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Play #1: 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 on A's 14 yard line. A-5 fumbles the snap which is picked up by B-55 who returns the ball to his own 5 yard line where he is tackled and also fumbles the ball. This second fumble is recovered by A-66 at A's 3 yard line.

- A) What is the down and distance?
- B) What yard line is the ball placed on?

Play #2: 4<sup>th</sup> and 12 from B's 14 yard line. A is in a scrimmage kick formation looking to complete a successful 31 yard field goal. A-18 "shanks" this attempt and the ball rolls to rest at B's 2 yard line. No one downs the ball nor does it ever cross the plain of the end zone.

- A) Who has possession of the ball?
- B) What yard line is the ball placed on?
- C) What is the down and distance?

Play #3: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5 from A's 40 yard line. A-35 punts the ball to B's 20 where the punted ball bounces up and hits A-55, after this touching by A-55, B-32 picks up the ball and returns it to B's 45 where he fumbles the ball which is recovered by A-62.

- A) Who has possession of the ball?
- B) What yard line is the ball placed on?
- C) What is the down and distance?

## ANSWERS

Play 1 A: 1<sup>st</sup> and 10

B: A's 3 yard line

NOTE: Because B possessed the ball and then gave possession back to A, team A will receive a new set of downs just as if they did not possess the ball at the start of this play. It would be 1<sup>st</sup> and ten regardless of the down and distance prior to this play.

Play 2 A: B will take possession of the ball

B: B's 2 yard line

C: 1<sup>st</sup> and 10

NOTE: This play is outlined very clearly in the rule book. All field goal attempts are treated as punts. They are all lumped together and called scrimmage kicks. Just as a punt could roll dead at the 2 yard line and become B's ball, so to can a field goal attempt.

Play 3: A: B's ball

B: B's 20 yard line

C: 1<sup>st</sup> and 10

NOTE: What has occurred on this play is something known as first touching. When the kicking team touches a kicked ball prior to the receiving team touching it an official will mark the place of first touching by K. After the conclusion of the play the receiving team will have an option (assuming the play has occurred without a penalty by R) of taking the result of the play or taking the ball at the place of first touching. In the above described play, R will obviously take the ball at the place of first touching as the result of the play has K in possession at the end.