

Play of the Day

Play - A **3rd & 2** on the **B 48**. The snap sails over QB A 12's head. A 86 recovers on the **A 40** and is hit and fumbles at the **A 41**. A 44 recovers at the **A 43** and runs to the **B 45** where he is tackled. B 55 pulled and twisted A 66's face mask just after the snap.

True False - In overtime, if there is a change of possession and A fouls after the change of possession, the penalties offset and the down is replayed if B's foul was prior to the change of possession.

Rule for the Day - Running Play

ARTICLE 4. a. A running play is any live-ball action other than that during a free kick play, a scrimmage kick play or a legal forward pass play.

b. A run is that segment of a running play during which a ball carrier has possession.

c. If a ball carrier loses possession by a fumble, backward pass or illegal



forward pass, **the running play includes the spot where the run ends and the loose-ball interval before possession is regained or the ball is declared dead** (A.R. 2-30-4-I and II). 4-c,d

d. A **new running play** begins when a player gains or regains possession

Determining the Enforcement Spot

d. The following are basic spots for the various categories of plays:

1. *Running plays.*

(a) ***Previous spot, when the related run ends behind the neutral zone.***

(b) *End of the related run*, when the related run ends beyond the neutral zone.

(c) *End of the related run*, on running plays that have no neutral zone.

Philosophy - 2. Officials will work to keep offensive linemen legal and will call only when obvious or where repeated warnings are ignored. **Don't wait till the 4th qtr to enforce rule.**

Ruling - A 1st & 10 at the B 33. The foul occurred after the snap and prior to the run by A 86. The interval between the snap and the recovery by A 86 is considered the first run. The penalty is enforced from the previous spot.

True False - True (3-1-3-g-3)

Thought for the day - Remember that what is hard to endure will be sweet to recall.....

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Play - Overtime 1st series. B was on offense first. Team A was penalized for an Uns foul after B's series had ended. A 1st & 10 at the **B 40**. Ball is placed in the center of the field. After the RFP, B 66 is flagged for offside with contact. Team A wants to relocate the ball to the right hash after enforcement of the 5 yard penalty.

True False - A period is not extended for an untimed down when there is an accepted dead ball treated as a live ball foul .

Rule for the day -

d. Extra periods: An extra period shall consist of two possession series with each team putting the ball in play by a snap on or between the inbounds lines on the designated 25-yard line, which becomes the opponent's 25-yard line. The snap shall be from midway between the inbounds lines on the 25-yard line, unless a different position on or between the inbounds lines is selected before the ready-for-play signal. After the ready-for-play signal, the ball may be relocated after a charged team timeout, **unless preceded by a Team A foul or offsetting penalties.**

Philosophy (NCAA)

5. If contact occurs before the runner has a foot down out-of-bounds, it is a legal hit.
6. If a runner near the sideline eases up after the whistle is blown, it is a personal foul if contact occurs. **Be alert to be sure that any contact is not part of the initial contact inbounds before calling a foul.**

Ruling - Request allowed as A's foul occurred before the RFP.

True False - True (3-2-3-A-1)



Thought for the Day - Goals are like stars. They may never be reached, but they can always be a guide.....

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Play - A 3rd & 2 on the **B 34**.

Linebacker B 55 is lined up in the neutral zone between the guard & tackle. As QB is calling signals B 55 abruptly backs out of the neutral zone (more than 1 yard) and then jumps back in toward the line of scrimmage while calling a defensive signal and stopping abruptly by stamping his foot (now he's back within 1 yard of the LOS. A 55, directly across from B55 false starts.

True False - The game clock always starts on the RFP after a media time out.

Rule for the day - ARTICLE 5.

The defensive team requirements are as follows:

a. After the ball is ready for play and before the ball is snapped:

1. No player may touch the ball except when moved illegally as in

Rule 7-1-3-a-1, nor may any player contact an opponent or in any other way interfere with him. An official shall sound his whistle immediately (A.R. 7-1-5-I-III) [S7 and S18].

2. No player may **enter the neutral zone** causing an offensive lineman to react immediately or commit any other dead-ball offside foul. An official shall sound his whistle immediately [Rules 2-18-2 and 7-1-3-a-4-(c) Exception] (A.R. 7-1-3-VIII and IX, A.R. 7-1-5-III) [S7 and S18].

3. No player shall use words or signals that disconcert opponents when they are preparing to put the ball in play. No player may call defensive signals that simulate the sound or cadence of (or otherwise interfere with) offensive starting signals. An official shall sound his whistle immediately [S7 and S21].

4. Player(s) aligned in a **stationary position within one yard** of the line of scrimmage may not make quick or abrupt actions that are not part



of normal defensive player movement in an obvious attempt to cause an offensive player(s) to foul (false start). An official shall sound his whistle immediately [S7 and S21] (A. R. 7-1-5-IV).

Philosophy (NCAA) - 7. Defensive linemen moving forward at the snap must actually be in the neutral zone to be called for offside. Moving forward on their side of the neutral zone is not a foul.

8. Regarding defensive players moving into the neutral zone prior to the snap – if in the gap, only those two offensive players are threatened – if head up on lineman, then both adjacent offensive players are threatened.

9. Anytime a defensive player shoots the gap, and there is a question as to contact, err on the side of offside and shut the play down to avoid a free shot on the QB.

Ruling - Legal movement by B 55. He is not lined up **stationary and within 1 yard** of the line of scrimmage and has not entered the neutral zone.

True False - False 3-3-2-e-12 (After a score, charged TO etc)

Thought for the day - *It's hard to beat a person who never gives up.*

[Babe Ruth](#)

1895-1948, American Baseball Player

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Play - A 4th & 2 on the **B 43**. A 88's kick is coming down at the **B 2**. The kick hits the ground at the **B 2** and rebounds back towards A's goal line. A 84 then blocks B 2 below the waist as B 22 recovers and advances the ball. B 22 fumbles at the **B 13** and A 32 recovers and advances for a touchdown.



True False - A head coaches conference may be awarded when the requesting team has used all of its time outs.

Rule for the Day- Fouls by Team A During Kicks

ARTICLE 4. Penalties for all fouls by the kicking team other than kick-catch interference (Rule 6-4) during a free kick play or a scrimmage kick play (except field goal attempts) are enforced either at the **previous spot or at the spot where the subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B, at the option of Team B.** (Rules 6-1-8 and 6-3-13)

Philosophy (NFL) - Low Blocks

If on a kickoff, a player of the kicking or receiving team breaks down and starts to go low (forget about the "fine line" of actually being above, at or below the waist) and makes no attempt to get at the runner or isn't trying to get through a seem to get at the runner then it is a foul.

Remember,

intent is the factor to consider even if the individual who is being blocked places his hands out to protect himself. This is a player safety related foul. TT #13 2007

If a player goes low to tackle a runner, misses and then after the miss contacts an opponent low, this is not a IBW. TT 2007 DP

For a player to be penalized for an illegal low block, he must have made a deliberate attempt to go low. If that player slips into the action, no foul should be called. TT #1 2008

During a change of possession, a player may not go low through an opponent to get at the runner. Also, no foul will occur if a player shoves his teammate to the ground and that player cuts an opponent below the waist as it wasn't an intentional attempt to cut an opponent. TT PS #3 2009

Ruling - A 4th & 17 on the A 42. Previous spot enforcement. 4. During a down in which there is a scrimmage kick from a scrimmage kick formation or a free kick, all players are prohibited from blocking below the waist, except against the ball carrier.

True False - True - 3-3-4-e

Thought for the Day - Honesty and frankness will make you vulnerable...Be honest and frank anyway.....