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Editor's Note

By Frank Kristensen



Christmas is upon us and we will now begin to look at the new rules for 2006. Thanks to Einar for putting together a good article. In the coming months we will feature the NCAA bulletins, which always include some interesting plays and rulings.

Last time I encouraged you all to send me info regarding chat rooms so that we could set up an international rules study group. Unfortunately I have not received anything from anyone. However, it is not too late. If you know something or if you know someone, who knows something about how we could set this up, please let me know.

In the meantime, we will do something similar in Denmark, using MSN Messenger. I will let you all know how that works out.

... it should be possible to meet through the internet.

In this edition, you can read more about our adventure to California and my trip to Amsterdam. You can participate in a Swedish "guessing game" and you can go to Texas for the TASO quiz. Truly an international Newsletter. ☺

Enjoy the Newsletter.

EFAF Clinic

By Perttu Hautala,

With this letter we invite to the

EFAF Officiating Clinic

January 13-15, 2006 at Milano (Italy)

Start: Saturday 14, 2006 at 09.00 h (09.00 a.m.)

End: Sunday 15, 2006 at 13.00 h (01.00 p.m.)

at

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New Rules for 2006

Compiled by Einar Bolstad, EFAF Review Committee



Every year brings new rules, and 2006 is of course no exception. We'll take a look at the rule changes, and the important editorial changes, here.

The NCAA rulebook for 2005 (EFAF 2006) lists only two rules changes. In my 13 years of officiating, that is the lowest number I can remember. Both changes listed under "Committee Action for 2005" are safety related changes and both are to be found in rule 9.

Rule 9-1-2-d: Restrictions on blocking in the rectangular area centered on the middle lineman.

New rule as follows: A player in the rectangular area may not block an opponent with the force of the initial contact from behind and at or below the knee (Exception: Against the runner).

One of the first things that strike you is the use of the term "rectangular area." This is simply the new name for the old "legal clipping zone." The size of the zone is unchanged, 10 yards wide and six yards deep centered on the middle lineman (5 yards to the left and right, three yards downfield and three yards upfield), just the name has been changed.

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The new rule restricts those blocks from behind, legal in the rectangular area, to *above* the knees. Everything else in this rule is unchanged, like who is allowed to block in the area and when it disintegrates. With this change, the only legal blocks in the rectangular area from behind at or below the knee will be blocks against a player who turns his back to a block who has committed himself to making an otherwise legal block, and of course, against the runner.

Let's look at some plays:

Play 1-1: 2nd & 6 on A's 35. A15 is lined up to receive a hand-to-hand snap. A64 is a lineman legally positioned inside the rectangular area. Immediately after the snap, A64 blocks B77 from behind (a) below the knee at Team A's 33-yard line, or (b) at the thigh at Team A's 33-yard line. A15 throws a quick screen pass to A44, who gains eight yards. RULING: In (a), A64 has committed clipping. If accepted, 15 yards from the previous spot, 2nd & 21 from A's 20. In (b), legal block as it was above the knee.

Play 1-2: 2nd & 6 on A's 35. A15 is lined up to receive a hand-to-hand snap. Fullback A34 blocks B77 from behind at Team A's 33-yard line. The contact is at (a) B77's knee, or (b) B77's thigh. RULING: Clipping in

both situations. The exception on blocks from behind in the rectangular area applies only to linemen lined up inside the area at the snap. A34 was a back, not a lineman.

Rule 9-1-2-q: All players protected from injury caused by leaping players.

New rule as follows: No defensive player, in an attempt to gain an advantage, may step, jump or stand on an opponent. No defensive player who runs forward from beyond the neutral zone in an obvious attempt to block a field goal or try may land on any player(s). It is not a foul if the leaping player was originally lined up within one yard of the line of scrimmage when the ball was snapped.

