

2015 REPLAY QUIZ #6

1. 1/10 @ A-10. A12 drops back into his own end zone to pass. The ball comes loose, and the ruling on the field is:

- a. a fumble, recovered by A73 in the end zone, and advanced to the A-2 where he is tackled to bring up A - 2/18 @ A-2. Video shows that the ball came loose before A12's arm reached its foremost point.

Reverse to A - 2/10 @ A-10. "It is a pass if the ball comes loose at any point after the hand starts forward until the passer starts to bring the ball back towards his body." (2015 Replay Case #68)

- b. an incomplete pass to bring up A - 2/10 @ A-10. Video shows that the ball came loose before any forward movement of A12's arm, and in the immediate continuing action, the ball is recovered by A73 in the end zone and advanced to the A-2 where he is tackled.

Reverse to Safety. Two points for Team B. "If the replay official rules fumble, the ball belongs to the recovering team at the spot of recovery and any advance is nullified." (Rule 12-3-3-b-2)

2. 2/5 @ A-35 early in the 4th quarter. A14's pass from the A-33 glances off A86's hands at the A-32. The muff strikes the ground and takes a wicked bounce which B24 leaps to control, and he is ruled to have possessed the ball inbounds before going out of bounds at the A-40. Video shows that B24 had firm control of the ball when his left foot touched inbounds, and that as he fell to the ground out of bounds, he

- a. maintained control of the ball throughout to process of contacting the ground.

Confirm the ruling on the field of B - 1/10 @ A-40. The clock will start on the snap. The recovery of a loose ball (fumble, kick, muff, etc.) is governed by the same criteria as a receiver going to make a catch, all of which B24 met here.

- b. lost control of the ball as he contacted the ground.

Reverse to A - 1/10 @ A-40. The clock will start on the ready. B24 was required to maintain control of the ball throughout the process of contacting the ground out of bounds. This is not a forward fumble out of bounds, but rather a backward pass which was muffed forward.

3. 3/15 @ B-40. After A10's low pass is in flight, B65 is flagged for roughing the passer. The pass is close to the ground when B31 dives to intercept it, and in the process bats it upward into the hands of A87 at the B-20, who carries the ball across B's goal line. The covering officials rule that the pass:

- a. is complete, but video shows that the ball touched the ground before it was batted upward.

Reverse to A - 1/10 @ B-25. The clock will start on the snap. Because of the incomplete pass, the penalty for B65's foul is enforced from the previous spot.

- b. is incomplete because the ball touched the ground, but video shows that it never did.

Reverse to A - 1/G @ B-10. The clock will start on the ready. A87 is entitled to the catch, but not to his advance. The penalty for B65's foul is enforced from the spot of the catch. (2015 Case Book #26)

4. 4/10 @ B-15. The score is A-20, B-24 late in the 4th quarter. A32 carries the ball to near the B-5 where he fumbles. The covering official rules that the fumble occurred at the B-6, and the loose ball:

- a. touched the sideline just prior to striking the goal line pylon, resulting in B - 1/10 @ B-6. Video shows that the ball did not touch the sideline.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-20. The clock will start on the snap. A32's fumble provided the impetus which caused the ball to be out of bounds behind B's goal line, and so the result is a touchback.

- b. struck the goal line pylon, resulting in B - 1/10 @ B-20. Video shows that the fumble occurred at the B-4, and the ball touched the sideline just prior to striking the pylon.

Reverse to A - 1/G @ B-4. The clock will start on the ready. The replay official may review the spot of the fumble in relation to the line-to gain, and bring the forward fumble out of bounds back to the correct spot.