



BLACK AND WHITE

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Week Four

1. With less than a minute remaining in the game, B trails 21 – 20. In each of the following situations the game clock will start on the RFP. In (a), B17 commits a holding foul during the down. Following the play, A78 commits an UNS conduct foul. In (b), A66 commits a holding foul during the play and following the play B33 commits an UNS foul. **Ruling: In both situations the fouls are administered separately and in order of occurrence. In (a), A is given the choice of starting the clock on the snap. Since they are ahead they will not elect this option. B will then be given the choice of starting the game clock on the snap. Since they are behind they will accept this option. In (b), B will be given the first option of starting the clock on the snap. Since they are behind they will elect this option. A, after the enforcement of B's foul will not have a game clock option as the only option is to start it on the snap which B elected to do. (Rule 3 - 4 - 7)**
2. K is in punt formation at K's 25 YL. K34, K45, and K15 form a shield a few yards in front of the punter. R47 rushes forward and in an attempt to block the kick he leaves his feet. His action takes him straight into the air but he does not attempt to leap over any member of the shield. K45 moves to block R47 and contacts him in the shins causing R47 to tumble head first into the kicker's leg. **Ruling: No foul. It is not a foul for hurdling because R47 did not attempt to jump with his feet or knees foremost over an opponent. (Rule 2 - 22) It is not a foul for blocking below the waist because R47 did not have one or both feet on the ground. (Rule 2 - 3 - 7) It is not a foul for contacting the kicker because the contact was caused by K45's block. (Rule 9 - 4 - 5d)**
3. A18 fumbles the ball at A's four YL. While the ball is still in the air, B91 bats the ball forward and the ball goes OOB behind A's GL. **Ruling: Safety. Batting a fumble in flight does not add a new force (Rule 2 - 13 - 1) nor is it a foul (Rule 9 - 7 - 2).**
4. Actual play. A86 scores the go ahead TD. B players are slow unpiling from A86. Team A's mascot runs into the EZ and helps the BJ get the B players off A86. **Ruling: Foul. "A player or nonplayer or person(s) not subject to the rules shall not hinder play by an unfair act which has no specific rule coverage". The Referee enforces any penalty he/she considers equitable, including the award of a score. (Rule 9 - 9 – 1 and penalty)**
5. For a Try, K does not make a request for spotting of the ball and the U places it in the center of the field. The kick is successful, but both teams foul. For the replay K asks to

spot the ball at the right hash mark. **Ruling: Legal. Before the RFP signal, A or K may designate the spot from which the ball is put in play anywhere between the hash marks for a try or kickoff, following a safety or TB, following a FC or awarded FC, or to begin any OT series. (Rule 4 - 3 - 6, 4 - 3 - 7)**

6. A, 3/7 on A's 40 YL. A17 hands off to A28 who is hit behind the LOS and fumbles the ball at A's 36 YL. As the ball is rolling toward the SL, A17 attempts to recover the ball, but muffs it OOB at A's 30 YL. After the ball goes OOB, A28 shoves B34 and is flagged for a PF at A's 36 YL. Where is the penalty enforced: from the spot of the fumble, the spot of the foul or the OOB spot? **Ruling: The foul is a dead ball foul and is enforced from the SS spot; where the ball went OOB. The spot of the fumble or the spot of the foul is not relevant in the enforcement of the foul. The result of the play is A, 4/17 from A's 30 YL. The 15 yard PF penalty will be enforced from A's 30 YL. It will be A, 4/32 from A's 15 YL. (Rule 10 - 4 - 5b)**
7. A, 1/10 at B's 38 YL. QB A2 takes the snap and runs to his right. A2 stops and turns to this left and throws a backward pass to A37 about 15 yards from A2. After A2 throws the pass he is hit by B54 and knocked to the ground. A37 runs the ball to B's 35 YL. The HC of A confronts the LOS official and wants B penalized for RTP. **Ruling: A, 2/7 at B's 35 YL. Rule 2 - 32 - 11 defines a passer as "... a player who throws a legal forward pass". Since A2 threw a backward pass he is not considered a passer; therefore you cannot have a RTP foul. You could possibly have a PF, if deemed appropriate.**

Mechanics

8. Actual play. The QB throws a swing pass to a running back that is forward. The LJ "punches" an arm forward to signal the pass is forward and not backward. **Ruling: Incorrect. The only signal officials are to give is when the pass is backward. The official is to "Punch Back" and yell "Back". Gold Book, page 22, 32F.**
9. Actual play. A is on their nine YL. The R is positioned six yards deep in the EZ. **Ruling: Incorrect. When the snap is inside the -10 YL reverse mechanics are to be used. The R's position is eight yards wide of the QB at 45 degrees on the EL. Gold Book, page 21, 30B1.**

Regulations

10. After a game an official posts derogative comments about a school on his Face Book account. **Ruling: Incorrect. Officials and coaches shall make no derogatory comments regarding players, coaches, or schools. Gold Book, page 37, 21A.**