

YOU MAKE THE CALL
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Play #1: 4th and 19 from K's (Kicking Team's) 35 yard line. K-18 receives the snap and makes a legal kick to awaiting R-80 (Receiving Team). While the ball is in the air, R-35 is flagged for Holding at K's 40. R-80, who is awaiting the kick, allows the ball to bounce off of his chest and is then recovered by K-55 at R's 31 yard line. Assume you are the coach of team K.

- A) Where is the ball put into play?
- B) Who has possession of the ball after this play?
- C) What is the down and distance after this play?

Play #2: 2nd and 4 from A's (Offense's) 15 yard line. A-42 catches a short pass out of the back field for a 12 yard gain to A's 27 yard line. During the play, B-60 (Defense) roughs the passer. After the play, B-60 protests the call by using obscene language directed towards the Referee that made the call. This results in an Unsportsmanlike penalty.

- A) Where is the ball put into play?
- B) What is the down and distance after the play?

Play #3: A-17 lines up for a 35 yard field goal attempt from B's 18 yard line. The snap, hold and kick are all penalty free. You are the Side Judge positioned directly under the goal post and rule that the ball passed directly over your upright.

- A) Is this a successful Field Goal attempt?

Answers:

Play 1 A: R's 31 yard line – To have this occur, the kicking team would have to decline the holding penalty. The other option would be to accept the holding penalty and have K re-kick from K's 45 yard line.

B: Whether the penalty is accepted or not, the Kicking Team will have possession of the ball.

C: It will be 1st and 10 from R's 31 yard line assuming the penalty is declined, should the penalty be accepted (which is not a good choice by K) it will be 4th and 4 from the 50 yard line.

NOTE: Post-Scrimmage Kick Enforcement rules would force this kick to be replayed, after the penalty yardage was enforced, if the penalty was accepted. To retain possession of the ball, the kicking team would have to decline the penalty so as not to replay this kick. There is no option to tack on the 10 yard holding penalty at the end of the play as the penalty occurred during the kick.

Play 2 A: B's 43 Yard Line

B: 1st and 10

NOTE: Both penalties are enforced only because one was a live ball penalty and the other was a dead ball penalty. Each penalty is enforced from the end of the play.

Play 3 A: This is NOT a successful field goal.

NOTE: This is very clear in the rule book. The ball must cross the plain of the goal post to be a successful field goal. This plain runs from the INSIDE of each post and from the TOP of the crossbar upward. Any kick crossing over the top of an upright does not cross with in this plain.