



GTOA Weekly Wonder

Men are clinging to football on a level we aren't even aware of. For centuries, we ruled everything, and now, in the last ten minutes, there are all these incursions by women. It's our Alamo.

-Tony Kornheiser

Speed is not your fastest, but your slowest man. No back can run faster than his interference.

-Jock Sutherland

When it comes to football, God is prejudiced - toward big, fast kids.

-Chuck Mills

Football players, like prostitutes, are in the business of ruining their bodies for the pleasure of strangers.

-Merle Kessler

Speed, strength, and the inability to register pain immediately.

-Reggie Williams, when asked his greatest strengths as a football player

"From Andy Turner, Chair of GTOA's "Blow the Whistle On Cancer":

Referee Magazine would like to run a story on the GTOA and its support for Blow the Whistle On Cancer. So, Crew Chiefs please send me an email ([to aturner@cwlaw.com](mailto:aturner@cwlaw.com)) if your crew participated and if you asked the school to participate and if they did, approximately how much was raised? For example, my crew went to a home game @ Hale High School, the crew all participated and the School did too. The School agreed to have cheerleaders pass around a bucket soliciting contributions from the crowd. The PA announcer made several announcements about GTOA's Blow the Whistle On Cancer program. Total raised was approximately \$235.00. PLEASE send me a report on your experience ASAP so I can compile them all for Referee Magazine's benefit.

Thanks to all who participated!

Andy

Case 1: During a forward-pass play, eligible receiver A1 runs a pass pattern and it is obvious he will be unable to catch the pass from A2 because: (a) the pass is incomplete, striking the ground; or (b) it is well overthrown but in the general area of A1. In both (a) and (b), when it is obvious the pass will not be caught by A1, B1 aggressively contacts A1.

Ruling 1: In (a), because this contact is following the incomplete pass, it is a dead-ball foul and would be penalized 15 yards from the succeeding spot. In (b), because the pass was still in flight when B1 contacted A1, it was pass interference even though it is obvious the pass was overthrown and is not catchable. The penalty is 15 yards from the previous spot and an automatic first down. If the pass had been touched by a teammate of A1, prior to the contact by B1, the result would be a personal foul by B1, because A1 was obviously out of the play.

Case 2: Following a kickoff return, A1 and A2 enter the field while A3, A4 and A5 move toward the sideline. A5 stops within the 9-yard marks while A3 and A4 continue to the team box. The ball is snapped without a huddle and the quarterback throws a forward pass to A5, who has gone downfield as a wide receiver.

Ruling 2: This play is illegal because a pretended substitution is used to deceive the opponents. The penalty of 15 yards for the illegal participation foul will be administered from the previous spot since the foul occurred at the snap.

GTOA Week 7 Quiz

Go over these with your crew on the way to the game or prior to the game to get your thought going.

(Answers to Week 6 Quiz are Located Below)

1. 4th down and 11 from around the A45 yard line. A bad snap goes over the punter A32's head. A32 and B16 run toward the ball when B16 kicks the ball out to the side where B52 picks up the ball and runs in for a touchdown.

2. 3rd and 10 from the A1/2 yard line. QB A10 gets the snap and runs a QB sneak. A10 is tackled and the ball is dead with the foremost point of the ball over the goal line and part of the ball is in the end zone. After the play B96 kicks A55.

3. The kicking team kicks off from the K40 yard line. Kickoff receiver R21 is running up the sideline and catches the kickoff with one foot on the sideline at the R25 yard line.

4. 4th down and 4 from the B18 yard line. The score is A 18 - B 21. Teams A's field goal is successful. During the play B86 grabs A55's facemask and pulls him down to the ground.

5. K Punts To R From K's 40 Yard line. Before the ball goes into R'S end zone, R2 holds K2 on R's 8 yard line.

GTOA Week 6 Quiz Answers

1. If the calling official determines that the muff by B98 was a new force which caused the ball to go into the end zone then it is a touchback. Team A's ball, 1/10 @ the A20.

If the calling official determines that the muff was not a new force that caused the ball to go into the endzone then it is a safety. Two points for Team B. Team A kicks off from the A20.

If the muff by B98 is on a fumble that is still in the air then it would be A that put the ball in the end zone.

2. Touchdown.

This question hopefully generated a discussion on whether or not to call a foul if it has no bearing on the play. In this situation it would be better not to call the foul for Illegal Participation and score the TD for A.

3. B should blow his whistle and tell the R to reset the clock to 00:28.

It's important to know the status of the clock in these situations.

4. A 1/10 from the B33 yard line.

Whether or not a kick is made the center is afforded protection because the offense had at least one player 7 yards deep and no one under center to take the snap.

5. Try from the A18.

Dead ball fouls are enforced from the succeeding spot. It's important to not get confused in this situation as only fouls committed against the scoring team during the scoring play give the scoring team the option of whether to put the penalty on the Try or the Kickoff. The defense will never have that option.