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The 2020 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

Week 11

This quiz is being provided on a weekly basis to promote robust crew discussions and further individual rules study. It is in no way intended to be official play interpretations, as those are contained within Part II of the 2020 NCAA Football Rules and are updated by official CFO Play Interpretation Bulletins when released during the season. These quizzes will be released on Thursday of each game week, with answers being provided on the following Monday.

The first eight questions are focused around on-field rulings, and the final two questions are focused on Instant Replay. All officials should be familiar with and work both sets of questions.

Answer each on-field question by giving **THESE FOUR ITEMS** of information for the **next time the ball is to be put in play**:

Team in possession

Down and distance (or Free Kick or Try)

Yard line of succeeding spot

Game clock status (Ready/ Snap / Running / FK Rules / No Clock / Ten-Second Runoff)

For Replay Questions, complete the answer with the **outcome** and any **replay reasoning**.

1. 3/3 @ B-24. A88 is airborne and near the pylon when he secures firm control of A12's forward pass. A88's shoulder first hits the pylon with the ball still firmly in his grasp and with the ball outside the pylon and beyond the goal line. A88 maintains firm control as he hits the ground.

RULING: A, 4/3, B-24, Snap

Since the receiver first touches the pylon after gaining firm control of the pass without getting a body part down inbounds, the pass is incomplete (Rule 4-2-1-c) and goal line extended does not come into play.

2. 4/3 @ B-25. Team A is in scrimmage kick formation and will attempt a field goal. B50 lines up within one yard of the line of scrimmage and in the gap between the snapper and the guard. B50's shoulder overlaps with the snapper's shoulder. The field goal attempt is good.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-20, Snap – or – decline the penalty and score 3 points for Team A

This is a live ball foul by B50 (Rule 6-3-14-a). Team A may keep the 3 points and decline the penalty or accept the penalty, no score and have 1/10 @ B-20.

3. 4/10 @ A-30. While A90's punt is in flight beyond the neutral zone, A21 is running toward receiver B44 who is moving toward the downward flight of the kick. The ball strikes A21 in the helmet at the B-30 while B44 is in position to catch the ball. The ball rolls out of bounds at the B-10.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-45, Snap.

Since B44 is in position to catch the kick, he must be given the unimpeded opportunity to do so. This is a foul by A21 for Kick-catch interference and the penalty is 15 yards enforced at the spot of the foul (Rule 6-4-1-a).

4. 4/10 @ A-30. B44 is attempting to catch a kick at the B-30 (no fair catch signal), muffs the ball which is then caught by A21 at the B-31 who was not interfering with the opportunity of the receiver to initially make the catch.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-31, Snap

A21 does not commit Kick-catching interference. In the absence of a fair catch signal, protection against interference with the opportunity to catch a kick ends when any player of Team B muffs the ball (Rule 6-4-1-c).

5. 4/10 @ A-30. B44 is attempting to catch a kick at the B-30 after giving a valid fair catch signal, muffs the ball which is then caught by A21 at the B-31. A21 was not interfering with the opportunity of the receiver to initially make the catch, but B44 was moving forward to complete the catch when A21 secured possession and fell to the ground.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-46, Snap

If a Team B player makes a valid fair catch signal, the unimpeded opportunity to catch the kick continues if this player muffs the kick and still has an opportunity to complete the catch (Rule 6-5-1-b). The penalty will be enforced from the spot of the foul which is the B-31 (Rule 6-4-1-PENALTY).

6. 4/12 at the A-48. A's punt lands at the B-10 and is rolling on the ground when A40 blocks B21 into the ball. A10 muffs the ball at the B-5 and the ball rolls into B's endzone. The ball is recovered by A10 in the endzone.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-20, Snap

Touching by B21 is forced touching and ignored (Rule 6-3-4-a). A10 illegally touches the ball at the B-5 (Rule 6-3-2-a) and then recovers the ball in the endzone. The kick was untouched by B beyond the neutral zone and touches the ground in the endzone and is declared dead and is a touchback (Rule 6-3-9).

7. Free Kick @ A-35. The kick strikes the ground at the B-10 and B44 bats the ball backward at that point and the ball rolls back across Team B's goal line. B44 sprints back into the end zone and recovers the ball and takes a knee.

RULING: Safety, score 2 points for Team A. B, Free kick, B-20, FK Clock Rules

A new impetus is given to the ball by B44 when he bats it (Rule 8-7-2-b). Batting the kick is considered to have destroyed the impetus of the kick and imparted a new impetus. Safety, two points for Team A (Rule 8-5-1-a). Note - merely touching or deflecting the kick, or being struck by it, would not destroy the impetus of the kick.

8. 4/10 @ 50. Team A punts and during the kick, B77 clips at Team B's 25-yard line. The untouched kick is batted backward by A21 out of bounds from the end zone and goes out of bounds on the two-yard line.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-10, Snap

B77's clipping foul is governed by postscrimmage kick rules (Rule 10-2-3). There is no foul for batting the ball in the end zone, but it is illegal touching. Team A will accept the penalty, which cancels the illegal touching privilege (Rule 6-3-11). The penalty is enforced at the postscrimmage kick spot, the B-20, half the distance to the goal (Rule 2-25-11-Special Case 2). Team B's ball at the B-10.

9. Free Kick @ A-35. The ball is kicked into the air near the sideline where B19 signals for a fair catch and then catches the ball at the B-8 as he steps out of bounds. The Line Judge throws his flag for a kickoff out of bounds ruling B19 was OB when he first touched the ball. Replays show B19's right foot in bounds when he catches the ball and then he steps out of bounds with his left foot.

RULING: B, 1/10 @ B-25, touchback, no adjustment to clock, snap. Replay can review the touching of the kick and since B19 completed the catch inbounds it is a fair catch. Treat this like a pass completion at the sideline and if the player has a foot down inbounds it is a fair catch in the field of play.

10. 1/10 @ B-20. Receiver A88 attempts to catch a pass near the sideline in the end zone but the Side Judge rules the pass incomplete. Replays show A88 (on his own) kicking the pylon with his right foot then getting his left foot in bounds before he controls the pass and then lands out of bounds where he maintains control. B99 was offside at the snap.

RULING: A, 1/10 @ B-20, DOF and illegal touching offset, no clock adjustment, snap. A88 was out of bounds when he touched the pylon and then re-established and was the first to touch the football, so it is a foul for an illegal touching. The fouls offset at the previous spot and replay the down.