

and earned Super Bowl MVP honors in a 41-33 victor

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ORLANDO <http://www.indianapoliscoltsteamonline.com/bobby-okereke-jersey> , Fla. (AP) — The NFL's new rule outlawing a player from lowering his head to initially make any sort of hit with his helmet likely will be included in replay reviews for officials. That has not been decided yet, but Commissioner Roger Goodell and competition committee chairman Rich McKay made it clear Wednesday that video reviews probably will be part of the process. "If we're able to have replay confirm one of these fouls and also confirms a player be ejected," Goodell said as the league meetings concluded, "I think there is more confidence among the coaches it will be called accurately." After noting the unanimous approval of the new rule among coaches, Goodell said on-field officials felt the same way. "We think that is appropriate to do and it would be the first time we use replay for safety or in respect to any kind of foul," Goodell added. Late Tuesday, the owners rewrote the rule on using the helmet, making it a 15-yard penalty for any player to lower his head to initiate any hit with the helmet. McKay called it "a significant change," noting that it was a "technique too dangerous for the player doing it and the player being hit." While the offender could be disqualified

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, owners did not call for an automatic ejection on such a play — at least not yet. In college football, when a player is penalized for targeting and a replay review affirms it, he is ejected. Including replay will be discussed and very possibly implemented at the NFL's May meetings in Atlanta, where another full agenda will include discussions of changes to the league's national anthem policy; the potential sale of the Carolina Panthers; and awarding the 2019 and 2020 drafts to two of the five finalist cities. Before then, Goodell stressed that the workings of the new helmet use rule will be made clear to the players. "Our intent is to go to each team with tape and all the analysis work done (by the football operations, technology and medical staffs) and be able to present it to them," Goodell said. "We can take the head out, and we do want to make sure certain techniques are not used in our game." Like the coaches, the owners were emphatically behind the change. "We've done so much research and investigation on what creates the real concussive plays in the NFL

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," Eagles owner Jeff Lurie said, "and it became obvious that so many of the plays are through the lowering of the helmet and using the helmet as a weapon. I thought this (rule) was very important." Earlier, owners passed two more rules changes. Most noteworthy, the league eliminated the requirement that a team that scores a winning touchdown at the end of regulation kick the extra point or go for a 2-point conversion. In a January playoff game that Minnesota memorably won on a final pass play, New Orleans players were required to return to the field after leaving for a meaningless extra point. The Vikings took a knee. Of course, bettors and fantasy players could have a stake in the PAT, but neither participating team did, particularly now that points scored or points differential is so low in any tiebreaking procedures. The owners also approved closing an overtime loophole that could have been embarrassing had it ever occurred. Now, if the team that gets the ball first scores a field goal

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, then the opponent loses possession by an interception or fumble on its first series, the down will be permitted to run to its conclusion, including awarding points scored by either team during the down. Previously, the turnover ended the game regardless — even though the team getting the takeaway conceivably could itself turn over the ball on that play and see it returned for a score by the opponent. Got it? PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Nick Foles will lead the Philadelphia Eagles into the playoffs. Coach Doug Pederson said Foles is "feeling good" after suffering a chest injury and will start when the Eagles (9-7) face the Bears (12-4) in an NFC wild-card game next Sunday. "We'll take care of him and make sure he's ready," Pederson said Monday. Pederson said Nate Sudfeld is the backup as of right now and couldn't provide an update on Carson Wentz's back injury. He wouldn't commit to starting Foles if the Eagles advance. "There is no guarantee we're going to win this game," Pederson said. "I'll evaluate next Monday." The Eagles earned a playoff berth with a 24-0 win at Washington coupled with

Chicago's victory at Minnesota. Foles is 6-0 in must-win games filling in for Wentz the past two seasons, including 3-0 in the playoffs and earned Super Bowl MVP honors in a 41-33 victory over New England. He tied an NFL record by completing 25 consecutive passes in the win against the Redskins and has been outstanding in three starts since Wentz was sidelined. Sudfeld relieved Foles and tossed a touchdown pass on his only throw. The Eagles will have off Tuesday and a walk-through practice Wednesday so Foles has more time to prepare for the Bears. Foles stepped in last season after Wentz tore two knee ligaments in December and led Philadelphia to its first NFL title since 1960. The Eagles have a far more difficult path this time as they try to become the third No. 6 seed to win a Super Bowl, joining the 2005 Steelers and 2010 Packers. "Last year we had luxury of having a bye and playing at home for two games," Pederson said. "We understand that we're on the road. But having guys that have been through it

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, I think the heightened sense of awareness, the urgency, the sort of do-or-die, backs-against-the-wall mentality, those are all things we can definitely draw from last year's postseason run now into this game."

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