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ESPN made a mistake hiring Rush Limbaugh

By ERIC THOMAS Staff Reporter

Rush Limbaugh is an idiot.

As if you needed to hear more about this topic, you are going to anyway. On October 1, Limbaugh resigned from ESPN because of comments he made about Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb.

"I think what we've had here is a little social concern in the NFL. The media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well. ... There is a little hope invested in McNabb, and he got a lot of credit for the performance of this team that he didn't deserve. The defense carried this team." That's the quote.

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I am not an Eagles fan, never will be, but facts are facts. When you break down those comments, you realize two things. One, quite obviously, ESPN made a mistake in hiring this bag of hot air. Two, he has no concept of football whatsoever and if he was as good a journalist as he always claimed

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he has been, he would have looked up numbers, hell even

sat down and maybe watched a game or two. Had he done that, he would have realized that his comments

have realized that his comments wouldn't stand up in any argument.

McNabb is not the product of the media wanting a black quarterback to do well. He is the product of God-given talent. He is the product of the modern day, more athletic quarterback. No member of the media is out there taking the snaps for him or telling him what to do in practice.

When you look at the NFL it

is plain to see that there are at least four black quarterbacks anyone would go to war with on a Sunday. This season alone, Quincy Carter of Dallas has added his name to that list, at least on mine he has.

McNabb, a veteran of six NFL seasons has been the sole, yes sole, reason the Eagles are mentioned with the phrase "Super Bowl contender" the last three years.

Defense, yeah it is good, and yes it made plays here and there, but numbers and videotape don't lie.

Through McNabb's first three seasons in the league, he has thrown for 7,546 yards. Those aren't Brett Favre numbers, but remember he played only half of his rookie season behind Doug Pederson.

For his career, he has tossed for 10,499 yards and has accounted for 73 percent and 76 percent of the Eagles offense in the past two years respectively. His quarterback rating tore up the chart going from 60.1 as a rookie, to 86.0 last season. His completion percentage skyrocketed from 49.1 to 58.4. Those are massive leaps and gains by a guy no one in Philly wanted to begin with.

Now, that said, there is something to be added about ESPN. They knew what they were getting when they hired Limbaugh. The thought that this guy would add anything intelligent to the broadcast was totally misunderstood.

At first I blamed ESPN for hiring El-Rushbo, but after thinking about it more and more since it happened I put the blame squarely on Limbaugh for being an overrated product of his own mind.

And honestly after all of this I can say he is an embarrassment to the profession, he's an embarrassment to the human race. He's not a role model, he doesn't deserve your attention. He acted like a child with these comments so what he deserves is to be sat down in a corner with a huge dunce cap on. He deserves all of the negative publicity because quite frankly, he shot himself in the foot.

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