

OFF-SEASON REPLAY QUIZ – LINE TO GAIN

1. Third and 10 on A-40. With 0:55 remaining in the 2nd quarter, A88 catches a pass at the A-49 and is immediately tackled there. The Line Judge spots the ball at the 50 and signals first down.

A 4-1 on A-49, clock set to 0:55 and run 10 seconds. The ruling on the field of a 1st down stopped the game clock, and the reversal to short created a running clock. Since we are inside of one minute in the half there is a runoff. Either team can take a timeout to negate the runoff.

2. Third and 3 on B-43. Back A2 runs to the B-40 where his forward progress is stopped, and he is driven backward before the ball comes loose. B57 picks up the loose ball and advances it across A's goal line. The officials rule fumble and award Team B a TD.

TD B, try A-3. If the officials on the field do not rule forward progress, then we cannot create it in replay in this situation. The line to gain does not make this reviewable. If the goal line was involved, we could review and make a score for A.

3. First and 10 on B-30. With 8:05 remaining in the 2nd quarter, QBA1 scrambles out of the pocket and runs to the B-21 where he starts to slide feet first. He goes to the ground at the B-19 and the officials spot the ball there.

A 1-10 on B-19. Replay should not stop the game. Although the correct spot should be the B-21 and short of the line to gain, on 1st down at this point in the game this is not a significant play. If this was 3rd or 4th down, then it would be significant.

4. Third and 12 on A-28. Receiver A88 catches a low pass near the sideline with his knees on the ground at the A-40. His momentum takes him out of bounds at the A-39 where the Head Line Judge spots the ball.

A 1-10 on A-40, adjust clock if wound prior to review. A88 is down with possession at the A-40 so the ball should be spotted there. If he was upright and went backward OB on his own, then the spot would be where he went OB.

5. Third and 14 on B-34. Back A2 catches a screen pass and runs to the B-21 where he is hit and fumbles. B44 attempts to recover but muffs the ball and it goes out of bounds at the B-16. The officials spot the ball at the B-20 making it 1st and 10 for Team A.

A 4-1 on B-21. The spot of a fumble is reviewable if it involves the line to gain (or goal line). The ruling on the field is a fumble forward out of bounds, so by rule the ball is brought back to the spot of the fumble. We can review that spot in relation to the line to gain and since it was fumbled short of the 20-yard line it is 4th down.

6. Third and 7 on B-47. Receiver A80 catches a pass at the B-42 and is tackled immediately. The Line Judge spots the ball at the B-41. Team A lines up to go for it on 4th down and the Team B head coach calls TO to challenge the spot.

A 4-1 on B-41, not reviewable, charge Team B TO. The spot does not involve the line to gain so the play is not reviewable. A coach cannot challenge that the ball should be further away from the LTG. When a coach challenges a play that is not reviewable, he is charged a TO (not a challenge).

7. Third and 10 on B-11. With 0:30 remaining in the game, Team A trails 27-20 and is out of timeouts. Receiver A80 catches a pass and is tackled near the goal line (0:25) and the officials rule TD. Replays show the ball at the B-1/2 when A80's right knee touched the ground.

A 1-Goal on B-1/2, game clock at 0:25 and wind on ready. The ball is short of the goal line when the player is down so we will reverse to no TD. There is no runoff as the ball made the line to gain. If the line to gain was not made, we would have a runoff.

8. Third and 8 on B-48. Receiver A80 catches a pass at the B-42 and extends the ball forward as his right knee touches the ground. The officials spot the ball at the B-42 making it 4th down. The replay official cannot determine when the right knee touched the ground and stops the game for review. Subsequent replays show the ball at the B-41 when the knee was down.

A 4-1 on B-41, no clock adjustment, wind on ready. If the replay official had clear evidence that the knee was down with the ball short prior to the next snap then the game should not be stopped, but once we are in a review, we can move the ball closer to the line to gain.

9. A 3-20 on 50. Receiver A80 catches a pass near the sideline and runs to the B-28 where he is pushed out of bounds. The Head Line Judge rules that A80 stepped out of bounds at the B-33 and killed the play there. Replays show that A80 did not step out of bounds.

A 4-3 on B-33. Once the officials on the field rule the runner out of bounds the play is over and we can award an advance in replay even if the line to gain is involved. The only exception is when the runner scores in the immediate continuing action following the ruling.

10. Fourth and 2 on B-42. QBA1 throws a quick screen pass from the B-45 to A80 near the sideline. A80 muffs the ball at the B-46 where it hits the ground and players from both teams attempt to recover. The ball is muffed forward and goes out of bounds at the B-39. The officials spot the ball at the B-41.

A 1-10 on B-39. This is a backward pass so the spot will be wherever it goes out of bounds. Since that spot involved the line to gain, we can review it. The ball went OB beyond the line to gain so it is a 1st down for Team A.