2014 REPLAY CHANGE REQUEST

REPLAY: FUMBLE AT GOAL LINE (Case Play 125)

RULE NUMBER & PAGE: RULE 12-3-1-a, FR-106.

CASE PLAY 125, Casebook Page 41.

INTERPRETATION CHANGE:

Rule 12-3-1-a (update): A potential touchdown, touchback or safety. [Exception: Safety by penalty for fouls that are not specifically reviewable.]

Case Play 125: First and goal at the B-5. A22 runs to B's goal line, loses the ball prior to its breaking the plane of the goal line, and the officials rule touchdown. The ball comes to rest in the end zone with no player attempting to recover it.

RULING (current): Reviewable play, regarding whether A22 scored a touchdown before he lost the ball. Reverse to no score. A 2-Goal on B-1. If the ball becomes dead in the end zone with no team possessing it, the ball is placed at the spot of the fumble. If the ball is dead in the field of play, the ball is placed at that spot (Rule 12-3-1-a and 12-3-3-d).

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INTENT:

- [1] There is no need to add a level of complexity.
- [2] The replay official need not be searching for a spot in the field of play where a loose ball becomes dead.

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