The leaping rules has now been tightened further, and from this coming season, it does not matter if the leaping player lands on a team mate or an opponent. If he starts running from his side of the neutral zone (legal if lined up within 1 yard of the LOS at the snap), jumps, and lands on ANY player, we have a foul. This is to be announced as “Personal foul – leaping” and penalized 15 yards from the previous spot and an automatic first down.

The reason for this rule is player safety. Please note that this rule does not apply to punts. The latest interpretations from the NCAA charges the leaper with a foul even if the leaping player is blocked by an opponent while airborne. A player committing a leaping foul and landing on the snapper is penalized for leaping *only*, not for roughing the snapper. That means that this penalty can not be enforced on the succeeding kick off if the kick is good, it has to be enforced from the previous spot or be declined.

Let's look at some plays...

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Play 2-1: B37 runs from 1 yard or more beyond the neutral zone and leaps from beyond the neutral zone in an attempt to block Team A's field goal kick. While airborne, snapper A57 blocks him and B37 subsequently lands on players of either team. RULING: Personal foul - leaping. Fifteen yard penalty previous spot plus a first down. Note: It is a foul even though B37 touches or blocks the kick.

Play 2-2: Field goal attempt. B31 runs forward at the snap and jumps with his arms extended vertically in an obvious attempt to block the kick. B31, who was positioned three yards beyond the line at the snap, lands on (a) snapper A52, or (b) defensive lineman (and team mate) B72. RULING: Personal foul – leaping in both situations. It does not matter if the leaper lands on an opponent or team mate. In (a), the foul is for leaping, not roughing the snapper. Penalty to be enforced from the previous spot only, if accepted.

Play 2-3: Try from the 3-yard line. B31 jumps to try to block the kick. B31 lands on guard A62. At the snap, B31 (a) was standing still in place along his line of scrimmage, or (b) ran toward the line of scrimmage. RULING: In (a), there is no foul as he was not running towards the line when he jumped. In (b), personal foul – leaping.

Those two rules are the only ones listed as rule changes, but we all know that there are many more to be found in the list of editorial changes. Here are the most important ones, in order of appearance in the rule book:

2-18-2-b: Encroachment during a free kick now called “offside”

If Team A is across their restraining line on a free kick, this foul is now referred to as *offside*, not encroachment. The signal to be used is S18, the offside signal.

2-24-1: Spearing

The word “intentional” has been removed from the definition of spearing. The intent was to tighten up the use of the helmet, but the rule as written, even after the re-write, is pretty much what it used to be. Although the rule no longer talks about intent, it does say that there must be an attempt to punish the opponent, thereby implying that intent is still a factor. However, we must pay attention to the use of the helmet as there is a great risk of injury, to both players involved, if the helmet is used as a weapon. For further information about the danger if improper use of the helmet, go here:

http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/ed_outreach/health-safety/sports_med_education/spearing_prevention.htm

3-1-3-g-2: All fouls after change of possession during tries and extra periods cancel scores

There has been some editorial changes of this rule. Let us take a look at the rule: The rules state that a score by the fouling team on a try or in extra periods cancel the score. This also applies to unsportsmanlike conduct, even though this foul is normally penalized as a dead ball foul even though it happened when the ball was live. That means that there is an exception to the rule that a live-ball unsportsmanlike conduct penalty does not affect the result of the play during which it happened. Example:

Play 3-1: The score is tied and Team A has the ball 1st & 10 on B's 25-yardline. B31 intercepts the pass and runs the ball into A's end zone. Before crossing the goalline, B31 displays his middle finger at pursuing A53. This play occurred (a) during the last timed down of the fourth period, (b) during the first series of an extra period, or (c) during a try in regulation. RULING: B31 has committed unsportsmanlike conduct, a live-ball foul penalized as a dead-ball foul. In (a), because the foul occurred during regulation on a non-try down, the score counts and Team B wins the game (no try necessary if Team A leaves the field, penalty enforced on the try if a try is to be attempted). In (b), the foul occurred during an extra period while Team B was in possession. The score is *cancelled* and the penalty is enforced at the succeeding spot. Team B will put the ball in play for the second series of the period, 1st & 10 from A's 40-yard line. In (c), the score is also cancelled but the penalty is enforced on the succeeding kick off (or extra period). Note that the foul still counts as one unsportsmanlike conduct foul for that player.

