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At some point, he has to grow up and stop this garbage, no matter how talented he is. He has to control his rage — many players have done it!

I think the coaches have to start holding him accountable as well instead of seemingly condoning this because you want a nasty defensive line.

Just like in baseball, there are unwritten rules that you don't break and he did with this play, as well as those in the past. The goal is to win games and not end careers.

Players know who is dirty and who isn't; they know because they go up against these guys.

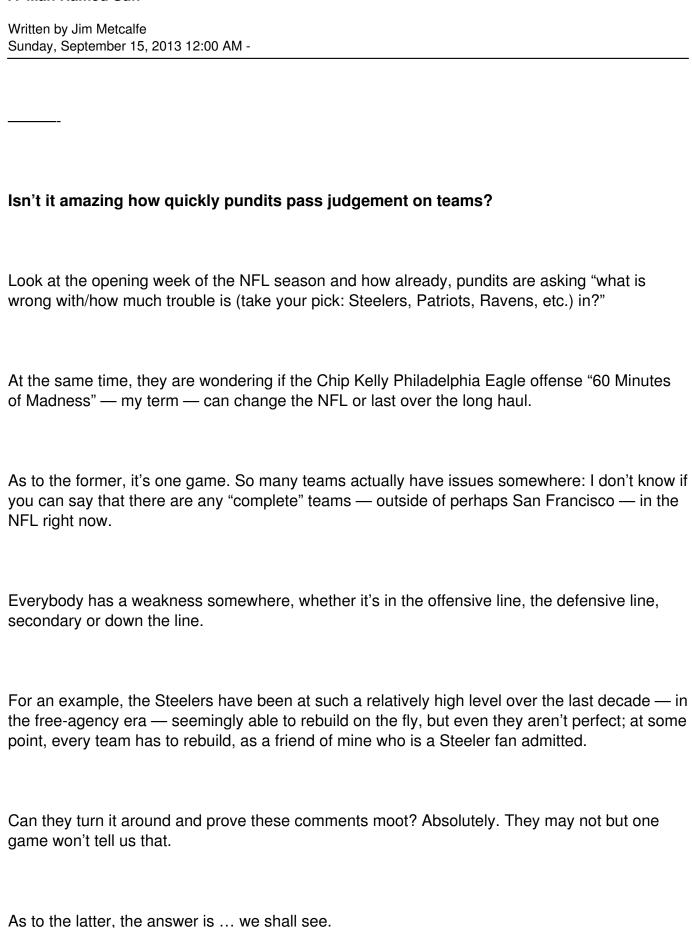
If he is so sorry, I make a suggestion; don't appeal the fine. Man up to what you did and go from there.

I wonder if at some point, the players tell the union to NOT support this kind of stuff; after all, it is THEIR careers that are at stake when someone does something ridiculous like this, especially in the age of trying to make the game safer.

My guess is that pigs will fly — the GEICO ad notwithstanding! — before this happens, just like the Alex Rodriguez case regarding his 211-game suspension still hasn't been heard and won't be until the day after the regular season ends, Sept. 30 — or until the Yankees are eliminated from the playoffs, should they make them.

The more things "change" ...

I won't go into what I think of the lateness of the Rodriguez "hearing" two months after the suspension was supposed to begin — I'll let "justice" be served in that one.



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I kind of like an offense that likes to get a lot of plays off — like a fast break in basketball — and will utilize all of its weapons — but it's going to have to. They better have a lot of depth because if they think a running back like LeSean McCoy is going to be able to handle 31 carries a game over 16 games — well, pigs might fly!

My guess is that those offensive linemen are also going to have to slim down and get quicker, faster and well-conditioned — I don't think 330-pound left tackle Jason Peters, for example, is going to be able to stay at that weight over the year and in the future.

I don't imagine that it will also be in Michael Vick's best interest to expose him to that many extra hits over the course of a game like that, especially since he isn't necessarily that durable.

Two, that defense also better be extremely deep because they may end up playing an awful lot of plays as well, just like the second half Monday night.

In all honesty, though, I think the league has been going at a faster pace the last several years anyway, just maybe not trying to get the ball snapped every 20 seconds or so.