

2017 REPLAY CHANGE REQUEST

REPLAY: BALL CARRIER SIMULATES KNEE DOWN (Case Play 21a)

RULE 12-3-3-c: Case Book Page 7.

CASE PLAY 21a: Case Book Page 18.

INTERPRETATION CHANGE:

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

Case Play 21a (new): Third and 5 on the A-35. The score is tied. A16 takes the snap and simulates placing his knee on the ground on A's 33. A16 rises and throws a completed pass to A22 who scores.

RULING (current): Unknown, but likely reviewable based on 12-3-3-c.

RULING (update): Reviewable. Fourth and 7 on the A-33.

INTENT:

[1] This should be considered a common sense interpretation. Rule 4-1-3-o indicates that the ball becomes dead when a ball carrier simulates placing his knee on the ground.

[2] This play could occur as time expired in a high profile game with the score tied. This could again result in a conference office issuing a press release that the call on the field was correct (ball remains a live ball) when, in fact, one team got the shaft.

SOURCE: Rom Gilbert [87/25/16] (rc17-ir21a)
