The Pluperfect Subjunctive

The Pluperfect Subjunctive, active and passive, is a Secondary Sequence Tense, and is never used in Purpose or Result Clauses. It is expressed in English by the helping verb phrases *might have* or *would have*. The formation rule is simple.

**Pluperfect Active Subjunctive:** Use the perfect active stem (third principal part minus –i); add the sign –isse-; add the personal endings beginning with –m.

**NOTA BENE:** By adding –isse to the perfect active stem, the perfect active infinitive is formed. Thus, the Pluperfect Active Subjunctive is the perfect active infinitive + personal endings.

vocavissem (I might have called, I would have called)
vocavisses (you might have called, you would have called)
vocavisset (he might have called, he would have called)
vocavissemus (we might have called, we would have called)
vocavissetis (you might have called, you would have called)
vocavissent (they might have called, they would have called)
monuissem, etc.
rexissem, etc.
cepissem, etc.
audivissem, etc.

*Irregular verb* formation is identical:
fuissem, etc.
potuissem, etc.
ivissem, etc.
tulissem, etc.
voluissem, etc.
**Pluperfect Passive Subjunctive:** The principle the same as that of the Pluperfect Passive Indicative:

Perfect Passive Participle (fourth principal part) + imperfect tense of *sum*.

For the Pluperfect Passive Subjunctive, *sum* is conjugated in the Imperfect Subjunctive:

vocatus *essem* (I might have been called, I would have been called)
vocati *essent* (they might have been called, they would have been called)

*Irregular verb* formation is identical.

fero, ferre, tuli, latus, carry:

latus *essem* (I might have been carried, I would have been carried)
lati *essemus* (we might have been carried, we would have been carried)

The Pluperfect Subjunctive, active voice, of all *deponent verbs* is formed by the Pluperfect Passive Subjunctive rule.
Quiz #8: Synopsis of regular verbs in the Subjunctive Mood, all four tenses, active and passive voices.

1. transporto, -are, -avi, -atus, *carry over* (2/pl/active):

   Present:  
   Imperfect:  
   Perfect:  
   Pluperfect:  

2. scio, -ire, -ivi, -itus, *know* (3/s/passive):

   Present:  
   Imperfect:  
   Perfect:  
   Pluperfect:  

*carry over* (2/pl/active):

   Present:  
   Imperfect:  
   Perfect:  
   Pluperfect:  

*know* (3/s/passive):

   Present:  
   Imperfect:  
   Perfect:  
   Pluperfect:  

You may carry over
You might carry over
You may have carried over
You might have carried over

It may be known
It might be known
It may have been known
It might have been known