



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

2015 NEW INSTANT REPLAY CASEBOOK PLAYS

The following are the new plays as they will appear in the 2015 NCAA Instant Replay Casebook.

6. Early blocking on an on-side kick

On a kickoff at the A-35, Team A executes an on-side kick. A50 blocks B85 before Team B touches the ball or before the ball travels ten yards. No flag is thrown. A80 recovers at the A-46 where the officials award Team A the ball for a first down. **RULING:** Reviewable play. Instant Replay rules a foul by Team A for blocking before they are eligible to touch the ball on an on-side kick. Re-kick at the A-30 after the five-yard penalty.

7. Early blocking on an on-side kick

On a kickoff at the A-35, Team A executes an on-side kick. A50 blocks B85 and officials throw a flag for the block occurring before Team B touches the ball or before the ball travels ten yards. Replay shows that the ball had gone 10 yards before the A50 blocks B85. **RULING:** Reviewable play. Reverse to no foul.

8. Early blocking on an on-side kick: challenge

On a kickoff at the A-35, Team A tries an onside kick. A50 blocks B85 before Team B touches the ball or before the ball travels ten yards. No flag is thrown. B88 recovers at the A-46 where the officials award Team B the ball for a first down. **RULING:** Because the play results in possession for Team B, Instant Replay will not stop the game and review this play to rule an illegal block by A50. Team B's ball, first and 10 at the A-46. Because the play is reviewable, the Team B coach may challenge, and the Replay Official must honor the challenge with a review. If the Replay Official determines that there was an illegal block, the challenge is successful, Team A is charged with the foul, and Team B has the usual penalty options (Rule 6-1-12)---i.e., re-kick after the five-yard penalty or have the penalty tacked on at the dead-ball spot.

30. Process of the catch

First and 10 at the A-30. A10 throws a pass to A80 at the A-38. A80 secures the ball, gets a foot down on the ground, maintains control of the ball, plants his right foot, turns up field and lunges for the first down marker at the A-40. A80's knee hits the ground when the ball is at the A-41 and the ball comes out. Officials rule incomplete pass when A80 lost the ball on contact to the ground. **RULING:** Reviewable play. Reverse to a catch, because A80 secured control of the ball, got a body part down on the ground and maintained control of the ball long enough to perform an act common to the game. In this case the receiver performed a second act that was visually and distinctly not part of the catch when he changed direction and lunged for the first down marker. This would also be the ruling for a similar play at the goal line. First and 10 for Team A at the A-41.

54. Pass touched by a defensive player--Referee announcement

Third and 10 at the 50. A10 throws a pass to A85 at the B-25. The umpire rules the ball was tipped at the line of scrimmage and gives the tip signal. Defender B24 plays through the back of A85 but no flag is thrown. The back judge reports to the referee that he did not have a flag for defensive pass interference because he saw the tip signal by the umpire. The referee announces, "There is no foul for pass interference because the ball was tipped." **RULING:** The referee's announcement allows the Instant Replay official to stop the game for a review to determine if the ball was or was not tipped. Replay then can communicate to the referee that the ball was not tipped, overturn the ruling on the field and create a foul for defensive pass interference if there is indisputable video evidence that there was no tip of the ball. First and 10 for Team A at the B-35.

70. Forward pass or fumble--Referee announcement

Third and 10 at the B-20. Shotgun QB A10 is in the pocket and under a heavy rush. A10 loses the ball at the B-35 just before defender B90 hits him from behind. Referee rules fumble, and B70 recovers at the B-25. The Instant Replay official stops the game to review for pass or fumble. The referee announces, "There is no foul for intentional grounding. The ruling on the field is a fumble, recovered by the defense." **RULING:** This announcement allows Replay to create an intentional grounding foul if the ruling on the field is overturned to an incomplete pass, based on indisputable video evidence that the ball was not fumbled. Fourth and 25 at the B-35.

100. Roughing/Running into--Referee announcement

Fourth and 10 at the A-40. Punter A10 takes the snap and under heavy rush gets the punt off. B85 catches the ball after a fair catch signal at the B-20. A10 is hit by B90 and is knocked to the ground. The referee signals the ball was tipped and does not throw a flag. After the ball is dead the referee announces, "There is no foul for roughing (or running into) the kicker because the ball was tipped". **RULING:** The referee's announcement allows the Instant Replay Official to stop the game for a review to see if the ball was or was not tipped. Replay then can communicate to the referee that the ball was not tipped, overturn the ruling on the field, and create a roughing (or running

into) foul if there is indisputable evidence that the ball was not tipped. First and 10 for Team A at the B-45.

109. Advance of fair catch--ball declared dead

During a kick, B33 gives a fair catch signal and catches the ball at the B-20. The ball is not declared dead. B33 carries to the 50-yard line where he is pushed out of bounds.

RULING: Reviewable play under Rule 12-3-3-c. Team B's ball at the B-20. The game clock is reset to the time B33 caught the ball.

110. Advance of fair catch--Ball declared dead

During a kick, B33 gives a fair catch signal, catches the ball at the B-25, and starts to run. The ball is not declared dead. B33 retreats, is unable to turn the corner, and is tackled at the B-15.

RULING: Reviewable play under Rule 12-3-3-c. Team B's ball at the B-25. The game clock is reset to the time B33 caught the ball.

111. Advance of fair catch--Ball declared dead

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:** Reviewable play under Rule 12-3-3-c. Team B's ball at the B-25. The game clock is reset to the time B33 caught the ball.

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