishes to challenge, Replay will reverse this to B - 1/10 @ A-47. *

**** With the addition of Illegal Blocks by the Kicking Team to the list of reviewable plays, it would seem likely that the overwhelming majority of onside kicks recovered by Team A would result in a Replay stoppage. Conversely, Replay will not create a stoppage to review a potential Illegal Block when Team B recovers.***
3. F/K @ A-35. On the opening kickoff of the second half, Team A executes a surprise onside kick which A82 recovers at the A-47.
 - a. Officials rule that A89 blocked B72 at the A-46 before the ball traveled ten yards and before it was touched by a Team B player, resulting in A - F/K @ A-30. The Team A coach challenges the ruling that A89 committed an Illegal Block. Video shows that the ball was at the A-45 when the block occurred, but also shows that A82 touched the ball at the A-44 before it was touched by a Team B player.
Reverse to B - 1/10 @ A-44. Team A retains their time out and challenge (if their first of the game) because A89's block was legal; however, A82 was guilty of Illegal Touching. **
 - b. Officials rule that A82 touched the ball at the A-44 before it was touched by a Team B player, resulting in B - 1/10 @ A-44. The Team A coach challenges the ruling that A82 committed Illegal Touching. Video shows that A82 did not touch the ball, but also shows that A89 blocked B72 at the A-46 before the ball traveled ten yards and before it was touched by a Team B player.
Reverse to A - F/K @ A-30. Team A retains their time out and challenge (if their first of the game) because A82 did not commit Illegal Touching; however A89 is guilty of an Illegal Block. **

***** These plays are presented to review the enforcements and the proper handling of the coach's challenges. It is unfathomable that Replay would not stop to review these situations without a coach having to use a challenge.***
4. 2/10 @ B-40. A15's pass to A86 falls incomplete. B37 clearly interfered with A86 at the B-32, but since the Umpire signaled that the pass was tipped, the Back Judge did not throw his flag and the result is 3/10 @ B-40. The Referee announces, "There is no foul for Defensive Pass Interference. The pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage." Video clearly shows that the pass was not tipped.
Reverse to 1/10 @ B-32. Touching of a pass is always reviewable (12-3-2-b), but the foul for Defensive Pass Interference can only be retroactively called with such a Referee announcement. (See 2015 Replay Case #54.)
5. 4/15 @ A-10. While A3's punt is in flight, B21 gives a "get-away" signal which is not detected by the officials. B21 catches the punt at A-45 and returns it to the A-25 where he is tackled, resulting in B - 1/10 @ A-25.
Reverse to B - 1/10 @ A-45. This situation was previously reviewable as a Case Book example of an egregious error; however, it is now considered specifically reviewable under 12-3-3-c. (See 2015 Replay Case #109.) Note that, in 2014 Replay Case #103, a foul for Delay of Game was prescribed, even when the advance was by the non-signaling player. No Delay foul is mentioned in the new play, even when the signaling player advances. So, it would appear that any thought of enforcing a five-yard penalty is now off the table.