"Penalty Enforcement"
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Penalty Enforcement
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"3-and-1" Principle
If the foul is by the team not in possession either behind or beyond the basic spot or by the team in possession beyond the basic spot, the penalty is enforced from the basic spot. This is the "3" in the name. The fourth is the remaining one -- by the team in possession behind the basic spot. This is the "1," and the penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul.

Where is the Basic Spot?
It can be either...
- End of the Run
- Previous Spot
- Post-Scrimmage Kick Spot
End of Run is Basic Spot
For running plays when there is no neutral zone.

Previous Spot is Basic Spot
For running plays that end behind the neutral zone.

Previous Spot is Basic Spot
For legal forward pass plays.

Previous Spot is Basic Spot
For free kick plays.

Previous Spot is Basic Spot
For scrimmage kick plays other than post-scrimmage kick fouls.

Post-Srимmage Kick Spot is Basic Spot
For places that have post-scrimmage kick spots.

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End of the run is commonly where the runner is....

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End of the run can also be where the runner....

FUMBLED the ball

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End of the run can also be where the runner....

HANDS-OFF the ball.  #5 hands the ball to #17

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End of the run can also be where the runner....

throws a BACKWARD PASS.  #60 tosses the ball backward to #25

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End of the run can also be where the runner....

throws an ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS  #10 throws a second forward pass

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End of the run can also be where the runner....

makes an ILLEGAL SCRIMMAGE KICK beyond the neutral zone

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Second and four at the B-45. A8 gains five yards to the B-40 where B52 pulls him down by the face mask, A8 fumbles the ball, which A65 recovers on the ground at the B-35.

**Answer**

The 15 yard penalty is from the B-40 which is the end of the run. A's ball 1st and 10 at the B-25. The first running play which includes the fumble ends at the B-35, but the basic spot is at the end of the related run, the B-40. The second running play, A65's, is not a factor in administering the penalty because the foul occurred during the running play related to A8.