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Why stuff happens on kicks? Ball is not round; special team = special players.



Vs.



Review the following plays in your pregame:

Scrimmage kicks

1. K punts the ball and is blocked and does not cross the NZ, K may get possession and advance the ball but **MUST** make the line to gain.
2. K punts the ball and it goes beyond the NZ, it is dead when K gets possession.
3. K punts the ball and it goes beyond the NZ and the ball returns behind the NZ (either untouched or via muff), K can recover and advance. If it is muffed by R and returns behind the NZ, K does not have to make the line to gain (see case book page 44 6.2.3 sit. A),
4. K punts the ball and it is muffed by R without any first touching, **IT IS A FIRST DOWN FOR SOMEBODY** but if recovered by K, they cannot advance a kick.
5. If it is touched by K in flight and R is in position to make a catch, it is kick catching interference.
6. K may catch, touch, muff or bat a PUNT if no player of R is in position to catch the ball.
7. First touching is same as free kicks.
8. Touching of a low scrimmage kick by **any** player is ignored if it is in or behind the **expanded** (2yds) NZ. (low kick hits back or lineman or def. player and goes past NZ it is same as if not touched and ignored.)
9. Kick jointly recovered by R and K belongs to R.

Summary: So, if the ball is **BEHIND** the neutral zone, touched or untouched by R **BEYOND** the zone, it can be picked up and advanced by K. If untouched, K must make the line-to-gain, if touched it gets a new series of downs regardless of the dead-ball spot.

Goal line treated as a vertical plane:

1. K's punt is in flight and breaks the PLANE of B's goal line ball becomes dead and is a touchback
2. K's punt is caught by B Inside the 5 yardline and their momentum takes them into the endzone: can run it out, or take a knee and ball is returned to the momentum spot provided the ball remains in the endzone (bean bag)
3. R is positioned in the endzone and catches the ball at the 1 yard line, live ball but inside the 1 (when in question) should be a touchback