

2016 REPLAY QUIZ #6

1. 4/10 @ B-45. A7's punt lands at the B-10 and rolls into B's end zone. The ruling on the field is that the ball was:
- touched by B32 at the B-5 and recovered by A89 in B's end zone for a Touchdown. Replays show that the ball did not touch B32, and that it then struck the ground in B's end zone.

Reverse to Touchback. B - 1/10 @ B-20 - Snap. Touching of a kick is reviewable per Rule 12-3-4-a, and Rule 12-3-3-i lists as reviewable "a loose ball touching on or beyond...a goal line". When a scrimmage kick untouched by Team B beyond the neutral zone touches the ground on or behind team B's goal line, the ball becomes dead and belongs to Team B (Rule 6-3-9).

- untouched by B32 at the B-5, resulting in a Touchback. Replays show that the ball touched B32's foot, and that A89 recovered the ball in B's end zone immediately following the whistle.

Reverse to Touchdown. A - Try @ B-3 - No Clock. Touching of a kick is reviewable per Rule 12-3-4-a, and Rule 12-3-3-d lists as reviewable any "loose ball ruled dead...when the clear recovery of a loose ball occurs in the immediate continuing action". The ball should not have been ruled dead because B32's touching means the ball is still in play and that any player may recover the ball (Rule 6-3-3).

- touched by B32 at the B-5 and recovered by A89 in B's end zone for a Touchdown. Replays show that A80 blocked B32 into the ball, and that it then struck the ground in B's end zone.

The errant ruling of Touchdown will stand as forced touching is not reviewable. Replay may only review whether B32 touched the ball, not whether B32 was blocked into the ball. (See 2016 Replay Case #117.)

2. 3/15 @ A-20 midway through the 2nd quarter. From the A-15, quarterback A4 takes the snap and throws toward A86 who is also near the A-15. A86 catches the ball, and then completes a pass to A17 who tightroped the sideline prior to catching the pass and stepping out of bounds at the B-40. The ruling on the field is that A4's pass was:

- backward. Replays show that the ball left A4's hand at the A-15 and first touched A86's hand at the A-16, from where A86 subsequently threw the second pass.

Reverse to A - 4/24 @ A-11 - Ready. Since A4's pass was forward, A86's pass becomes a second and therefore illegal forward pass, the penalty for which is five yards from the spot of the pass and a loss of down (Rule 7-3-2-d). Any concern over whether A86 stepped out of bounds as he ran his route is moot.

- forward and that A17 stepped out of bounds on his own at the A-35. Replays show that the ball left A4's hand just in advance of the A-15 and first touched A86's hand just behind the A-15. Replays also show that A17 did not step out of bounds prior to touching the pass.

Reverse to A - 1/10 @ B-40 - Ready. A86's pass is legal as it is the only forward pass, and A17 committed no foul.

- forward and that A17 did not step out of bounds as he ran his route. Replays show that the ball left A4's hand just in advance of the A-15 and first touched A86's hand just behind the A-15. Replays also show that A17 stepped out of bounds on his own at the A-35 prior to re-establishing inbounds and catching the pass.

Reverse to A - 4/15 @ A-20 - Ready. A86's pass is legal as it is the only forward pass, but A17 is guilty of illegal touching, for which the penalty is loss of down at the previous spot (Rule 7-3-4). The clock starts on the Ready because the pass was completed.

3. 2/5 @ B-10 midway through the 4th quarter. Ball carrier A41 dives toward the goal line pylon to his right, and the covering official rules Touchdown. Replays show that the ball in his right hand crossed the plane of the sideline at the B-2. The ball then crossed the goal line extended, after which A41's:

- left hand touched the pylon just prior his right knee touching out of bounds at the B-1.

Confirm the ruling of Touchdown. A - Try @ B-3 - No Clock. The goal line plane extends beyond the pylons for a player who touches the ground in the end zone or a pylon (8-2-1-a).

- right knee touched out of bounds at the B-1 just prior to his left hand touching the pylon.

Reverse to A - 1/10 @ B-2 - Ready. The ball is dead when A41's knee touches out of bounds, and since he was airborne when he crossed the sideline, forward progress is determined by the position of the ball as it crossed the sideline (Rule 4-2-4-d). The clock starts on the Ready because this was not a touchdown.