

HERE'S WHY RUN BY SURFMAN WAS MADE

When Paul Withington of the Outriggers grabbed the ball from a Waikiki man's arms, after a Waikiki punt, last Sunday and raced down the field and put it behind the goal posts he believed that he had made a touchdown. But the referee called the ball back and started play where the punt was caught for the umpire had blown the whistle.

An approved ruling in the football guide says that when a member of a side kicking the ball is touched while off-side by the ball it does not make the ball automatically dead and play may ensue and the penalty may be declined. What the Waikiki man should have done after catching his own punt was to have held on to the ball and turned it over to the referee's hands only.

Whether the whistle of the umpire blew before or after Withington started away with the ball is not certain. Some say one thing and some say another. The umpire cannot stop the game by blowing his whistle but inasmuch as the whistle of both umpire and referee were the same, the players cannot be blamed for mistaking the umpire's whistle for that of the referee is the general opinion of the fans.