

OFF-SEASON REPLAY QUIZ – FUMBLES

1. First and 10 on A-25. Back A2 runs to the A-30 where he is tackled and loses the ball. B75 falls on the ball at the A-31. The officials rule fumble and award possession to Team B. Replays show A2's left wrist clearly down just before he lost the football.

B 1-10 on A-31. The wrist is considered part of the hand and does not put the runner down. If the evidence was available and clear that only the wrist was down before the ball came loose, we can confirm the ruling on the field without stopping the game.

2. Third and 10 on A-40. Receiver A88 catches a pass near the sideline at the 50 and runs to the B-45 where B29 strips the ball from him. B56 immediately recovers the ball there and runs to the A-40 where he is tackled. The Head Line Judge came up and ruled A88 stepped out at the B-45 and killed the play there. Replays show that A88 did not step out of bounds.

B 1-10 on B-45. If the runner did not step out and the recovery takes place in the immediate continuing action, we can award Team B possession. We cannot allow any advance. The game clock should have stopped with the out of bounds ruling and unless it was wound prior to the stoppage there is no adjustment. Start on snap.

3. First and 10 on A-3. Back A2 gets hit at the line of scrimmage and fumbles. B99 recovers the ball near the goal line and rolls into the end zone. The Referee signals TD. Replays show B99 recover the ball at the A-1/2 with his left elbow touching the ground.

B 1-Goal on A-1/2. The spot of recovery in relation to the goal line is reviewable. B99 was down with possession of the ball in the field of play so there is no score. No clock adjustment and start on the snap.

4. Third and Goal on B-15. B22 intercepts A1's pass at the B-2 and his momentum takes him into the end zone where he is tackled by A80 and loses the ball. A88 falls on the loose ball in the end zone and B50 piles on by driving his shoulder into A88's back. The officials rule fumble and signal TD for Team A. Replays show B22's left knee down before he lost possession of the ball.

B 1-10 on B-1. B22's momentum took him into his own end zone and since he was down before losing the ball Team B retains possession and the dead ball spot is the B-2. The dead ball UNR is enforced from that spot half the distance to the B-1.

5. Second and 5 on B-45. Back A2 runs to the B-38 near the sideline where he is hit and fumbles the ball. B59 recovers the ball and lands out of bounds at the B-41. The Line Judge rules A2 down. Replays confirm the fumble and show B59's left foot touching the sideline when he first touched the loose ball.

A 3-1 on B-41. B59 was out of bounds when he touched the loose ball, so the ball is dead at that point and possession goes back to Team A. The ball was fumbled backward and out of bounds, so we put it at the OB spot. Line to gain is involved and although a second down play this is big enough to stop as it involves an incorrect ruling of down.

6. Third and 2 on A-38. Back A2 runs toward the line of scrimmage and is hit by B77 and driven backward and to the ground. The ball comes loose and B99 falls on it at the A-35. The Line Judge comes in at the A-38 with his right hand in the air. The Line Judge and Referee have a brief conversation and the Referee announces the runner's forward progress was stopped 4th down. Replays show QBA1 and A2 muffed the exchange and A2 never gained control of the ball before getting contacted.

B 1-10 on A-35, adjust clock, snap. Even though progress was ruled on the field, if it is clear the runner did not have possession prior to any contact we can review and give the ball to the defense provided there is a clear recovery. The clock is reset to where it was when B99 recovered and starts on the snap due to the change of possession.

7. Third and 10 on A-40. B39 intercepts A1's pass at the 50 and returns it to A's goal line where he drops the ball as he crosses. The ball lands in the end zone and then bounces to the A-2 where A88 who was chasing B39 falls on it. The Referee signals TD. Replays show B39 clearly drop the ball short of the goal line.

A 1-10 on A-2. The ball came loose before it broke the plane so we cannot award a TD. We can review through a clear recovery in the immediate continuing action and since A recovered in the field of play it is their ball at that spot. No clock adjustment since the ruling on the field stopped the clock and we start on the snap.

8. Third and 12 on B-42. Late in the 4th quarter, Team A trails 21-17 and is out of timeouts. Receiver A80 catches a pass and runs to the B-31 where he is hit and loses the ball (1:05). B22 picks up the loose ball and returns it to the A-45 where he is tackled (0:58). Replays show A80's left knee down before he lost possession of the ball.

A 4-1 on B-31, reset clock to 1:05 and wind on the ready, no runoff. A80 is down before losing the ball so Team A retains possession at the B-31. Since the down ended inside one minute, but should have been dead outside one minute, we reset the clock, but there is no 10-second runoff. In order to have the runoff both must be inside one minute.

9. Try B-3. Back A2 runs to the B-1 where he is hit and fumbles the ball into the end zone where A77 recovers. The officials signal try good and award Team A two points.

Try no good. 4th down fumble rule applies to the try and replay can review whether the fumble was recovered by a player other than the player who fumbled. Ball returned to spot of fumble which was short of goal line so try is no good.

10. Second and Goal on B-4. Late in the 2nd quarter, Back A2 runs to the goal line where he is hit and loses the ball (0:40). B-99 falls on the loose ball in the end zone (0:37). The officials rule fumble and a touchback for Team B. A77 is injured on the play and must be helped off the field. Replays show A2's right forearm down before he lost the ball at the B-1.

A 3-Goal on B-1, reset clock to 0:40 and run 10 seconds if Team B so chooses. The ruling on the field stopped the game clock and the correct ruling would have kept it running, but there is something else that occurred that would have also stopped the game clock, so we are out of the replay runoff scenario. The injury inside one minute also carries a runoff at the request of the opponent. If Team B does not want the runoff then the clock starts on the snap.