

Play of the Week #7

With two outs and R1 on first base, B4 hits a deep fly ball that lands untouched.

R1 advances to home and B4 ends up at third base. However, both runners missed second base on their way to third base.

F6 calls for the ball and steps on second base to appeal the runner missing second base. The base umpire asks which runner they are appealing and F6 states the runner from first base.

What's your call?

Answer:

The actions of F6 would imply that she is asking for an appeal. Since there were two violations (R1 and B4) the umpire would need to clarify which runner the defense is appealing. It would be proper for the base umpire to ask her who she is appealing and she would then need to tell the base umpire whether it was R1 or B4 that missed 2nd base.

The umpire would rule R1 out on the appeal, the inning is over and no runs score.

(2-1-1, 2-1-2a, 2-1-3a, 8-6-6, 9-1-1 EXCEPTION c)

As a side, if R1 had touched 2nd base and B4 missed the base and F6 appealed R1 missing the base, she could then appeal B4 missing the base. In this case the run would count and the inning would be over.

