

2015 REPLAY QUIZ #3

1. 1/10 @ B-30. A14's pass from the B-32 is ruled incomplete off the fingers of A85 near the sideline at the B-32. Video establishes that A14's pass was backward, and that in the immediate continuing action:
 - a. B41 recovers the ball at the B-35 and advances to the B-45 before stopping because of continued whistles.
Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-35 and start the clock on the Snap. Per 12-3-2-e-2, Replay may change this to a backward pass and award the ball to Team B at the spot of recovery, but no advance is allowed. (See 2015 Replay Case #46.)
 - b. the ball goes out of bounds at the B-37.
Reverse to A - 2/17 @ B-37 and start the clock on the Ready. Per 12-3-2-e-1, Replay may change this to a backward pass with the ball going out of bounds being considered a "clear recovery". (See 2015 Replay Case #58.)
 - c. the ball comes to rest at the B-35 with no player attempting to recover it.
Don't stop the game as, with no recovery in the immediate continuing action, the ruling on the field could not be changed. In such a case, Replay should not be concerned with even looking at whether the pass was forward or backward.
2. 2/5 @ B-45. Twelve players have been in the Team B formation for some time before B31 finally begins to leave the field, but no flag is thrown.
 - a. When the ball is snapped, B31 is still on the field. Again, no flag is thrown, but quarterback A12 is sacked at the A-45. The Team A head coach challenges the ruling on the field, and video shows that:
 - i. it took B31 two steps after the snap to reach his sideline.
Reverse to A - 1/10 @ B-40. Unless B31's next step puts him on the sideline, Replay may create an Illegal Substitution Foul. (See 2015 Replay Cases #165 and #167.) Team A will not be charged with a time out, and still has one challenge remaining.
 - ii. B31 reached his sideline on his first step after the snap.
Not reviewable per 2015 Replay Case #167 (although the Replay Official must certainly "review" the video to make this determination). Per the agreement made at the 2012 National Instant Replay Clinic, Team A in this case will not be charged with a time out, and will retain their challenge.
 - b. Team B then calls a time out prior to the snap. The Team A head coach wishes to challenge that there were twelve men on the field.
To save Team A their challenge and a time out, officials should assist the coach in understanding that this is not reviewable. (They will have a harder time getting him to understand why a flag wasn't thrown in the first place.) Per 12-3-5-a, only the number of players on the field during a live ball is reviewable.
3. 3/15 @ A-40. A10's pass to A81 near the sideline at the B-35 is ruled:
 - a. complete. The clock is stopped to move the chains, and then restarted on the Referee's signal. Video shows that A81's left toe touches inbounds, and that in a continuous motion, his left heel touches out of bounds.
Reverse to 4/15 @ A-40. Reset the clock to the time remaining when the pass was incomplete, and start on the Snap. The ruling is the same whether this is toe-heel or heel-toe. (See 2015 Replay Case #35.)
 - b. incomplete, and the clock is stopped. Video shows that A81's left toe touches inbounds and drags before his left heel touches out of bounds.
Reverse to 1/10 @ B-35 and start the clock on the Ready. If there is a drag or delay in either a toe-heel or heel-toe scenario, the pass is complete. (See 2015 Replay Case #36.)
4. 4/10 @ A-25. Punter A7 scrambles to retrieve an errant snap, runs to his right, and is finally able to get the kick off near the line of scrimmage. The punt is fielded by B24 at the B-35, and returned to the 50 where A68 brings him down by the face mask. Officials enforce the penalty for A68's foul, bringing up B - 1/10 @ A-35. Video shows that the kick was made from the A-26.
Reverse to B - 1/G @ A-10 and reset the clock to the time of A7's kick. This play is reviewable (12-3-4-a) with the ball being dead when kicked (4-1-3-h), and the penalty for this foul being five yards from the previous spot and a loss of down (6-3-10-c). The penalty for A68's foul is then enforced as a dead ball foul (2015 Replay Case #155).