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## Editor's Note

By Frank Kristensen



I now know, with 100% certainty; it is easier to get used to warm weather, that it is to get used to cold weather. Going from snowy Denmark to sunny Tampa was very easy compared to going back the other way. Oh, well... Spring is supposed to start today – 1 March – so I have to believe that the weather has to change pretty soon.

The NFLE Clinic was great. Again. Getting to officiate some of the best athletes in the world is always a treat. Meeting some of the best officials in the US is also a privilege, to be cherished.

**Going from snowy Denmark to sunny Tampa...**

I plan to keep going back as long as someone is willing to keep sending me. If you ever the chance, please make the most of it. It is an experience to be savoured.

Enjoy the Newsletter.

## News from the Czech Republic

By Sergio "Gigio" Bellini

Hi Frank! how are you! hope well!

I just writing you to inform, that we(czech ass.am.fotball) are helping the new federations in Hungary and in Poland, to concern the official.

It is a interesting experience, full of satisfations, and a good atmosphere to work. For example, during a game in Budapest, a player who had commit a foul (an holding), were came to me and he said „ excuse me, i'm so sorry, next time i will try to do better, without foul“...can you immagine it in our leagues?.....:-)

This year we will have in czech league a new team from Pozdnam(Poland), The Crew, so we must create there new officials, for help us the organic.

I will inform you during the season, how it works...

So, the EFAF and american football in the East cuntrys is growing, we hope :-)

I am happy also to comunicate to all my friends and colegues, the born yesterday of my first czech italian son, Matteo Antonio Bellini, (Antonio like my father, yes yes, also like one of the crew of a worldbowl...:-)

3,350 kg , for now too less for play football, but we will see :-)

Hugs, hope to see you soon,

## News from Arnold Buys, Holland

By Frank Kristensen, Newsletter Editor

Here is a picture of Arnold, his lovely girlfriend and their newborn son. Congratulations to both, and good luck to his son. (just kidding)



## Shape

By Frank Kristensen, Newsletter Editor



Thursday morning at the NFLE clinic. We're eating breakfast. I look around at the 15-20 American officials in the room. All from different parts of the country, all from different conferences. NCAA as well as Arena. Different races. Different backgrounds. Different civilian jobs. Some married, some single.

And yet, with all of those differences, it was still very easy to recognize them as officials and

here is why.

They all looked the part. it was easy to see what the NFL mold is.

No long hair. No tattoos. No piercings. And they are all in shape. They all looked like athletes. They looked the part.

So if you have dreams of making it in the NFLE, the very first thing you have to do, is get in shape.

## By the Book

In each of the following you are given a situation and at least two possible answers. You are to decide which answer or answers are correct. Note: In kicking situations, K is the kicking team, R the receiving team.

For answers, click [here](#).

1. A fumble:

- a. Is the same as a muff.
- b. May be recovered and advanced by any player at any time.
- c. Occurs when the ball comes loose after a runner's hand touches the ground.
- d. Occurs when a player loses possession of a live ball other than by handing, passing or legal kick.

2. Fourth and one for team A on team B's 17 yardline. Runner A1 is thrown for a three-yard loss. After the play, B2 is flagged for a personal foul.

- a. It will be team A's ball, first and goal on team B's 10 yardline.
- b. It will be team B's ball, first and 20 on B's 10 yardline.
- c. It will be team B's ball, first and 10 on team B's 10 yardline.
- d. It will be team B's ball, first and 10 on team B's 17 yardline.

3. Team K's kick try passes completely between both uprights and completely above the crossbar and beyond it. A gust of wind then blows back the ball, which lands in the end zone after crossing above the cross on its way back.

- a. The kick is no good.
- b. The kick is good.

4. Same as number 3, but the ball passes under the crossbar on its way back.
- The kick is no good.
  - The kick is good.
5. A loss of down is part of the penalty for which of the following fouls?
- Ineligible receiver downfield.
  - Offensive pass interference.
  - Illegal forward handling.
  - Planned loose ball play.

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## Websites of interest

By Frank Kristensen, Newsletter editor

<http://www.theync.com/vbgreatplay.htm>

**Max is the man!!!** He has managed to set up a chat room for us. Go to <http://lnx.huddle.org/chatphp> and register. This is a chat room exclusively for us officials, and my suggestion is this:

We can meet online every **Wednesday at 8 PM standard European time**. We can use this forum to talk about rules, mechanics, philosophy or anything else we want. We can use situations from our own games or we can use quizzes either our own or from the US.

We can also use this chat room to prepare for our upcoming EFAF games. The only limit is our own imaginations.

Also, if you have any questions regarding the quizzes in this Newsletter, mention that in the chat, and we'll get a good discussion going.

## Greetings from Spain

By José Rebés



Las Rozas  
near Madrid  
Sunday Feb26th

Youth Spanish League:



It is Spain, sunny in people's mind, like this for us ... brrrrrrrr .... under zero ..... brrrrrrrrrrrr .....

## TASO Quiz

The last one.

