



GTOA Weekly Wonder

The Rose Bowl is the only bowl I've ever seen that I didn't have to clean.

-Erma Bombeck

There are two kinds of people in the world, Notre Dame lovers and Notre Dame haters. And, quite frankly, they're both a pain.

-Dan Devine, former Notre Dame football coach

I like to believe that my best hits border on felonious assault.

-Jack Tatum

He was the only man I ever saw who ran his own interference.

-Steve Owen, about Bronko Nagurski

Trying to maintain order during a legalized gang brawl involving 80 toughs with a little whistle, a hanky and a ton of prayer.

-Anonymous referee, explaining his job

There are several differences between a football game and a revolution. For one thing, a football game usually lasts longer and the participants wear uniforms. Also, there are usually more casualties in a football game. The object of the game is to move a ball past the other team's goal line. This counts as six points. No points are given for lacerations, contusions, or abrasions, but then no points are deducted, either. Kicking is very important in football. In fact, some of the more enthusiastic players even kick the ball, occasionally.

-Alfred Hitchcock

Case 1: A forward pass strikes: (a) an official standing inbounds, after which it rebounds into the air and is caught by A1 or B1; or (b) a dog or a spectator inbounds.

Ruling 1: In (a), A1 or B1 has caught a live ball. Nothing has occurred to cause the ball to become dead. In (b), the ball becomes dead immediately and is administered under the provisions of the inadvertent-whistle rule with a replay of the down.

Case 2: Third and 10 for team A at team B's 40 yard line. A21 advances to team B's 35 yard line where he is downed. After the ball is dead, (a) B52 unnecessarily knocks down A77 and A73 retaliates with a hard shove, or (b) A56 unnecessarily knocks down B50 and B66 retaliates with a hard shove.

Ruling 2: In (a), the penalty for B52's foul is first enforced to team B's 20 yard line where team A is awarded a first down. The penalty for A73's foul is then enforced back to team B's 35 yard line, first and 10 for team A. In (b), penalty for A56's foul is first enforced back to the 50 yard line. The penalty for B66's foul returns the ball to team B's 35 yard line where it will be fourth and five for team A.

Guys,

On the next page you will find a new item that we are adding for the second half of the season. This is a quiz that we are asking you to work on your own and then to discuss as a crew on your way to your game on Friday. This is a great way to have discussion on some of the topics provided and to not just talk about the weather or stare out the window on the way to your game. Grab your rules book, look up the rule that applies and see if each member of your crew comes to the same conclusion. The answers will be provided in next week's Weekly Wonder along with another set of questions.

The answers to the quizzes should include the down and distance, the line of scrimmage, the penalty enforcement if there is a penalty and the clock status.

GTOA Week 6 Quiz

1. 2nd and 6 from the B7 yard line. QB A10 pitches the ball backwards to A32 who muffs it. The ball is on the ground when B98 attempts to recover the ball but it goes into the end zone where A15 recovers it and is downed.

2. 3rd down and 4 from the B4 yard line. QB A10 receives the ball and is looking for an open receiver. Finding none he scrambles to the right and is heading toward the pylon. During A10's scramble the back judge sees receiver A32 step out of bounds along the end line under the goal post and then return inbounds. After A32 returns inbounds A10 then crosses the goal line just inside the pylon and scores.

3. 3rd and 9 from the B32 yard line. 28 seconds remain in the game and the game clock has stopped because the previous play was an incomplete pass. The score is A-21 B-24. Team A is at the line and is flagged for a false start. After the penalty is administered and the Referee has blown the ready for play the back judge notices the game clock is now reading 00:25.

4. 2nd and 12 from the B48 yard line. Team A is in a shot gun formation with the QB 7 yards from the line of scrimmage. As the ball is snapped nose guard B65 charges directly into the center knocking him backwards to the ground.

5. Team A scores a touchdown. After the score, A1 taunts B1 and a flag is thrown for A1's unsportsmanlike conduct. The referee gives the preliminary signal for the penalty. Team B's coach asks the wing official for a time-out, so he can advise the referee he wants the penalty enforced on the ensuing kickoff, not on the try. In the meantime, Captain B2 (having listened to his coach) goes to the referee and tells him Team B wants the penalty enforced on the kickoff not on the try. (Andy Turner)