Play 3-2: Extra period, first series. 1st & 10 on B's 25-yard line. B31 intercepts a pass and runs it back for an apparent TD. After crossing the goalline, B31 directs an obscene gesture at an opponent. RULING: As this foul happened after the down, the score counts and Team B wins the game. If Team A leaves the field, there will be no try. If Team A remains on the field, penalty is to be enforced 15 yards on the try.

Play 3-3: Try from B's 3 (a) in the extension of the 4th period, or (b) during the second series of an extra period. The kick is blocked, and B42 recovers the ball and runs it into A's end zone. Before crossing the goalline, B42 directs an obscene gesture towards an opponent. RULING: B42's unsportsmanlike conduct is a live-ball foul penalized as a dead-ball foul. However, in (a), as it occurred during a try, the score is cancelled and the penalty is enforced to start the extra period, if there is one. Would be penalized on the succeeding kick off, if one was to follow. In (b), the foul occurred during an extra period. Therefore, *any* foul by them committed while the ball is in play will cancel their score. The penalty is enforced from the succeeding spot to start the next extra period, if there is one.

Also note that this applies to Team A if they score after a double change of possession, according to rule 8-3-4-b.

5-1-4-b: Continuity of downs broken on scrimmage kicks

The continuity of downs is now broken when the scrimmage kick has crossed the neutral zone. Touching by Team B is no longer required. Note rules 2-10-5, 2-15-7 and 6-3-1-b.

6-4-1-a: Kick-catch interference protection slightly modified

According to a change in 6-4-1-a, protection for a potential kick receiver ends when the ball is muffed rather than touched. The receiver is given somewhat more of an unimpeded opportunity to catch the kick. However, in reality, this change will have a minimal impact on how we rule on these plays. Check out rule 2 for the definitions of touching and muffing. However, remember that if a valid fair catch signal is given, a muff does not end the protection as long as the receiver has an opportunity to complete the catch.

7-3-2-f Exception 1, 2: Clarification on intentional grounding

From this year, we will not use the 5 yards to either side of the middle lineman to determine if a passer could legally throw the ball away across the LOS. The rule now defines that area from the outside shoulder of one tackle to the outside shoulder of the other tackle, if the tackles are lined up in a normal position. If they are lined up in an "abnormal" position, the referee will estimate where they would normally be lined up and use that as his reference instead.

9-2-1-a-1: Unsportsmanlike conduct, examples

The NCAA Rules Committee has added some more examples of what the NCAA sees as unsportsmanlike conduct. We will however continue to use the Rules Applications in the EFAF Mechanics Manual.

Here are some useful resources regarding the new rules:

2005 NCAA Rulebook: http://www.ncaa.org/library/rules/2005/2005_football_rules.pdf

2005 NCAA football rules changes:

http://www.ncaa.org/champadmin/football/2005/2005_football_rules_changes.pdf

NCAA Football 2005 Pre-Season Guide:

http://www.ncaa.org/champadmin/football/2005/2005_preseason_guide.pdf

2005 NCAA Football Rules Editorial Changes: <http://home.alltel.net/dri/2005EdChanges.html>

2005 NCAA Football Play Situations Bulletins:

http://www.ncaa.org/champadmin/football/2005/2005_play_situations_index.html

Note! Some info printed in the pre-season documents above has subsequently been changed (leaping being the prime example). The new interpretations are used in this overview. However, I still recommend that you read it, with this in mind. Also, the bulletins above may differ from EFAF rules applications.

NCAA Bulletin number 1

1. Immediately following the snap and within the rectangular area, interior lineman A66 blocks B74 with initial contact on B74's back. Ruling: Legal block (2-3-4-a, 9-3-3-c Exception 1).

