

2017 REPLAY QUIZ #2

1. 1/10 @ A-25. A7's pass is complete to A83 at the B-45, and he advances across B's goal line.
 - a. The Side Judge rules touchdown. Replays show that A83 dropped the ball at the B-1 and it landed in the end zone, where in the immediate continuing action B26 fell on the loose ball.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-20 - Snap. This is simply a fumble with a clear recovery in the immediate continuing action. The Replay ruling would be the same if the loose ball had gone out of bounds in the end zone.
 - b. The Field Judge rules touchdown. Replays show that A83 dropped the ball at the B-1 and it landed in the end zone, where no player pursued the loose ball.

Reverse to A - 1/G @ B-1 - Ready. If a runner is ruled down when in fact there is a fumble with no clear recovery, Replay allows the dead ball ruling to stand...but if a TD is ruled when in fact there is a fumble with no clear recovery, the ball is returned to the spot of the fumble. See 2017 Replay Case Book #136. *
 - c. The Back Judge sees A83 drop the ball at the B-1, and does not signal touchdown. The ball lands in the end zone and no player pursues it. When the ball comes to rest, the Back Judge rules touchdown.

Replay does not have a dog in this fight. The play has been officiated correctly per AR-8-2-1-X, and a touchdown is awarded per 7-2-5 (i.e., "When a ... fumble comes to rest inbounds and no player attempts to secure it, the ball becomes dead and belongs to the ... fumbling team at the dead ball spot."). *

*** The distinction is between an incorrect ruling of touchdown given immediately and a correct ruling of touchdown given after no player attempts to recover the loose ball.**
2. 2/5 @ B-40. Quarterback A16 runs to the far sideline, and while falling at the B-45 throws a pass to A81 near the sideline at the B-30.
 - a. The ruling on the field is an incomplete pass, bringing up A - 3/5 @ B-40 - Snap. Replays show that A16's knee was on the ground prior to his releasing the ball.

Reverse to A - 3/10 @ B-45 - Ready. Tempting as it may be to look first at the tight catch on the sideline, this is of no consequence as the ball is dead before the throw. The reversal produces a running clock.
 - b. The ruling on the field is that A16's knee was on the ground prior to releasing the ball. Replays show that the ball was released prior to his knee being down, and that the pass was incomplete.

Not reviewable. It is A - 3/10 @ B-45, and the clock continues to run. It should be A - 3/10 @ B-40 - Snap, but once a runner is ruled down, that is it. Replay can put a runner down, but can't pick him back up.
3. 3/G @ B-5. A21 carries the ball to the B-4 where he fumbles near the sideline. The ball rolls into the end zone where A86 recovers and the covering official rules touchdown. Replays show that when A86 first touched the ball, his foot was on the sideline and the foremost point of the ball was:
 - a. on the goal line.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-20 - Snap. The ball is out of bounds when touched by A86, and since the ball is on the goal line (in B's end zone), it is as if the ball rolled out of bounds in the end zone for a touchback.
 - b. at the 2-inch line.

Reverse to A - 4/G @ B-4 - Ready. The ball is out of bounds when touched by A86, and since the ball is at the 2-inch line, this is just like a forward fumble out of bounds, returned to the spot of the fumble.
4. F/K @ A-35. B24 runs forward from his end zone to field A6's kick. The ball strikes the ground, takes a wicked bounce, touches the ground in the end zone, and is recovered by A87. The ruling on the field is that the kick:
 - a. touched B24 at the B-5, and that A87 recovered the ball for a TD. Replays show that the ball did not touch B24.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-25 - Snap. Adjust the clock if needed as no time should have run off. This is a touchback as Replay creates a free kick, untouched by B, which touches the ground in B's end zone.
 - b. did not touch B24, and the result of the play is a touchback. Replays show that the ball did touch B24.

Reverse to a TD. While there may have been a whistle prior to A87's recovery, this is reviewable under 12-3-3-I since there was a clear recovery in the immediate continuing action. The clock should have started when touched by B24, but no clock adjustment is permitted.