

2017 REPLAY QUIZ #13

1. 3/5 @ B-10. A24 carries to the B-6 where he is ruled down, resulting in A - 4/1 @ B-6. Replays show that A24 fumbled, and that in the immediate continuing action:

a. A79 muffed the ball at the B-4 into the end zone where A86 recovered.

Reverse to Touchdown. Per 12-3-3-d-2, if the ball was not dead, it belongs to the recovering team at the spot of recovery. If this had been a 4th down fumble, then per 7-2-2-a-Ex2, it would be B - 1/10 @ B-6 since the spot of recovery is beyond the spot of the fumble, and the fumbler did not recover.

b. A79 recovered the ball at the B-4, then fumbled it into the end zone where B68 recovered.

Reverse to A - 1/G @ B-4 - Ready. Reset the clock to the time of A79's recovery. 12-3-3-d-2 also states that any advance after the clear recovery in the immediate continuing action is nullified...so as soon as A79 possessed the ball, it was dead, and in this case beyond the line to gain. As in (1a), if this had been a 4th down fumble, it would be B - 1/10 @ B-6 per 7-2-2-a-Ex2.

2. 4/5 @ B-25. With A6 back to attempt a field goal, holder A9 must rise from his knee to control the high snap. He returns to his knee, and just as he is about to place the ball for the kick at the B-32, B73 -- who shot the gap -- knocks the ball from his hands. Replays confirm all of this action, and also show that:

a. A6 picked up the ball at the B-35 and carried it to the B-20, for a ruling on the field of A - 1/10 @ B-20 - Ready.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-35 - Snap. Reset the clock to the time of A6's recovery. This is a fumble, attributable to the last player in possession (A9), and so only he may advance. The ball is dead when A6 recovers. Per 7-2-2-a-Ex-2, since the recovery is behind the spot of the fumble, the ball remains at the spot of recovery. Replay intervenes via 12-3-3-f (catch or recovery of a fumble by a Team A player other than the fumbler before any change of possession during fourth down or a try).

b. A6 muffed the ball several times and it went out of bounds at the B-20, for a ruling of A - 1/10 @ B-20 - Ready.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-32 - Snap. This has been officiated like a backward pass which goes forward out of bounds (7-2-4-a), but it is a fumble forward out of bounds (7-2-4-b-1). The ball is returned to the spot of the fumble, where it goes over on downs. Replay gets involved via 12-3-3-k (forward fumble that goes out of bounds with respect to a first down).

3. 2/15 @ B-40. The ruling on the field is that A7's pass is ruled complete to A83 for a touchdown; however, A83 is flagged for Illegal Touching because the ruling is that he went out of bounds on his own, then returned inbounds and was the first to touch the pass. Replays show that A83 did not re-establish inbounds prior to touching the pass. This occurs:

a. with 13:06 remaining in a scoreless first quarter.

A reversal will produce no "direct, competitive impact on the game" (12-5-1-a-3) because the result of the incorrect ruling (loss of down at the previous spot -- A - 3/15 @ B-40 - Ready) is the same as the corrected ruling would be (incomplete pass -- A - 3/15 @ B-40 - Snap), except for the clock status...and time is not of the essence at this point in the game. It is left to the Replay Official to evaluate whether the "integrity of the game" is impacted by not intervening.

b. during a down in which B96 is also flagged for Roughing the Passer, resulting in offsetting fouls.

Reverse to an incomplete pass and no foul for Illegal Touching. The result of the incorrect ruling (offsetting fouls -- A - 2/15 @ B-40 - Ready) is significantly different from the corrected ruling (incomplete pass, only one foul for Roughing the Passer -- A - 1/10 @ B-25 - Snap).

4. 1/10 @ A-45. A12's pass to diving receiver A84 is ruled complete at the B-35, and the clock is stopped to move the chains. Team A hurries to the line, the ball is declared ready for play, and the Replay Official is unable to stop play prior to the snap; however, Team A is flagged for an Illegal Shift that converts to a False Start. After the officials enforce the penalty to bring up A - 1/15 @ B-40, the booth gets a clear shot that the pass hit the ground.

Reverse to A - 2/10 @ A-45 - Snap. Reset the clock to the time when the pass hit the ground. The play may still be reviewed because the foul caused the ball to remain dead, and the Replay Official may stop a game at any time before the ball is next legally put in play (12-5-1-a). The penalty for the False Start is disregarded. See 2017 Replay Case Book Play #184.