

OBSERVERS PLAYS OF INTEREST—WEEK 8

Clip #1 Is the action by the offensive lineman considered a false start in an attempt to draw the defense offsides? Watch and decide. What is the definition of a false start? Rule 7-1-7 is one all officials should know. How would you apply it here?

Clip #2 Great coverage by the Back Judge on a long scoring play. When he sees that the play is breaking for a long gain, he hustles downfield to the goal line. When the runner goes into the endzone he tells the Head Linesman confirming that the runner had not stepped out of bounds and then gives the touchdown signal while pivoting to watch the players in the endzone to make sure nothing happens. This is an example of excellent coverage by the Back Judge and solid dead ball officiating.

Clip #3 Here we have a punt play. Note that the LJ starts downfield on the snap to help the BJ with coverage while the HL holds the line of scrimmage. The punt is blocked and the referee and head linesman are in perfect position to rule on recovery. This is a great example of doing the mechanics the proper way and seeing how they help put you in a great position to handle the blocked punt.

Clip #4 Here we have a PAT kick. All members of the crew handle their responsibilities well and have solid mechanics. The referee positions himself between the snapper and holder until the umpire is nearly in position and then moves to his pre-kick position. When the kick is successful the Back Judge and Umpire both signal that the kick is good. The wings both crash in when the kick ends to assist with player supervision. Then everyone squares out and goes up the sideline at a jog to their pre-kickoff positions. The wing officials both stop to monitor their team's huddle to get them out on time. Well done mechanics.