

2014 REPLAY CHANGE REQUEST

REPLAY: OUT OF BOUNDS (Case Play 122)

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

CASE PLAY 122, Case Book Page 40.

INTERPRETATION CHANGE:

Rule 12-3-3-g (no change): Ball carrier in or out of bounds. If a ball carrier is ruled out of bounds, the play is not reviewable, except as in Rules 12-3-1-a and 12-3-3-d.

Case Play 122: Third and 5 on the B-35. Ball carrier A22 runs down the sideline and the Line Judge rules that he stepped out of bounds at the B-4 with his left foot. A22 then takes one more step and dives for the goal line and the ball breaks the plane within his possession before he lands in the end zone. Replay shows that A22 did not step out of bounds during his run.

RULING (current): Reviewable play. Reverse to touchdown. Adjust clock as necessary (Rule 123-3-1-a).

RULING (update): Reviewable play. Award the touchdown if there is no way that Team B could have prevented the touchdown. This could apply to any spot on the field but should apply close to the opponent's goal line.

INTENT:

[1] This update was a previous interpretation. Not sure why it was changed to a step and a leap as opposed to two steps. It was previously, and with this change, is a common sense interpretation.

[2] If this play occurred as time expired in a high profile game and Team A was behind by less than nine points, it is likely that the current interpretation would be changed.

SOURCE: Rom Gilbert [1/11/14] (rc14-ir122)(14)
