

2015 REPLAY QUIZ #12

1. 2/10 @ A-25. A43 carries the ball to the A-30 where he is ruled down, resulting in A - 3/5 @ A-30. Video shows that A43 fumbled before he was down by rule, and also shows that in the immediate continuing action:
 - a. A86 recovered the ball at the A-35.
Reverse to A - 1/10 @ A-35. Reviewable per Rule 12-3-3-d-2. Reset the clock (Rule 12-3-5-b) to the time of recovery (first down awarded to Team A) and start on the Ready (Rule 3-3-2-e-1).
 - b. B34 recovered the ball at the A-35.
Reverse to B - 1/10 @ A-35. Reviewable per Rule 12-3-3-d-2. Reset the clock (Rule 12-3-5-b) to the time of recovery (first down awarded to Team B) and start on the Snap (Rule 3-3-2-d-3).
 - c. both A86 and B34 lunged for the ball at the A-35, but it is impossible to determine which one recovered.
Result of A - 3/5 @ A-30 stands after review per Rule 12-3-3-d-1 (no clear recovery). The clock is not reset because none of the action would cause the clock to be stopped. Start the clock on the Ready.
 - d. the ball goes out of bounds at the A-25.
Reverse to A - 3/10 @ A-25. Reviewable per Rule 12-3-3-d-2 in that a fumble out of bounds is treated as a "clear recovery". Reset the clock (Rule 12-3-5-b) to the time the ball went out of bounds and start on the Ready (Rule 3-3-2-e-3) unless inside of 2:00 remaining in the half (Rule 3-3-2-d-2).
2. 3/15 @ B-40. B17 leaps from the B-5 to control A6's pass in flight at the B-4. He then gets a foot down at the B-3, and falls so that his hip touches the ground at the B-2 with the ball at the B-1, and his hand with the ball in firm control then touches in the end zone. The ruling on the field is:
 - a. an interception, resulting in B - 1/10 @ B-1. Video shows that when B17's hand touched the ground in the end zone, the ball then fell out of his hand onto the ground.
Reverse to A - 4/15 @ B-40. This is an incomplete pass because -- while B17 secured control of a live ball in flight (Rule 2-4-3-a-1) and touched the ground with a body part (Rule 2-4-3-a-2) -- he did not maintain control of the ball throughout the process of contacting the ground (Rule 2-4-3-b).
 - b. a touchback, resulting in B - 1/10 @ B-20. Video confirms that the ball was at the B-1 when B17's hip touched the ground, and also confirms that he maintained control of the ball throughout the process of contacting the ground.
Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-1. B17 satisfied all of the elements of a catch / interception (Rule 2-4-3), but the dead ball spot is the most forward point of the ball (Rule 5-1-3-a) when he touched the ground with some part of his body other than his hand or foot (Rule 4-1-3-b).
 - c. an interception, resulting in B - 1/10 @ B-3. Video confirms that B17 maintained control of the ball throughout the process of contacting the ground, but also shows that the ball was at the B-1 when his hip touched the ground.
While the Replay Official can (if necessary) stop the game to confirm the interception (Rule 12-3-2-a) or to determine whether the dead ball spot is in the field of play or in the end zone (Rule 12-3-3-i), he should not stop the game solely to correct this two-yard error in the field of play.
3. Try @ B-3. Quarterback A12 runs toward the sideline and is hit as he attempts to pitch forward at the B-4. Video shows that A12 fumbled when he was hit, but the ruling on the field is that A12 threw a forward pass which:
 - a. was caught by A45 and carried across B's goal line for a touchdown.
Reverse to a fumble with a clear recovery (catch) in the immediate continuing action (Rule 12-3-3-b-2), and since this a Try, we are playing under the "fourth down fumble rule" (Rule 8-3-2-d-5). This recovery (catch) by a Team A player other than the fumbler (reviewable under Rule 12-3-3-f) creates a dead ball and an unsuccessful Try.
 - b. hit the ground and was ruled incomplete. Video shows that in the immediate continuing action, A12 recovers the ball in B's end zone.
Reverse to a fumble with a clear recovery in the immediate continuing action (Rule 12-3-3-b-2). This is a Try being played under the "fourth down fumble rule" (Rule 8-3-2-d-5), but the recovery by the fumbling player (reviewable under Rule 12-3-3-f) means that this is a successful Try.