

Rule 1, 3, 4 Most Missed Questions

#7 - End of game with the score tied 21 - 21. Team R failed to score in their 1st overtime series. K has 3/6 at the R-10. K6 is in position to kick a field goal with K14 as the holder at the R-17. K14 takes the snap and without rising, throws a pass to K84 who scores. (4-2-2a, 4.2.2Ac)

1. (5, 4.85%) K touchdown. K wins, 27 – 21
2. (10, 9.71%) No score. Teams proceed to the next overtime series. Score: 21 – 21
3. (10, 9.71%) No score. Illegal pass. K, 4/18, R-22
4. (78, 75.73%) No score. K, 4/13, R-17

Matt: Once the holder throws the pass with his knee on the ground, he no longer fits the definition of a “holder” (2-32-7). Since he no longer fits that definition, the second he tries to throw the ball he’s passer (2-32-11) with his knee on the ground. This means the ball is dead immediately just like when any other player with possession of the ball has a knee on the ground (4-2-2a). Mark him down and move to the next down.

Tim: Kill it!

#24 - K, 4/8, K-24. K6 kicks a short punt. R17 signals for a fair catch but muffs the kick at the K-35. The ball rolls to the K-22 where it is recovered by K16 who advances to the K-30. (3-4-3c, 3.4.3E)

1. (4, 3.88%) K, 1/10, K-30. Clock starts on the ready
2. (86, 83.50%) K, 1/10, K-30. Clock starts on the snap
3. (13, 12.62%) K, 1/10, K-22. Clock starts on the snap

Matt: Because the muffed kick rolls back behind the original LOS, K can pick it up and advance (6-2-3) as the kick never ended (2-24-2). The clock will start on the snap because a new series is being awarded after a legal (granted very bad) kick. (3-4-3c)

Tim: Key point is that he recovered **behind** the original LOS.

#22 - A, 3/6, B-12. A14 throws a forward pass to A82. B26 steps in front of A82 and intercepts the pass at the B-3. As he is running toward the sideline, he is hit and fumbles. The ball hits the goal line pylon. (4-2-2b, 4-3-1, 8-4-2b)

1. (1, 0.97%) B, 1/10, B-3
2. (14, 13.59%) Touchback. B, 1/10, B-20
3. (1, 0.97%) Incomplete pass. A, 4/6, B-12
4. (87, 84.47%) Safety. B, Free kick, B-20

Matt: This is just like any other fumble that goes out of bounds in the endzone. B has possession after the interception (3-34-3) and the momentum rule does not apply (8-5-5, exception). As such, the ruling when a ball hits the pylon is that it is out of bounds in the endzone (1-2-4). This creates a safety (8-5-1)

#25 - K, Kickoff, K-40. K12's kick is caught by R22 at the R-14 and returned to the R-30. During the kick, R56 blocked K40 below the waist at the R-48. (3-4-2b, 3.4.2B)

1. (6, 5.88%) R, 1/10, R-30. Clock starts on the snap
2. (4, 3.92%) K, kick, R-45. Clock starts when kick is legally touched
3. (1, 0.98%) K. kick, R-45. Clock starts on the ready
4. (4, 3.92%) a or c
5. (87, 85.29%) a or b

Matt: When K commits a foul before a free kick ends there are two options for R: Assess like any other foul during a loose ball play (15 yards from the previous spot – 10-4-2b, 10-3-1a), or, the new rule, tack the 15 yards on to the succeeding spot (where the run ends – 10-4-2 Exception). Also, when there is a free kick, the clock will always start when the ball is touched by R (3-4-3).

Tim: New rule for tack on is fouls by Team K during the kick.

#21 - A, 3/6, B44. A12 throws a forward pass to A80. B26 commits pass interference on A80 at the B-36, intercepts the pass and is tackled at the B-35. (3-4-2)

1. (4, 3.88%) A, 1/10, B-36. Clock starts on the ready
2. (10, 9.71%) A, 1/10, B-29. Clock starts on the snap
3. (1, 0.97%) B, 1/10, B-35. Clock starts on the snap
4. (88, 85.44%) A, 1/10, B-29. Clock starts on the ready

Matt: Obviously we'll enforce the penalty for pass interference and give A the ball back per normal. The real question is when does the clock start afterwards? As the clock didn't stop because of a reason outlined in rule 3-4-3 (that is to say, the play didn't end in an atypical way, out of bounds, or with B next to put the ball in play), the clock will start on the ready.

Tim: And Play Clock 40. Silent wind.

#23 - K, 4/10, K-23. K leads 21-20 with less than 2 minutes remaining in the game. K's punt is very short and R23 signals for and makes a fair catch at the K-40. A chooses to snap from the right hash. During the next play, B12 commits DPI against A88, and B15 intercepts the ball at the B-28. (4-1-2c)

1. (10, 9.71%) A, 1/10, B-25. A must snap from the right hash
2. (4, 3.88%) B, 1/10, B-28
3. (89, 86.41%) A, 1/10, B-25. A may have the ball placed in the middle for a free kick to possibly score a field goal

Matt: Since the play immediately after the fair catch basically didn't happen (the down in replayed), A still has the right to place the ball wherever they want in between the hashes (4-1-2c, 4-3-7).