

2015 REPLAY QUIZ #7

1. 4/18 @ A-2. A7 is in position to punt from near his end line. The ruling on the field is that A7:
- a. never stepped on the end line, and that B35 made a fair catch of the subsequent punt at the A-35. Video shows that A7's heel was on the end line when he controlled the snap.

Reverse to Safety. Two points for Team B. Reset the clock to the time when A7 controlled the snap.

- b. never stepped on the end line, and that B35 made a fair catch of the subsequent punt at the A-35. Video shows that A7's heel was on the end line during the snap, but that he re-established inbounds before touching the ball.

Not reviewable. The reviewability of kicking team players going out of bounds and returning inbounds was eliminated in 2014. Properly officiated, the result would be either A - 4/19 @ A-1 or B - 1/10 @ A-30.

- c. muffed the snap, and that the subsequent loose ball was recovered in the end zone by B65 for a touchdown. Video shows that A7's heel was on the end line when he muffed the ball.

Reverse to Safety. Two points for Team B. Reset the clock to the time when A7 muffed the ball.

- d. had his heel on the end line when he controlled the snap, with the result being a safety. Video shows that A7's heel was on the end line during the snap, but that he re-established inbounds before touching the ball.

Not reviewable. Just as a player incorrectly ruled down or out of bounds (unless he scores a touchdown in the immediate continuing action), there is no relief from this error. Question: If this were to occur on January 11, 2016 with Team A losing by one point, what would be the likelihood of a rule change?

2. The ruling on the field is that A28 is hit and fumbles, with A71 recovering the fumble. Video shows that A28's knee was on the ground prior to the ball coming loose. The play occurs on:

- a. 3/15 @ A-25 with the knee down at the A-31 and the fumble recovered at the A-29.

Don't stop the game. While reviewable, the difference of 4/9 @ A-31 vs. 4/11 @ A-29 will likely yield no direct competitive impact.

- b. 3/5 @ B-45 with the knee down at the B-39 and the fumble recovered at the B-41.

Reverse to A - 1/10 @ B-39. Reset the clock to the time when A28's knee was down. Although the same two-yard difference as in (a), the line-to-gain is involved here (1/10 @ B-39 vs. 4/1 @ B-41).

- c. 4/10 @ B-30 with the knee down at the B-31 and the fumble recovered at the B-29.

Assuming that the officials properly administer the fourth down fumble rule, don't stop the game. If the ruling on the field does not leave the ball behind the line-to-gain, review and reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-31.

- d. 2/G @ B-10 with the knee down at the B-3 and the fumble recovered at the B-1.

Reverse to B - 3/G @ B-3. No reset of the clock. The two-yard difference between 3/3 and 3/1 anywhere on the field could be viewed as significant, but especially so in the shadow of the goal line.

3. Try @ B-3. B59 charges into holder A12, but the Referee announces, "There is no foul for roughing the holder because the kick was tipped". The teams move upfield for a free kick at the A-35, but video shows that the kick was not tipped. The try was:

- a. unsuccessful.

Reverse to roughing the holder, which is only permissible with such an announcement. Team A may replay the Try from the B-1½ (or anywhere behind that point -- say, the B-3 -- per Rule 8-3-3-b-2).

- b. successful.

Reverse to roughing the holder as above. Team A may take the point off the board and try for two from the B-1½ or free kick from the 50.