



REID: OWENS' SEASON DONE HERE

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Head coach Andy Reid announced Monday afternoon in a statement that wide receiver Terrell Owens has been suspended four games for conduct detrimental to the team and will not return even after that suspension is over.

Reid said in a statement: "Terrell Owens has been suspended by the team for four games for conduct detrimental to the team.



Reid said that Owens had every chance to make amends

"He will not return to play for the team even after the conclusion of that suspension. The league has been notified by the player's union that they will be grieving a right to take that action.

"Therefore, there is nothing more I can say at this point."

Owens was suspended by the team for Sunday night's game against Washington after he lashed out at Eagles management and quarterback Donovan McNabb during an interview with ESPN last week.

Reid made it clear that the suspension was not solely based on last week's actions.

"This decision is a result of a large number of situations that have accumulated over a long period of time in which Terrell had been warned repeatedly about the consequences of his actions," said Reid. "Even with the activities that took place last week, we gave Terrell every opportunity to avoid this outcome."

Reid added that he is working with Vice President of Player Personnel Tom Heckert on potentially signing another wide receiver.

Owens had 47 receptions for 763 yards and six touchdowns this season. Greg Lewis will take over as the No. 1 receiver and Reggie Brown will be the other starting wide receiver.

Throughout the course of his press conference, Reid declined answering more questions about Owens, saying he wanted to stay away from saying more because of both legal ramifications and personal interest in talking about the situation.

However, Reid said that, contrary to some reports, there was *not* a thumbs-up/thumbs-down vote on Owens.

"I don't want to bring the players into this," he said. "This is my decision here."

Said Reid about the atmosphere he would like to have for the remainder of the season within the team: "I truly believe that this is a team sport and I have said that to you before. I expect the guys to play together and support each other, which I thought we took a step forward in yesterday (Sunday night). I would expect that to continue to improve throughout the remainder of the season."

Reid said that, despite the loss to the Redskins, he felt the team displayed a better attitude, a positive he took from the tough loss.

"I thought we played a little better as a team," said Reid. "I thought it was a better atmosphere."