

2015 REPLAY QUIZ #5

1. 4/15 @ A-35. Team A is in an illegal formation at the snap. The ruling on the field is that A6's punt:
 - a. touched A89's leg at the B-25 and was subsequently downed by A81 at the B-10. Team B opts to decline the penalty and accept the ball at the spot of illegal touching. Video shows that the kick did not touch A89's leg.
Reverse to A - 4/20 @ A-30 or B - 1/10 @ B-15. Team B may accept a five-yard penalty from the previous spot, or have the penalty enforced where the subsequent dead ball belongs to them.
 - b. did not touch A89's leg at the B-27 and was subsequently downed by A81 at the B-20. Team B opts to have the penalty enforced where the subsequent dead ball belongs to them. Video shows that the kick touched A89's leg.
While certainly reviewable, is this worthy of a stoppage? Team B has already indicated that they do not desire a re-kick, and the difference here would be two yards (taking the ball at the spot of illegal touching, the B-27, versus the spot after "tack-on" enforcement, the B-25). The B-27 is not an enforcement spot.
2. 3/5 @ B-35. A12's pass to A84 is ruled complete near the sideline at the B-10, where B27 is also flagged for targeting A84, resulting in A - 1/G @ B-5. Video shows that A84 possessed the ball with one foot down inbounds:
 - a. but did not maintain control of the ball all the way to the ground out of bounds. Furthermore:
 - i. B27 made forcible contact to A84's head / neck area.
Reverse to A - 1/10 @ B-20 as A84 did not complete the catch, and the pass is therefore incomplete. Confirm the targeting foul, and enforce the penalty from the previous spot. Disqualify B27. *
 - ii. B27's forcible contact with A84 was shoulder-to-shoulder with only incidental contact to his head / neck area.
Reverse to A - 4/5 @ B-35 as A84 did not complete the catch, and the pass is therefore incomplete. Also, reverse the targeting foul and allow B27 to remain in the game. *
 - b. and maintained control all the way to the ground out of bounds. Furthermore:
 - i. B27's forcible contact was to A84's chest with only incidental contact to his head / neck area.
Reverse to A - 1/G @ B-10 as there was no targeting foul, and allow B27 to remain in the game. Confirm the catch at the sideline. *
 - ii. B27 made forcible contact to A84's head / neck area; however A84 stepped on the sideline at the B-20.
Reverse to A - 3/5 @ B-35 as A84 is guilty of illegal touching. When combined with the confirmed targeting foul, this creates offsetting fouls. Disqualify B27. *
**** It is easy to get tunnel vision when a targeting foul is called. Remember that "once the play is shut down, the replay official is responsible for looking at all reviewable aspects". (2015 Replay Case #170)***
3. 2/G @ B-5. B32 dives toward the goal line pylon and is ruled to have scored a touchdown. Video shows that the ball in B32's right hand crossed the sideline at the B-2, and that when his left hand touched the pylon (and before any other part of his body touched the ground inbounds or out of bounds) the foremost point of the ball was:
 - a. beyond the goal line extended.
Confirm the touchdown per Rule 8-1-2-a. By virtue of touching the pylon, B32 is entitled to the goal line extended, and the ball was beyond that line when it became dead by rule (when the pylon was touched).
 - b. at the B-1/2.
Reverse to A - 3/G @ B-2 per Rule 4-2-4-d-Exception. By virtue of touching the pylon, B32 is entitled to the goal line extended, but the ball is short of that line when it became dead by rule (when the pylon was touched). This being the case, "when a ball carrier is airborne as he crosses the sideline, forward progress is determined by the position of the ball as it crosses the sideline", which here is the B-2.