1. On an on-side kick by Team A from the A40. Ball is touched by A23 at the A 48-yardline and then goes out of bounds at the 50 yardline.
2. 2nd and 5 from the B 30-yardline. QB A12 throws a legal forward pass to A80 in the endzone, and the ball is caught. B23 is flagged for roughing the passer. Down, distance, clock status.
3. 2nd and 5 from the B 30-yardline. QB A12 throws a legal forward pass to A80 in the endzone, and the ball is caught. B23 is flagged for defensive pass interference in the endzone. Down, distance, clock status.
4. Team A, 1st & goal at the B 3-yardline. QB throws a legal forward pass that is intercepted and returned for a Team B touchdown. Team B commits a Block in the Back above the Waist following the interception, which occurs in the Team B end zone.
5. 4th and 4 at the B15. The Defensive Back commits Defensive Pass Interference on an incomplete catchable legal forward pass. The defensive pass interference occurred in the Team B end zone.
6. 3rd and 4 at the B26. The score is tied. Team B intercepts a legal forward pass in the end zone and during the run back, B45 clipped in B's end zone and Team A was in an illegal formation. Time expires in the fourth quarter during the down.
7. 3rd down and 5 at the B45. A 23 runs for 6 yards. The Tight End who was positioned with his hands on his knees - shifted to the other end of the formation after the snapper had touched the ball - this initially leaves the Tackle on the end of the line. There were still seven men on the Line of Scrimmage.
8. Where will the ball next be put in play (yard line and hash mark) on a try from the 3-yard line and the ball in the middle of the field? "A" runs to his right and is tackled in the right side zone by the facemask at the 2-yard line.
9. 4th and 6 at the A25. The snap is over the kicker's head and is rolling at the A3. The Kicker intentionally kicks the ball into and out of the end zone.
10. 4th and 6 at the A25. The snap is over the kicker's head and is rolling at the A3 – where the Kicker bats the ball into and out of the end zone.

## Answers

1. B 1st and 10 at the spot of illegal touching or have Team A rekick from A35.
2. The touchdown will stand. Team A can enforce the penalty on the try or succeeding kickoff. Clock will start on the legal touching of the football on the succeeding kickoff.
3. Because pass interference is not a personal foul, Team A will have to decline the penalty to keep the points. The penalty may not be carried over to the try of the succeeding kick off.
4. The result of the play is a touchdown, however, Team A will elect to enforce the penalty for the block in the back. The enforcement spot for this penalty is the endzone, therefore, Team A will score a safety and Team B will next kick off from the 20-yardline.
5. 1st and goal from Team A from the B 2-yardline. The clock will start on the snap.
6. The penalties will offset and the down will be replayed as an untimed down.
7. The end man on the line of scrimmage is allowed to move to a new position as long as his movement does not imitate the start of a play. This is legal and it will be 1st and 10 for Team A from the B 39-yardline.

8. Replay from the B1 A has option of location of next snap.

9. Team B has an option, they can take the result of the play which is a safety, or they can enforce the illegal kick penalty from the 3 which is half the distance plus a loss of down making it 1st and Goal from the A 1.5-yardline.

10. The kicker may legally bat the backward pass (snap) backward, he may not bat it forward. Therefore, the bat is legal and Team B will be awarded a safety which is the result of the play.

## The Frank Study Guide

By Frank Kristensen, Newsletter editor

I started including pre-snap lists for different positions from my Study Guide, and then, for some reason, I stopped.

From now on, this will be a regular section in the Newsletter. It will either be a pre-snap list of some sort, or it will be a discussion of some sort, like the one below, which examines the special rules for Overtime.

### Special rules for OT

1. First there is a coin toss w/o the option to defer.
2. 1/10 @ B25. The ball can be snapped anywhere between the inbounds lines.  
Team A can decide where (laterally on the B25 yardline) to put the ball in play, provided they make the request prior to the RFP (or prior to the RFP after a team TO). If A has committed a foul or there has been offsetting fouls, A no longer has this option.  
Team A false starts, and then calls a TO. They are not allowed to have the ball moved.
3. If A recovers a B fumble or backward pass, (double COP) A does not get a new series. Their only option is to score on that play.
4. Beginning with the 3<sup>rd</sup> OT period, 1-point tries will not score 1 point.
5. If a TD determines the winner, the PAT is canceled.
6. 1 team-TO per team per OT-period. Any TO between periods counts towards the following period.
7. W/O COP. No live ball fouls carry over to the next series, if A scores. Enforce on the succeeding play.  
However, during TRYs, any PF against the snapper (only in a scrimmage kick formation), holder, kicker or passer can be penalized on a replay or carry over to the next series. Live ball fouls penalized as dead ball fouls (UNC) carry over to the succeeding series.  
If A commits UNC before scoring, the score counts, but only if there has been no COP.
8. W/ COP, DB PF, UNC and flagrant PF's after B gains possession can be penalized on the succeeding play. All other distance penalties are declined by rule.  
Any foul by scoring team negates the score.
9. If ANY two fouls can offset prior to change of possession the play is replayed.
10. No PSK in OT. Basic spot is the previous spot.

### Penalty Enforcement

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During the first series of an overtime period, B60 is lined up in the neutral zone at the snap. QB A10's pass is intercepted by B36 and, during his return, A76 aggressively blindsides B62 who had slowed down several yards behind the play. Ruling: Any score is nullified and penalties are declined by rule. New series for Team B at the 12½-yard line.

Ruling: DOF is declined by rule and the flagrant PF is enforced from the succeeding spot in the next series.

No PSK in OT. Basic spot is the previous spot.

### **Practical stuff**

If you get a new email address, please let me know, so I can update my file. That will also ensure that you always receive the Newsletter and other pieces of information from EFAF.

### **By the book - Answers**

- 1: d. (2-10-1, 2-10-2, 4-1-3-j, 7-2-2-a Exc, 7-2-2-b exc, 8-3-2-d-5, AR2-23-1-I, AR 8-3-2 IX-XI)
- 2: c. (5-1-1-c, 5-2-4-f)
- 3: a. (8-4-1)
- 4: b. (8-4-1)
- 5: c, d. (7-1-6, 7-1-7)

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