

RTO Video Clip Observation Notes 11/03/2019

Play #1 Our first play for this week is a bit hard to see due to the post in the way. It is going to be a run to just beyond the post where the runner appears to be forced back almost 10 yards. We can see the LJ with a spot for forward progress that appears to be 5 yards behind where the runner appears to have reached. We can't say for sure why the spot was 5 yards further back, but what we can learn from is the positioning of the LJ as this play developed. As the runner is going forward, he appears to stay even with him instead of trailing the play a bit. Regardless of where the forward progress spot ends up, should the LJ have used his bean bag to mark it and then continue moving with the play? Should the LJ have blown his whistle to kill the play when the runner was moved back (he did blow his whistle when the runner had been pushed back nearly ten yards)? Did the LJ see something that we have missed that led him to mark forward progress back 5 yards??

Play #2 Play number two is a "you make the call" kind of play. What we are looking at is a scramble by the QB and a block by one of his linemen on a defender chasing the QB. Question: Is this block a blindside block? Does the defender see the blocker approaching? Or is this another type of foul? Was the block even necessary? Of course, it is much easier for us to judge with the benefit of video and slow-motion. Would you have called a foul here?

Play #3 Our last play in this series highlights a penalty enforcement. If you watch the enforcement carefully, you will see the line judge on the correct enforcement line and the umpire begin the enforcement one yard ahead of the line judge. The umpire checks with the line judge, sees the error, and corrects it before the enforcement begins. Following the correct mechanic of making sure the LJ is on the enforcement spot before beginning enforcement and correcting the error saved this crew any problem with the enforcement. We doubt anyone in the stands even saw the problem and correction. Kudos to this crew for following the mechanics.

This is the last Observer Plays of Interest for the season. We hope these have been educational for you and look forward to producing them again next season.