2. Immediately following the snap and within the rectangular area, interior lineman A72 blocks B63 with initial contact from behind and below the knee. Ruling: Clipping. Basic spot enforcement [2-4-1-a, 9-1-2-d Exception 1-(a)]

3. As tight end A80 charges toward linebacker B53, he is blocked by B60. After a short delay and while B60 maintains contact, B70 blocks A80 at the knee. The running play gains 10 yards. Ruling: Chop block. Basic spot enforcement (2-3-3, 10-2-2-c-1).

4. On the last down of periods one or three, a Team B live ball personal foul occurs during Team A's touchdown play. Enforcement on the succeeding kick off is the Team A choice. Ruling: The kick off will be the first play of periods two or four (10-2-2-g-1).

5. On the last down of period two, a Team B personal foul penalty occurs during Team A's touchdown play. Enforcement on the succeeding Kick off is the Team A choice. Ruling: The period is not extended for a meaningless free kick. The penalty is enforced on the first play of period three which is a free kick. Note: If this situation occurs at the end of period four, the only choice is enforcement on the try (10-2-2-g-1).

**QB A6 is beyond the neutral zone when he throws the ball forward.
Ruling: ...**

6. During Team A's free kick from the 35 yard line, A22 goes out of bounds to avoid B19's block. A22 returns to the field of play and recovers the free kick at the Team B 20 yard line. Ruling: Team A first and 10 at the 20 yard line or Team A will kick again at the 30 yard line(6-1-2-g, 6-1-3-b).

7. QB A6 is beyond the neutral zone when he throws the ball forward. Ruling: Five yard penalty from the spot of the foul plus loss of down. The neutral zone consists of two planes established by the length of the ball. A6 has fouled when any part of his body is beyond the neutral zone when he throws (releases) the football in a forward direction (2-21-2, 2-17-1, 7-3-2-a).

8. On a try from the three-yard line, A29 fumbles at the four yard line and the ball is recovered in Team B's end zone by A45. Ruling: The ball is dead and the try ends. There is no score (8-3-2-d-5).

9. B31 runs from beyond the neutral zone and leaps from the neutral zone in an attempt to block Team A's field goal kick. He lands on players from both teams. Ruling: Personal foul. Fifteen yard penalty previous

spot plus a first down. This is a player safety rule and the 11 inch neutral zone is difficult to determine. When in question the leaper has left the ground from beyond the neutral zone (9-1-2-q).

10. B37 runs from beyond the neutral zone and leaps from beyond the neutral zone in an attempt to block Team A's field goal kick. While airborne, snapper A57 blocks him and B37 subsequently lands on players of either team Ruling: Personal foul. Fifteen yard penalty previous spot plus a first down. Note: It is a foul even though B37 touches or blocks the kick (9-1-2-q).

11. Fourth and three at the Team B30 yard line. Team A's pass is completed to A87 who fumbles at the Team B10 yard line and the ball rolls out of the end zone. Passer A10 was roughed on the play. Ruling: First and 10 for Team A at the 15 yard line following enforcement from the previous spot. Team A possession changed during the down when the ball rolled out of bounds (9-1-2-o).

12. Fourth and nine at the Team B 28 yard line. Team A's pass is completed to A26 who is downed at the 20 yard line. Passer A8 was roughed on the play. Ruling: First and goal for Team A at the 10 yard line following enforcement from the end of A26's run. Team A possession did not change during the down (9-1-2-o, 10-2-3).

Amster"dam" good weekend

By Frank Kristensen, Newsletter editor

The weekend of 19-20 November Arnold and Noland from Holland had asked me to come down and function as clinician at their clinic. "Please bring plenty of film with you".

In the top division in Denmark, the home team is required to film the game, which the officials take home with them. That means we can do video evaluations of all our National League games, which means that we have tons of great video footage, perfectly suited for clinics and teaching.

