

2014 REPLAY CHANGE REQUEST

REPLAY: ADVANCE AFTER WAVING SIGNAL (Case Play 113)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 12-3-3-c, FR-107.

CASE PLAY 113, Case Book Page 37. Move prior to “Non-Reviewable Play Situations on Scrimmage Kicks”.

INTERPRETATION CHANGE:

Rule 12-3-3-c (no change): Live ball ruled dead in possession of a ball carrier.

Case Play 113: Fourth and 7 on the A-35. B45 signals for a fair catch while the punt is in the air. B27, unaware of the signal by B45, catches the punt at the B-25 and returns it for a touchdown. No official signals the ball dead when caught.

RULING (current): Not reviewable. However, such an egregious error may be corrected. Delay of game, B 1-10 on B20, reset clock (Rule 12-3-6).

RULING (update): Reviewable. Ball should have been ruled dead when caught by B27 following a waving signal. NOTE: It is unlikely that the officials would penalize Team B for delay of game when they screwed up by not ruling the ball dead when caught or recovered.

INTENT:

[1] Rule 12-3-3-c should cover instances where the ball becomes dead in Rule 4-1-3 except as otherwise ruled not reviewable. Rule 4-1-3-l is an example of a play that is generally not reviewable. Rule 4-1-3-g covers the above waving signal in Case Play 113.

[2] Other than a “runaway” clock, there have been no advertised plays where the “egregious” caper would have to be applied since the play is not otherwise covered by replay rules.

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