

2017 REPLAY QUIZ #12

1. 4/5 @ B-20. Team A is in field goal formation.
 - a. The clock is running down in the 3rd quarter, and Team A does not have to snap the ball. The Team B coach runs down the sideline to call a time out so that Team A will have to attempt the kick into a 30 mph wind before the quarter change, but the clock runs down to 0:00. Replays show that the coach signaled for a time out with 0:04 remaining and that the nearest official granted the time out with 0:02 remaining.

Reset the clock to 0:02 as this was when the time out was granted (12-6-3-c-1, 12-6-3-c-4). Absent weather conditions like the wind advantage / disadvantage presented here, Replay would not intervene at the end of the 1st or 3rd quarters. (See 2017 Replay Case Play #159.)
 - b. The clock is stopped with 0:07 remaining in the 4th quarter, and the score A-20, B-20. A8's kick is good, and the clock runs down to 0:00. Replays show that -- when the ball was dead by rule -- 0:02 remained on the clock.

Not reviewable since the next play would be a free kick, not a play from scrimmage (12-6-3-c-2). The onfield officials can restore time via 3-2-2-c, and information may possibly be requested or provided from on high, but Replay cannot restore this time through a stoppage.
 - c. The clock is stopped with 0:07 remaining in the 4th quarter, and the score A-20, B-20. A8's kick is no good, and the clock runs down to 0:00. Replays show that -- when the ball was dead by rule -- 0:02 remained on the clock.

Reset the clock to 0:02 since the next play will be from scrimmage (12-6-3-c-2) by a team that is behind by eight points or fewer (12-6-3-c-3). It will be B - 1/10 @ B-20 for one more play. Had Team B been ahead (e.g., A-20, B-21) or behind by nine or more points (e.g., A-20, B-10), Replay would not restore the time.
2. 3/10 @ A-40. The ruling on the field is that A7 dropped back to pass, but was hit and fumbled at the A-30. The ball shot out toward the sideline where B36 picked it up at the A-25 and advanced to the A-20 before the ball was stripped from him. A89 recovered the loose ball while grounded near the sideline at the A-15, resulting in A - 1/10 @ A-15. Replays show that:
 - a. A7's arm was moving forward with the ball in his possession when it came loose.

Reverse to A - 4/10 @ A-40 - Snap. Reset the clock to the time that the pass fell incomplete. It is important to review events in the order of occurrence because -- upon determining that this was a forward pass and not a fumble -- none of the other elements of the play have any significance.
 - b. A7 did fumble, but B36 never possessed the ball.

Reverse to A - 4/35 @ B-15 - Ready. No adjustment to the clock. Since B36 never possessed the ball, A89's recovery near the sideline is not an issue. He either recovered it inbounds or this was simply a backward fumble out of bounds for Team A.
 - c. A7 did fumble, and B36 did possess the ball, but A89 did not recover the ball inbounds.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ A-20 - Snap. No adjustment to the clock. Since B36 possessed and then fumbled the ball -- but A89 did not recover inbounds -- this is now a forward fumble out of bounds for Team B. As above, it is important to "clear the first two hurdles" before addressing the potential final recovery.
3. 2/15 @ B-30. A9's pass over the middle to A87 is ruled incomplete. Replays show that A87 controlled the ball in flight, and touched down at the B-10 with the ball still in his control. He then:
 - a. began falling. The ball was still firmly in his grasp at the B-8 when his knee touched the ground, but the ball then came loose with B46 recovering at the B-5.

Don't stop the game. A87 had not completed the process of the catch prior to going to the ground because he had not maintained control of the ball long enough to enable him to perform an act common to the game (2-4-3-a-3). Since he was still in the act of catching the pass, he had to "survive the ground" (2-4-3-b), which he did not do.
 - b. turned toward B's goal line, took two steps, and began falling. The ball was still firmly in his grasp at the B-5 when his knee touched the ground, and the ball then came loose with B46 recovering at the B-2.

Reverse to A - 1/G @ B-5 - Ready. By first completing all the requirements of 2-4-3-a, A87 was no longer in the act of catching when he began falling to the ground. The ball is dead at its foremost point when A87 contacts the ground with anything other than his hand or foot (4-1-3-b).
 - c. turned toward B's goal line, took two steps, and began falling. The ball slipped from his hands at the B-5 before any part of his body other than his feet touched the ground, with B46 recovering at the B-2.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-2 - Snap. As in (b), A87 had completed the process of the catch, and thus this is a catch and fumble.