Problem number one: My dvds didn't work in Noland's computer. Problem number two: The power plug to my computer didn't fit in the Dutch outlets, and we couldn't find a converter that fit. Solution: Play as much film as possible until the battery goes dead, so that is what we did. We added a shortened version of a presentation of the "Basic Spot" that I did last March at a Danish clinic and took lots of questions from the audience and Arnold/Noland and it turned out that everybody was happy.

Arnold and Daphne welcomed me in their home from Friday night until Sunday morning and it was really nice to see how they live. I still haven't figured out how he managed to "bag" her!??

Saturday night after the clinic, we went to a sportsbar with a couple of avid Buckeye fans and watched Ohio State at the Big House in Michigan and that was a great experience. I found it very entertaining to listen to the fans' completely ignorant comments to what happened in the game. You certainly don't have to know the rules to be a fan!! :-)

After Michigan lost, Arnold tried to sms the big Wolverine-fan Peter Springwald, who supposedly was in the stadium, but we got no reply. :-)

It was a weekend well spent because I got to see how a clinic is put on in another country, and I got to talk about my favorite topic: Officiating.

Thanks again to Arnold and Noland for inviting me.

Websites of interest

By Frank Kristensen, Newsletter editor

I would like to thank Einar Bolstad, Norway and Alex Henriksen, Denmark for supplying these links. This may end up as a standard section in the Newsletter, if I keep getting the info, so please feel free to send me links to any sites of interest for officials.

http://media.putfile.com/Cancila_Kick_WMV
<http://inventors.about.com/od/fstartinventions/a/HistoryFootball.htm>
http://www.ezilon.com/information/article_1040.shtml
<http://www.frappr.com/>
<http://www.gmcgriff.com/discus/messages/4/2950.html?1133195026>
<http://www.ndfoa.org/rules/rule0.php>

Viking Tour '05 – Part 2

By Frank Kristensen, Newsletter editor



In the last issue, if you remember, we were in the parking lot of Laney College, and Jeff had just received a phone call from Verle Sorgen, the PAC-10 Supervisor of Officials.

It turned out that Mr Sorgen had a bit of an emergency, that he needed Jeff to help him with. The HL scheduled to work at Cal (University of California at Berkeley) the very next day had woken up Friday morning unable to move his leg, so Mr Sorgen needed Jeff to take over and work the game. What would you do in a situation like that? Of course Jeff agreed to help out and of course the three of us agreed that that was the only right thing to do, even if it meant that we would have to change some of our plans. More on that later.

We went up to the dressing rooms and met the other three guys in our six-man crew, and they were all top-notch guys. I would be working SJ, Einar was the LJ and Crazy Frank had actually agreed to work the game as Umpire. After about an hour's worth of pre-game, where we talked pretty much about the same stuff as we would in Europe, except for the fact that we spent a bit more time going over signals and stuff like that, just to make sure we would understand each other during the game, we went out to the field. This was one hour before the kick off.

Here, we had a chance to finish our pre-game duties. We could watch the players warm up and get a feel for how fast they were and what kind of formations we would be facing, and the R and U had a chance to talk to the two head coaches and relay their info to the rest of the crew.

One of the home team coaches came up to me and we ended up talking for a few minutes. Jeff mentioned in his evaluation that I talked to him for too long, so from now on when I get approached by coach I'll ask a few questions about his team and then excuse myself. Appearances are a big thing for us officials before the game, and I don't know if any of the coaches from the other team even noticed that I talked to this coach, but why run the risk of alienating some the coaches before the game has even started?

I had a big smile on my face. At least on the inside 😊

For my part, I talked to the FJ about field goals and punts and what signals we would use in different situations and I talked to the HL about how we could get the best coverage of our sideline.

Laney College has field turf. If you have heard anything good about field turf, then I'm pretty sure it's true. Only the most perfect of grass fields would be able to compare to the surface. It's a nice green color and the markings do not fade or run or anything. You don't get any paint on your shoes. You don't slip and it is nice and soft to run on, and the best part of it is... it stays like that all year around!

