2014 REPLAY CHANGE REQUEST

REPLAY: DOWN BY RULE (Case Play 122.A)

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

CASE PLAY 122.A, Case Book Page 40.

INTERPRETATION CHANGE:

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

Case Play 122: Third and 5 on the B-35. Ball carrier A22 takes a handoff and runs to the B-6 where he stumbles. He regains his balance and crosses Team B's goal line in possession of the ball. The Head Linesman rules that he was down at the B-25. Replay shows that A22 was not down.

RULING (current): Not reviewable. A 1-10 on B-25.

RULING (update): Reviewable. 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 may have been a previous interpretation. It was, and remains, 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 [1/11/13] (rc14-ir122A)(14)