
Subject: Re: Finally in love with American Football!
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StarbuzzAlso a question:

Why do they kick the ball after the fourth down? And after they do so, do they start the play from the yardage line closest to where the ball lands? Or I am being n00b?

They punt the ball ON fourth down. That isn't mandatory, but it's best to punt the ball unless the team is trailing late in the game.

Unless a kick returner fields the ball and attempts to run towards their opponent's goal line, the ball is placed where the ball rests. If it's a kick off (not a punt... kick off's happen when a team scores or it's the beginning of the half), and it goes out of bounds, then it's placed at the opponent's 35 (or 45?) yard line. This isn't the same for punts. If a punt goes out of bounds, it's placed at the point where it goes out of bounds.
