

2014 NCAA EDITORIAL CHANGE REQUEST

UNSUCCESSFUL FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT (Rule 8-4-2-b-1)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 8-4-2-b-1, FR-83.

EDITORIAL CHANGE:

8-4-2-b-1: When the ball is declared dead beyond the neutral zone and is untouched by Team B after the kick crosses the neutral zone, it belongs to Team B.

COMMENT: “after the kick crosses the neutral zone” replaces “beyond the neutral zone” to be consistent with other rules such as 6-3-2, 6-3-3 & 6-3-11.

INTENT:

[1] Rewrite this rule to be consistent with other rules for scrimmage kicks.

[2] The ball “belongs to” Team A if a Team B player touches the ball behind the neutral zone after the kick crosses the neutral zone and then the ball is recovered by a Team A player. There are officials who believe that touching of a kick behind the neutral zone is ignored, perhaps based on the wording of this rule.

SOURCE: Rom Gilbert [1/9/14] (8-4-2-b-1)(14)
