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The 2020 Shaw / Blandino Weekly Quiz

Week 7

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. 4/8 @ A-42. A96's punt lands at the B-10, bounces off A44's leg at the B-8 and finally goes out of bounds at the B-18. While the kick was in the air B80 signaled for a fair catch at the B-10 and then moved up-field and blocked A50 at the B-16 before the kick was dead.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-8, Snap

B80 has committed a foul for an Illegal Block foul (Rule 6-5-4). The penalty calls for a post-scrimmage kick enforcement (Rule 10-2-3) and the penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul based on the Three-And-One principle (Rule 10-2-2-c).

2. Free Kick @ A-35. The ball is muffed by B44 at the B-10 and rolls back into the end zone. B44, while pursuing the loose ball, bats the ball backwards from the end zone, where it goes out of bounds over the end line.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-25, Snap -or- Re-kick from the A-45

The result of the play is a Touchback as the kick provides the initial impetus that puts the ball in the end zone (Rule 8-7-1 & 8-7-2). B44 commits a foul for an illegal bat (9-4-1-c) when he bats the loose ball in his own end zone. Because the status of the ball is still a kick, enforcement of this foul would be from the previous spot (10-2-2-4-a).

3. 4/9 @ A-6. A12 drops back into his own end zone and intentionally grounds a forward pass to save loss of yardage.

RULING: Safety, score 2 points for Team B – or – B, 1/Goal, A-6, Snap

Team B may accept the penalty for an Illegal Forward Pass which would result in a safety (Rule 7-3-2-h). They can decline the penalty, and the incomplete forward pass on 4th down would result in Team B's ball, first and goal on the six-yard line Rule 7-3-7-c).

4. 3/10 @ A-30. B33, defending against a legal forward pass beyond the neutral zone, has his back to the ball and is waving his arms in the face of eligible A88 at the A-45, but does not make contact with the receiver. The catchable pass falls incomplete.

RULING: A, 4/10, A-30, Snap

No foul. There is no foul for defensive pass interference if there is no physical contact (Rule 7-3-9-f & AR 7-3-8 I).

5. 4/15 @ B-28. After receiving the snap place kick holder A14 flips the ball slightly backward from his knee at the B-35 to kicker A99. A99 attempts to run around the right side of the formation but is tackled at the B-25. B55 was lined up two yards off the line of scrimmage and at the snap he moved forward and leapt over A73 in an attempt to block the kick.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-14, Ready

B55 has committed a foul for leaping if there is a kick or an apparent kick. The penalty is enforced from the previous spot and includes an automatic first down (Rule 9-1-11-b).

6. 2/10 @ B-30. Ineligible lineman A70 runs more than three yards beyond the neutral zone and does not make contact with an opponent. He circles toward the flank and returns back to the neutral zone before A12 throws a legal forward pass that is complete to A88 at the B-10.

RULING: A, 2/15, B-35, Ready

A70 commits a foul for Ineligible receiver downfield. No ineligible receiver shall be or have been more than 3 yards beyond the neutral zone when the passer releases a pass that crosses the neutral zone (Rule 7-3-10) The penalty is enforced five yards from the previous spot and no loss of down.

7. 2/5 @ B-30. With the clock running, A12 is in shotgun formation. A12 muffs the snap which is then caught by running back A34. A34 immediately throws the ball forward into the ground after he possesses it. The clock reads 0:09 when the pass hits the ground.

RULING: A, 3/5, B-30, Snap

This action is legal by A34. The snap did not touch the ground and A34 was the first to control the ball (Rule 7-3-2-f & AR 7-3-2 V).

8. 2/10 @ B-40. Quarterback A12 is in a shotgun formation. He muffs the backward pass from the snapper and the ball is picked up by A63 inside the tackle box. Under a heavy rush, A63 gets outside the tackle box and from the 50 throws the ball away incomplete beyond the line of scrimmage. There were no receivers in the area.

RULING: A, 3/10, B-40, Snap

The action is legal by A63. A63 controlled the resulting backward pass from the snapper (Rule 7-3-2-h-Exception & AR 7-3-2 X).

9. 3/10 @ A-10. QB A12 scrambles under pressure into the end zone and throws a pass to the ground at the A-7 with no eligible receiver in the area. The Referee throws his flag for intentional grounding and rules the foul occurred in the end zone for a safety. Replays show A12's feet on the goal line and the ball at the A-1/2 when it was released.

RULING: A, 4/19-1/2, A-1/2. The spot of the foul is reviewable if it involves the goal line and a potential safety. It is the spot of the ball in relation to the goal line when it is released that determines whether it is a safety or not.

10. 1/10 @ A-45. QBA12's pass is intercepted by B34 who has a clear path to the end zone. He slows down near the goal line and drops the ball just as he crosses it. The ball comes to rest in the end zone with no player attempting to recover it. The ruling on the field is a TD. Replays show B34 dropped the ball at the A-1.

RULING: B 1/G @ A-1. There is no score as the ball did not break the plane within the player's possession. Since there was no recovery by either team the ball is brought back to the spot where B34 lost possession. No adjustment to the clock, snap.