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The 2020 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

Week 13 – Thanksgiving Edition

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. 2/10 @ B-20. Late in the 4th quarter, Team A trails by 2 points. Runner A44 sweeps right, turns the corner and is tackled inbounds at the B-12 with 0:12 showing on the clock. Team A scrambles to the line, gets everyone set in a legal formation, and snaps the ball with 0:02 remaining and QB A12 spikes the ball, and the ball hits the ground with 0:01.

RULING: A, 4/2, B-12, Snap

Rule 3-2-5, Minimum time for a play after spiking the ball does not apply in this situation. This rule applies to a situation in which we have a clock stoppage, and the clock will start on the Referee's signal. In this play, the clock never stops so Team A can execute a spike at any time, and if there is time left when the ball strikes the ground, Team A may get another play.

2. 3/6 @ 50. A12 throws a legal forward pass that hits guard A67 in the back of the helmet. Eligible A88 catches the ball at the B-48 and is tackled at the B-47.

RULING: A, 4/3, B-47, Running

The play is legal because the touching by A67 is not intentional (Rule 7-3-11).

3. 4/7 @ A-40. Team A punts. Receiver B27 is at the B-30 where he signals for a fair catch after the ball has hit the ground. A20 then blocks B27 above the waist, causing B27 to touch the ball at the B-31. A78 recovers the ball while grounded at the B-32.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-32, Snap.

There are no fouls on the play. The touching by B27 is forced touching, which is ignored (Rule 6-3-4-a). This makes the touching by A78 a violation that gives the receiving team the opportunity to take the ball at the spot of the violation (Rule 6-3-2-a).

4. 2/9 @ A-30. First quarter. At the A-38 runner A23 fumbles the ball which strikes the ground and bounces high into the air. B45 leaps, grabs the ball while he is airborne and returns to the ground touching the sideline at the A-40.

RULING: A, 3/1, A-38, Ready.

B45 never gains possession since he does not touch the ground inbounds (Rule 2-4-3-g). This is therefore a forward fumble out of bounds, which belongs to the fumbling team at the spot of the fumble (Rule 7-2-4-b-1).

5. 3/12 @ A-45. At the snap Team A has only 10 players on the field. Six are on the line—five are numbered 50-79, A80 is on the end of the line, and there are four players in the backfield. A12 completes a forward pass to A80 who is tackled at the B-40.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-40, Ready.

Legal formation. No more than four players may be backs (Rule 7-1-4-a-4). There is no requirement for any number of players on the line of scrimmage other than the five who are numbered 50-79 (Rule 7-1-4-a-3).

6. 3/10 @ 50. A12 who normally plays quarterback is lined up as a wide receiver in the backfield and A33 is five yards behind the snapper in a shotgun formation. A33's pass intended for A12 is intercepted by B44 at the B-30 and is returned for a touchdown. During the interception return, B55 targets and launches at A33 at the B-40, striking him in the side of the helmet.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-25, Snap.

Foul by B55 for targeting and initiating contact at the head of a defenseless player. A33 is a defenseless player after the change of possession since he played the down in the role of the quarterback (Rule 2-27-14-i).

7. 1/10 @ A-25. Quarterback A12 drops back in the pocket and sets up to pass. He then scrambles to his right, sets up again and is in the passing posture when he is hit by end B88 who drives his shoulder into A12's knee. A12 then pulls the ball in and goes to the ground at the A-18 because of being tackled by B88.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-40, Ready.

Foul for Roughing the Passer by B88 (Rule 9-1-9-b). While A12 is technically not a passer because he did not release the ball, the action by B88 is a foul under 9-1-9-b because of the vulnerability of A12 as a potential passer in a passing posture. The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the previous spot (Rule 10-2-d-1-a).

8. Try @ B-3. B25 intercepts A12's forward pass in the end zone and returns to the B-15 where he is tackled. During the return B66 clips in the end zone.

RULING: A, Free Kick, A-35, FK Rules

Penalties for fouls during a try after a change of possession are declined by rule. Only penalties for flagrant personal fouls, unsportsmanlike conduct fouls, dead-ball personal fouls and live ball fouls treated as dead ball fouls are enforced on the succeeding kickoff or the succeeding spot in extra periods (Rule 8-3-4-a).

9. 1/10 @ B-40. QBA1 runs to the B-39 where he throws a pass to A19 at the B-38. A19 muffs the pass and the ball hits the ground. B24 recovers at the B-35 and returns for a TD. The Line Judge signals backward pass and the ruling on the field is a TD for Team B.

RULING: A, 2-14 @ B-44, reset clock, snap. The passer and ball are beyond the LOS when the pass is released, and the pass is forward, so it is a foul for an illegal forward pass and the ball is dead when it hits the ground. Both aspects are reviewable. 5-yard penalty from spot of pass and loss of down. Clock reset to where it was when ball hit the ground.

10. 3/15 @ A-30. A88 attempts to catch a forward pass at the A-43, but he is hit as he goes to the ground and the ball comes loose. B56 recovers the loose ball inbounds on the ground at the A-48 and then slides OB at the A-46. The officials rule catch and down at the A-43. Replays show A88 control the pass, take two steps, and turn up field before B22 hits him and the only body part down before the ball comes loose is A88's right wrist.

RULING: B 1/10 @ A-48, reset clock, snap. Reviewable aspects are the catch and fumble/down by rule. The catch is complete as the receiver met all three elements (control, body part, time). The wrist does not put the player down, so it is a fumble and there is a clear recovery by the defense. Team B's ball at the spot of the recovery and clock reset to where it was at the time of the recovery.