

AUG 31 KICKOFFS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Instructions: These questions correspond to the playlist of kickoffs we will be covering on Aug 31. The point is simply to help guide the conversation. With the exception of question 1, all the "Question A" lines attempt to put the play in "quiz question" format. Question B, C, etc are what if situations. In all questions we should be identifying coverages (who is looking/ruling where), fouls, mechanics to report and enforce, rules that pertain to the situation and any other aspects. This document is only a guide for our conversation.

1A) First play here is just a kickoff return for TD. Identify the suspect blocks and which officials would be primary to rule on block and who might also have had a look.

2A) Opening kickoff of the 1st half. Team A kicking from A35 does a surprise pooch onside kick attempt towards the sideline. B4 makes a valid fair catch signal and is in position to catch the ball at the A48. A84 jumps at the A46 and muffs the ball while in the air. The ball is then legally recovered by A84.

2B) Same question as above but the receiving team player makes an invalid fair catch signal.

2C) Opening kickoff of the 1st half. Team A kicking from A35 does a surprise pooch onside kick attempt towards the sideline. B4 the player closest to the location where the kick eventually lands is unaware of the surprise onside kick and ran back towards his own goal line to set up a return. B81 who lined up in the middle of field recognized the onside kick, immediately signaled for the fair catch and headed towards sideline. He was at the hash when A84 jumps at the A46 near the sideline, muffs the ball while in the air and then legally recovers at the A48.

3A) A f/k @ A35. The kick is caught by B10 at the B20 and start to return. B28 blocks A7 legally and pushes him OOB during the return. A7 returns inbounds and tackles B10 at the B32.

3B) A f/k @ A35. While the kick is in flight, B28 legally block A7 out of bounds. A7 returns inbounds immediately. B10 catches the ball at the B20 and returns to the B30 where he is tackled by A7.

3C) A f/k @ A35. While the kick is in flight, A7 jukes B28 and avoids any contact when the block is missed. During that action A7 steps on the sideline with his right foot and is immediately back in bounds. B10 attempts to catch the kick but muffs it. The ball rolls toward the sideline and is recovered by A7 who has established himself inbounds.

4A) A f/k @ A35. B12 makes a valid fair catch signal at the B15. B10 cuts in front of B12 and completes the catch at the B16.

4B) A f/k @ A35. Both B10 and B12 make valid fair catch signals. B10 completes the catch at the B16.

5A) A f/k @ A35. B10 receives the kick at the B2 and starts to return. He stumbles at the B12 and falls forward at the B15, eventually landing at the B18 near the numbers. As the returner is falling B84 completes a reverse takedown at the B20 at the hash.

6A) A f/k @ A35. Returner B25 returns the ball to the B28. During the return B52 held at the POA at the B25.

7A) A f/k @ A35. Returner B2 at the moment the ball is kicked makes a valid fair catch signal. The ball is kicked towards the sideline which causes the returner to allow the ball to hit so it could bounce OOB. The ball however bounced straight up and was going to stay in the field of play so B2 caught the ball at the B8 and returned to the B16 where he is tackled.

7B) Same as above but the returner is tackled by the facemask.

7C) Same as 6A above but the returner had his foot on the sideline when he received the ball.

8A) A f/k @ A35. Returner B6 attempts to catch the kick at the goalline. He muffs the ball and ball hits in the endzone and stops right on the goalline with the nose of the ball in the field of play and part of the ball on the goalline. B6 picks up the ball and returns to the B5.

8B) same as above but B6 muffs the ball again when attempting to pick up the ball forcing it deeper into the endzone where he falls on it.

8C) same as 7B above but kicking team player A34 recovers the ball in the endzone.

8D) Same as 7A above but B6 kneels in the endzone and puts his hand on the ball as it's lying on the goalline. Fully controlling the ball with his knee on the ground in the endzone.

8E) Same as 7D above but B6 is facing his own endline. Has his knee on the ground as he picks up the ball that is lying directly on the goalline.

9A) A f/k @A35. On a surprise pooch onside kick, both B82 and A84 jump for the ball at the A48. Both at playing the ball and there is slight contact when the ball arrives. B82 muffs the ball which is then recovered by the kicking team at the A47.

10A) Af/k@A35. A surprise onside kick is a dribbler up the middle. B31 moves forward and put himself in position to recover the kick at the A45. When the ball is at the A44 he is blocked by A23. A81 recovers the ball at the A45.

10B) same as 9A above but B31 is not looking at the ball and actively attacks A23 at the A42 to knock him off course from the ball.