With about 10 to go before the kick off, the teams leave the field, so it is up to us, to get them back out in time. The deep get the captains and the wing bring in the teams. At kick off, there weren't very many spectators, but we did have TV cameras, as a local Oakland Cable Station broadcast the game.

What can I say about the game? From my perspective in the defensive backfield, it was a good game. By the end of the first quarter I had already had several long touchdown passes to my corner and one play, where I had the runner down on the B1. I had a big grin on my face. At least on the inside. :-)

The home team (which had only lost a single game all season long) pulled away only to have the visitors (who had only lost two games so far) close the gap at the end. In fact, had the visitors missed their third extra point of the game at the end, we would have ended up with a score of 44-44, but unfortunately, they made it and won 44-45 in a very close and exciting game, but again I'm getting ahead of myself.

If you remember, in the last issue, I mentioned something about a surprise in the stands. The locker rooms are too far way for us at halftime, so we go to the concession stand to get a soda, and who walks up us? The one and only Arnold Buys from Holland. We fly halfway across the entire world to work a couple of games in peace and quiet, and who shows up? A fellow EFAF official on vacation with his lovely girl friend Daphne.

Truth be told, we had given him the address of the school, but still!!! :-) All in all, a great game, and a great game to work. Afterwards we all agreed that we had been a little bit off. If we can work something out again for next year, we should probably make sure that we have a full day before the first game without any travel, just to make sure that we are 100% ready.

The speed is greater than in Europe. There is not time for hesitation, and if you don't know where to stand, where to go or where to look, it's already too late. You missed something, and with their 15 minute quarters, you do have your work cut out for you, but that is also part of the fun.

After the game, we went out to a late dinner with Jeff and the rest of the crew and had a great time.

As for the rookies, they did a good job, and I knew they would. They adjusted well to the new mechanics and Jeff even told us the crew looked as if we were used to working with each other. I think that is pretty high praise considering we had never met before and we are used to two different sets of mechanics.

After the dinner, which was around midnight, the day wasn't over for us yet. In the January issue find out what Jeff had in store for us next, and how we solved our logistical problems since Jeff had to work at Cal at the same time as we were scheduled to work our second game in a scary place called Diablo Valley. Find out what not to do at the Oakland Coliseum before an NFL game and find out just how small the world can be.

TASO Quiz

1. 4/10 from A-40, Team A is in scrimmage kick formation. A12 received the deep snap and attempts to kick the ball. B44 touches the ball as A12 drops the ball from his hands in order the kick the ball. After B44 touches the ball, A12 strikes the ball off of the side of his foot, sending the ball along the ground to the A-35 (behind the line of scrimmage) where A64 picks up the ball and advances to the B-40.

QB A12 throws an interception to B23 in the end zone.

2. 4/10 from A-40, Team A is in scrimmage kick formation. A12 received the deep snap and attempts to kick the ball. B44 touches the ball as A12 drops the ball from his hands in order the kick the ball. After B44 touches the ball, A12 never touches the ball with his foot after B44 touches it. And the ball is picked up by A64 and advances to the B-40.

3. A's ball 1st and 10 at the A-20. Team B is offside at the snap. A22 breaks through and scores a TD. During A22's run, A30 commits an illegal block in the back at the B-15.

4. The kicking team may use two of the circle-shaped tees to kick extra points, when these tees elevate the ball by 6 inches.

6. A defensive player may pull an offensive player out of the way if he is trying to make a tackle.
7. Facemasks, chin straps, mouthpieces, and shoes are mandatory equipment.
8. Post scrimmage kick enforcement rules do not apply in overtime games.
9. An illegal forward handoff penalty mandates a loss of a down.
10. 2nd and 4 from the B 18 yardline. QB A12 throws a pass to A88 who is in the end zone. B44 interferes with A88 and the pass is incomplete.

Answers

1. Legal advance for A64 as ball remained behind the NZ. 1st down for team A. Because of the legal kick down, the clock will start on the snap.

If Team B declines the penalty, the game is over...

