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The 2021 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 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. 1/10 @ 50. Quarterback A10 rolls to his right and from the A-47 pitches to A32, who muffs the ball at the A-46 and it rolls out of bounds at the A-48. The clock is stopped with 1:59 remaining in the second quarter.

RULING: A, 2/12, A-48, Snap.

A10's pass is a backward pass and remains a backward pass even though it is muffed by A32 and ultimately goes forward and out of bounds. When a backward pass goes out of bounds between the goal lines, the ball belongs to the passing team at the out-of-bounds spot (Rule 7-2-4-a). Because we are under 2:00 minutes remaining in the half, the clock will start on the snap (Rule 3-3-2-d-2).

2. 4/10 @ B-25. In the 1st possession series of the 1st extra period, A97's field goal attempt is blocked. The ball fails to cross the neutral zone and is recovered by A15 at the B-30. A15 advances to the B-14.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-14, No Clock.

Since the kick failed to cross the neutral zone, all players may catch or recover the kick and advance (Rule 6-3-1-a). A15's advance is good for a 1st down and Team A's possession series continues.

3. 4/Goal @ B-10. In the 1st possession series of the 1st extra period, A97's field goal attempt is blocked. The ball is untouched beyond the neutral zone until it is muffed by B21 at the B-5. A88 scoops the ball up at the B-3 and runs into the end zone.

RULING: A, 1/Goal, B-3, No Clock.

Since B21 has muffed the ball beyond the neutral zone, A88 may legally recover the ball at that point. The ball is dead at the B-3 and there is no advance (Rule 6-3-6-a). There is no change of possession, so Team A's possession series continues (Rule 3-1-3-e & AR 3-1-3 IX).

4. 2/5 @ A-45. QB A12 is in the pocket looking for a receiver downfield. In an attempt to sack the quarterback, B75 grabs and twists A12's face mask at the A-40, causing him to fumble. The ball is recovered by B68 at the A-40 and B68 runs to the A-35 where he goes out of bounds.

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

Face mask foul by B75 (Rule 9-1-8-b). This is a running play that ends behind the neutral zone so the penalty is enforced 15 yards from the previous spot which is the basic spot and includes an automatic 1st down (Rule 10-2-2-d-1-a). The clock will start on the Referee's signal (Rule 3-3-2-e-1).

5. 2/5 @ B-20. In the 1st possession series of the 1st extra period, A12 throws a forward pass and Team A is flagged for an illegal shift. B44 intercepts the pass at the B-5 and runs for a Touchdown. During B44's run, B54 clips A65 at midfield.

RULING: No score. Team B begins its possession series at the 25-yard line.

Score not allowed. The fouls cancel and the down is not repeated (Rule 3-1-3-g-2 & 3). Team A's possession series is ended, and Team B begins its possession series at the 25-yard line.

6. 3/5 @ B-20. Ball carrier A22 is tackled inbounds by B44 at the B-5. After the ball is dead, A54 plows into the pile on the ground hitting B44.

RULING: A, 1/10, B-20, Ready.

The foul by A54 is a dead ball foul occurring after Team A made the 1st down. The 15-yard penalty will be assessed from the dead ball spot, and the chains will not be reset until after the penalty is enforced. This will result in a 1st and 10 for Team A (Rule 5-2-7-a).

7. 2/5 @ B-20. In the 1st possession series of the 1st extra period, A12 throws a forward pass that is intercepted by B21 at the B-10, and he has a clear field to the goal line. On his run for a Touchdown, B21 turns and shows the ball and taunts Team A beginning at the A-10.

RULING: No score. Team B begins its possession series at the 40-yard line.

Team B's score is canceled, and the 15-yard penalty is carried over to Team B's possession series. Team B begins its possession series on the 40-yard line, 1st and 10 (Rule 3-1-3-g-1 & 2).

8. Free Kick @ A-35. While Team A's kickoff is in the air, B21 gives a waving signal that does not meet all the requirements of a valid fair catch signal at the B-15. The ball is caught by B44 at the B-5.

RULING: B, 1/10, B-5, Snap.

The ball is dead when caught by B44 because of the signal by B21 (Rule 6-5-3-a). It will be Team B's ball, first and 10 at the 5-yard line, where caught by B44.

9. 4/10 @ A-25. With 12:00 remaining in the 4th quarter, the score is tied at 17. A1 punts and returner B12 signals for a fair catch at the B-40. Before he can field the punt in the air, B53 who was blocking A23 is pushed into him. The ball hits the ground and bounces to the B-23 where B14 recovers and is downed. Replays show the ball hit A23 in the helmet at the B-40.

RULING: B 1/10 @ B-40. Illegal touch by A23 which gives Team B the option to take the ball at that spot. The touching is reviewable, and the 17-yard difference is significant. The blocking and contact with the returner is not reviewable.

10. 3/10 @ B-40. Receiver A88 goes to the ground near the sideline at the B-17 to catch a pass. The Side Judge has his hat off and signals that the pass is complete. Replays show A88 running down the sideline covered by B33 and stepping out of bounds at the B-25 before getting his left foot back in bounds and then catching the pass. There was no contact between A88 and B33 at any point during the route.

RULING: A 4/10 @ B-40. Illegal touching on A88, loss of down at previous spot. The hat off without a flag means the official has the receiver forced out of bounds in this situation. If there is any contact replay cannot put the receiver out of bounds on his own. If there is no contact replay can make this an illegal touch. Whether the receiver re-established and caught the pass is always reviewable.