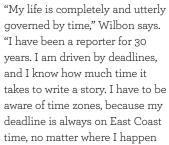


FIVE MINUTES WITH...

SPORTS REPORTER MICHAEL WILBON | DOING WHAT HE LOVES BEST TEXT BY: KEITH W. STRANDBERG

Michael Wilbon is a veteran journalist and the co-host of ESPN's phenomenally successful show, "Pardon the Interruption" (PTI), now in its 10th year. Wilbon's unique take on sports has resulted in strong success in print, on TV and on radio and podcasts. "I don't know that I have a secret to success," he admits. "I was in the right place at the right time some of the time, and I have worked hard."







to be. I am always running late, but I don't miss deadlines."

STYLE ESSENTIAL

Wilbon refers to his watches for the time, but he also uses them to reflect his personal sense of style. "I am not a guy that believes in wearing a bunch of jewelry," he details. "But to be well-dressed, you have to wear a watch. I have a couple of Ebels, a couple of TAG Heuers, a great gold Hamilton and one IWC

piece. I have eight or nine watches that I rotate, and I have my eye on a couple more watches that I might want to pick up. I enjoy good looking watches." Wilbon's favorite watch is his

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steel and gold Ebel, which he wears more than others. "For my next watch, I have my eye on a new IWC, but I also am looking at a David Yurman."



"I don't walk out of my house without a watch," he continues. "I don't like this trend of young people using their cell phones for the time and not wearing watches. My goddaughter just had a birthday, and I bought her a watch. Now, she loves watches."

LOVING EVERY MINUTE

Listening to Wilbon talk about sports, it's apparent that he is doing what he loves best. "I am addicted to sports and have been since I was 4 years old," he says. "I love being around sports. I married my two interests, sports and writing. I didn't set out to be on television, my career just evolved into that. I love the deadlines, I love being able to be behind the curtain—a press pass allows you to know what other people don't know, about that game, about that player, about that coach. I love storytelling more than any of it. I love going to games, I love walking into the stadiums, I love it all."