2. This is a fumble by team-A with another player advancing the fumble on 4th down. Play should be shutdown at the A-35. Team Bs ball 1st and 10 a the point.

3. The penalties offset, and the down will be replayed. Clock will start on the snap (it was stopped for the touchdown). 10-1-4 "If live-ball fouls by both teams are reported to the referee, each such foul is an offsetting foul, the penalties cancel each other, and the down is replayed."

4. In the NCAA rules, teams are not allowed to use tees except for free kick. However, the UIL exception allows for tees that do not elevate the ball more than 2 inches above the ground. The team may not do the play described in this question.

6. True – they may push, pull, or lift offensive players when attempting to get to the runner.

7. False – all of the items are mandatory except for shoes – i.e. the barefoot kicker.

8. True. Both teams have a series to put the ball in play, and scrimmage kicks that do not score points will not have PSKE enforcement by rule.

9. False, it is only a 5-yard enforcement.

10. Pass interference fouls against Team B are spot fouls or 15 yard enforcement, and except for on try downs, never have half the distance restrictions. The ball was snapped outside the 17 yard line, therefore, by rule, the 15 yard penalty will be enforced to the B 3 yardline, 1st and goal for Team A.

Competition Swedish style

By Fereed Adus

What are the officials doing in this picture? Fereed will tell you at our clinic.



EFAF Official profile

This concludes the presentations of EFAF officials. It is not because everyone has been presented, but Thomas' profile is the last one I have on file.

Frank Kristensen
Editor

By the book

In each of the following you are given a situation and at least two possible answers. You are to decide which answer or answers are correct. Note: In kicking situations, K is the kicking team, R the receiving team.

Answers appear at the end of the Newsletter.

1. Fourth and 17 for team K from its own 13 yardline. K1's punt is high and short and hits the ground at team K's 23 yardline. After the ball hits the ground, R2 gives a fair-catch signal at team K's 25 yardline. R2 attempts to recover the loose ball, but muffs it and it rolls into team K's end zone, where R3 falls on it.
 - a. Everything's legal, team R scores a touchdown.
 - b. Team R scores a safety.
 - c. R2 has fouled, if the penalty is accepted, it is enforced from the previous spot.
 - d. R2 has fouled, if the penalty is accepted, it is enforced using PSK enforcement.
 - e. R2 has fouled, the TD counts, but if the penalty is accepted, it is enforced on the try.
 - f. R2 has fouled, if the penalty is accepted, it is enforced on the succeeding kickoff. The KO will be from the 25 yardline.
2. First and goal for team A from team B's seven yardline. A1's legal forward pass to A2 is complete. A2 steps out of bounds at team B's two yardline. The scoreboard is equipped with a horn, but it does not sound even though the clock reads 0:00.
 - a. The half is over.
 - b. The half doesn't end until the horn sounds.
 - c. It is illegal for a scoreboard to be equipped with a horn.
3. Which of the following items of player equipment must be of the same color for all team members.
 - a. Socks.
 - b. Pants.
 - c. Facemasks.
 - d. Shoes.
 - e. Mouth guards.
 - f. None of the above.
4. Team A trails by four points. The ball is snapped from team B's 20 yardline, third down, with 10 seconds left in the fourth period. Team A is out of timeouts. A1 takes the snap and to stop the game clock intentionally throws a backward pass that goes out of bounds at team B's 24 yardline.
 - a. Legal play.
 - b. A1 is guilty of an illegal pass.
 - c. The penalty is enforced from the spot of the pass.
 - d. The penalty is enforced from the previous spot.
 - e. The penalty is enforced from the spot the ball went out of bounds.
 - f. The clock starts on the ready.
 - g. The clock starts on the snap.

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By the book - Answers

1: a. (4-1-3-g, 6-5-3, 8-2-1-g)

2: a. (3-2-1-a)

3: b, c, f. (1-4-4-a, b, d, h)

4: b, c, f. (3-2-5-a-8, 7-2-1 pen, AR 3-4-3-III)

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