

OFF-SEASON REPLAY QUIZ – PASSING PLAYS

1. First and 10 on A-25. Receiver A88 dives to catch a low pass at the A-40. The ball bounces into the air and is intercepted by B44 at the A-42 who returns it for an apparent TD. The Back Judge comes in patting the ground and rules the pass incomplete. Replays show that the ball did not touch the ground before B44 possessed it.

B 1-10 on A-42. Replay can review whether the pass hit the ground and since it did not can award B with possession, but since the ruling on the field killed the play there can be no advance. B's ball at the spot where they gained possession. No clock adjustment as the ruling on the field stopped it.

2. Fourth and 10 on B-35. With 0:55 remaining in the 4th quarter Team A trails 27-21 and has one timeout remaining. Receiver attempts to catch a pass near the sideline at the B-20. He gains firm control of the ball and gets one foot down in bounds before crossing the sideline, but the Side Judge makes a bobble signal and rules the pass incomplete. The Referee has a flag down and announces roughing the passer on B77. Replays show B77 hit the QB late with a shoulder to the body.

A 1-Goal on B-10. The pass is complete and although there is a foul on B that will result in a 1st down either way there is a significant difference in yardage after enforcement of the penalty. If the pass is incomplete the penalty is enforced from the previous spot, and if it is complete it is a tack on (half the distance). Replay would have to confirm there was no targeting on B77 as well. No clock adjustment and starts on the snap.

3. Second and Goal on B-8. Receiver A80 controls a pass in the end zone near the sideline while airborne and pins the ball to his left shoulder with both his hands. He gets a foot down inbounds as he falls to the ground and when he lands on his back out of bounds the ball pops into the air and then he regains control before it hits the ground. The Side Judge rules TD.

A 3-Goal on B-8. A80 is going to the ground to make the catch and must either maintain control when he lands or perform an act common to the game on the way to the ground. He does neither so the pass is incomplete. In the field of play this would be a catch since the ball never touched the ground, but here since it came loose when he hit the ground OB it is incomplete. No clock adjustment as the ruling on the field stopped it.

4. Fourth and 10 on A-40. B23 attempts to field A1's punt at the B-30. The ball comes loose and A87 picks it up at the B-27 and returns it across B's goal line. The Back Judge rules that B23 muffed the punt and blows the play dead when A87 recovers the loose ball. Replays show B23 controlling the ball as he goes to the ground and maintaining control all the way to the ground and the ball coming loose after he rolled completely over at the B-28.

B 1-10 on B-28. B23 established possession of the ball when he maintained control after hitting the ground. As soon as he starts to roll over the process ends. Any recovery of a loose ball (pass, kick, fumble) falls under the same guidelines. Since B23 gained possession he is down, and the ball goes back to B at that spot. We adjust the clock to where it was when he was down, and it starts on the snap.

5. Third and 12 on A-38. With 3:00 remaining in the 3rd quarter, receiver A88 controls a pass near the sideline at the 50 and his right foot lands in the white. The Side Judge rules the pass incomplete. Replays show A88 control the pass in both hands with his left toes still on the ground in bounds, and then his right foot comes down out of bounds. The ball crossed the sideline at the A-49.

A 4-1 on A-49. The pass is complete as the left foot was still touching the ground in bounds when A88 established control. Even though the correct spot is short of the line to gain replay should still stop the game here. 12-yard difference is significant especially near mid-field. Clock starts on the ready for play.

6. Third and 5 on B-45. With 7:00 remaining in the 2nd quarter, QBA1 throws a swing pass from the B-47 to back A2 at the B-48. A2 is hit by B58 and the ball comes loose. A2 falls on the loose ball at the 50. The Line Judge rules catch and fumble. Replays show A2 controlled the pass and just as his first foot hit the ground the ball was knocked loose.

A 4-10 on 50. A2 did not complete the catch as he did not have the ball long enough to perform an act common to the game, but the result of the play is the same since the pass was backward. Replay should not stop the game here.

7. Third and 10 on A-30. Receiver A88 controls a pass over the middle but loses the ball at the A-45. B30 picks up the loose ball at the A-47 and returns it to the A-10 where he is pushed out of bounds. During B30's run, B38 peeled back and blocked A76 with a shoulder to the body at the A-35. The officials award possession to B and the Referee announces, "illegal blindside block with targeting". Replays show A88 get control of the ball, take three steps, and then his right knee touch the ground before the ball comes loose.

A 1-10 on B-40. Blindside block B38, no targeting. Several aspects to review on this play. The first thing we need to establish is whether A88 caught the ball. He did establish possession (control and three feet). Next is whether he is down by rule which he is as his right knee hit before the ball came loose. Last is the targeting call. Since there was no contact to the head/neck or with the crown there is no targeting, but it is still a foul for a blindside block. B38 remains in the game, but the blindside block penalty is enforced from the dead ball spot. If the foul was not a personal foul (or UNS) it is not enforced in this situation. Adjust clock to where it was when A88 was down and wind on the ready for play.

8. Second and 10 on B-14. Receiver A80 dives for a pass near the goal line pylon and lands out of bounds with control of the ball. The Field Judge signals TD. Replays show A80 control the ball while airborne and then extend it to touch the pylon before his left elbow lands in bounds and then the rest of his body lands out of bounds.

A 3-10 on B-14. The pass is incomplete as A80 did not have a body part down before the ball touched the pylon. By rule the ball is still loose and a loose ball is OB when it touches the pylon. Reverse to incomplete, no clock adjustment as the ruling on the field stopped the clock. Clock on snap.

9. First and 10 on A-40. Receiver A88 catches a pass in bounds near the sideline at the B-30 and runs out of bounds at the B-20. The Side Judge threw his hat during the play and spots the ball at the B-20. The Referee announces that A88 was forced OB by a defender and came back in bounds to catch the pass. Replays show A88 stepping OB on his own at the B-45 without any contact from a Team B player.

A 2-10 on A-40, illegal touching A88. Eligible receiver may not go out of bounds on own and come back in and be the first to touch a forward pass. Replay may only get involved if there is clearly no contact by a defender. If there is any contact the play is not reviewable (can't rule on severity). Since there was no contact replay can create the foul for illegal touching. Penalty is loss of down at the previous spot. No clock adjustment and start on the ready for play (unless inside two minutes of half).

10. Third and 8 on B-38. Receiver A80 controls a pass at the B-29 is hit immediately by B40 and driven back to the ground at the B-31 where the ball comes loose as soon as he hits the ground. The Head Line Judge rules the pass complete and spots the ball at the B-29. Replays show A80 control the pass and as soon as his first foot touched, he was hit and taken to the ground.

A 4-8 on B-38. The pass is incomplete as A80 did not complete the catch while upright and lost it when he hit the ground. If he did complete the catch, he would get the forward progress spot. Reset clock and starts on the snap.