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The 2021 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 2021 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 / 10-Second Runoff)

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

1. 3/15 @ B-35. QB A12 takes the snap and drops back to throw downfield. A88 is the primary receiver, and he is held by B21 at the B-25. A12, after surveying the field and finding A88 covered, tucks the ball and runs to the B-33 where he is tackled.

RULING: A, 3/3, B-23, Ready.

B21 is guilty of holding during a running play. The enforcement spot is the end of A12's run and Team B will be penalized 10-yards from that spot (Rules 10-2-2-c-2 & 10-2-2-d-1-b). There is not an automatic 1st down on this play as there was no pass that crossed the neutral zone, and Rule 9-3-5 does not apply.

2. 3/4 @ A-31. The offense is in shotgun formation and is using a clap as their starting signal. Just before the snap, linebacker B54 claps his hands to get the defensive line to slide to the left and in reaction to B-54's clap, RG A68 false starts.

RULING: A, 1/10, A-36, Ready.

The clapping action by B54 is a disconcerting signal and it is a dead-ball foul for delay of game against the Defense (Rule 7-1-5-a-5). The 5-yard penalty will result in a 1st down for Team A.

3. 3/Goal @ B-9. Team A is snapping from the right hash and QB A12 throws a fade route to A88 in the left corner of the end zone. The pass falls incomplete, but B21 contacts and impedes A88's opportunity to make a play on the catchable pass eight yards deep in the end zone. (Include the lateral ball position in your answer.)

RULING: A, 1/Goal, B-2, Snap. Ball Position – right hash.

B21 is guilty of Defensive Pass Interference in the end zone. The ball was snapped inside the Team B 17-yard line and outside the two-yard line, so the penalty is enforced from the previous spot which is also the right hash and will place the ball at the two-yard line. It will also include an automatic 1st down (Rule 7-3-8 Penalty).

4. 3/Goal @ B-9. Team A is snapping from the right hash and QB A12 throws an out route to A88 in the left flat near the sideline at the B-3. The pass falls incomplete, but B21 contacts and impedes A88's opportunity to make a play on the catchable pass at the B-3. (Include the lateral ball position in your answer.)

RULING: A, 1/Goal, B-3, Snap. Ball position – left hash.

B21 is guilty of Defensive Pass Interference at the B-3. Even though the ball was snapped inside the Team B 17-yard line, the foul occurred less than 15 yards downfield so the penalty is enforced at the spot of the foul and will place the ball on the left hash at the three-yard line. It will also include an automatic 1st down (Rule 7-3-8 Penalty).

5. 4/10 @ A-40. A90 punts, and B44 is attempting to catch the kick (no fair catch signal) at the B-20. He muffs the ball which is then caught at the B-22 by A88 who was not interfering with the opportunity of the receiver when he was in position to make the catch.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-22, Snap.

Not kick catch interference by A88. In the absence of a fair catch signal, protection against the interference with the opportunity to catch a kick ends when B44 muffs the ball (Rule 6-4-1-c). A88 may legally catch the ball at this point since the kick has crossed the neutral zone and has been touched by the receivers (Rule 6-3-3).

6. 4/10 @ A-25. A90's punt is blocked, and as the ball rolls free near the sideline, A90 bats the loose ball at the A-6 and the ball goes directly out of bounds at the A-8.

RULING: B, 1/Goal, A-3, Snap.

A90 commits a foul for Illegal Batting at the A-6 because the bat of the ball was forward. The penalty will be enforced half the distance to the goal from the spot of the batting by A90 and the penalty carries loss of down (Rule 9-4-1-c & Penalty). Since it was 4th down, it will be Team B's ball.

7. 4/10 @ A-25. A90's punt is blocked, and as the ball rolls free near the sideline. A90 bats the loose ball at the A-6 and the ball goes directly out of bounds at the A-3.

RULING: B, 1/Goal, A-3, Snap.

The batting by A90 is legal because the ball was batted backward (Rule 9-4-1-c). Since it was 4th down, Team B will take possession of the ball at the inbounds spot.

8. 4/2 @ B-12. Team A lines up in scrimmage kick formation with A12 as the holder and A90 in position to make a kick. The ball is snapped to A12 and with his right knee still down on the ground, A12 flips the ball forward to A88 who was lined up as a wing back and is just behind the snapper when he catches the ball. A88 runs to the B-9 where he is tackled.

RULING: A, 1/Goal, B-9, Ready.

The ball remains alive when A12 catches the snap with a knee down because A90 was in position to make a kick with A12 positioned to hold for the place kick (Rule 4-1-3-b Exception). A12 may pass the ball with his knee remaining on the ground.

9. 3/10 @ B-45. Late in the first half the score is tied at 14. Receiver A88 catches a pass and is hit by B23 and knocked to the ground at the B-37 (0:54). Team A lines up to go for it on 4th down and the RO stops the game to look at the hit (0:42). Replays show B23 lower his head and attack with the crown of his helmet into the chest of A88.

RULING: A 1/10 @ B-22, 0:54, snap. B23 commits a targeting foul when he lowers his head and attacks with the crown. Replay adds the foul and B23 is disqualified. The penalty is enforced from the end of the run and the clock is reset since replay created a stopped clock inside two minutes of the first half. Team A has the option to start the clock on the snap.

10. 4/10 @ 50. A1's punt is fielded by B13 at the B-1. He starts to run parallel to the goal line to avoid A54, but he is driven back into the end zone and to the ground. The officials rule forward progress at the 1-yard line. Replays show when A54 first made contact, the ball was on the goal line and never made it back out into the field of play.

RULING: Safety, FK @ A-20. The position of the ball in relation to the goal line when progress is ruled is reviewable. Here, since the ball was not entirely in the field of play when progress was stopped, it is a safety.