

The Crowell Tapes

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Summary

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NHL Commissioner Roger Crowell under fire after audio of him reprimanding @OttawaCentaurs players Ilya Rozanov and Shane Hollander over controversial coming out leaks online

Notes

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HOLLANDER NATION (Community)

Sports

15.3K members

For fans of the 3x Stanley Cup winner, former rookie of the year and 5x recipient of Cosmopolitan's hottest man in the NHL title, Shane Hollander!
@ShaneHollanderHockeyPlayer

Scott Hunter era @yasmin81

Holy fuck y'all, have you listened to this audio? I haven't seen anyone post about it yet?

rip montreal voyageurs @rebecca_jones

Replying to @yasmin81

Wtf where is this from?

Jonah @rozanderluvr

Replying to @yasmin81 @rebecca_jones

it was posted on the Shane Hollander subreddit last night

Shane's puck @Hollander24

Replying to @yasmin81

That can't be legit though can it

Aline 🏒 @deafhockeythot

Replying to @yasmin81

help does someone have a transcript of it, i'm deaf

Joseph @cenzforlife

Replying to @yasmin81 @deafhockeythot

Ask and you shall receive https://docs.google.com/document/1Lquu6JRseX_GjnYRN5

START audio.

ROZANOV: Ready?

HOLLANDER: Like we have a choice.

Audio gets quite muffled here, presumably due to whoever recorded it putting his phone back in his pocket

CROWELL: Rozanov. Hollander.

ROZANOV: Commissioner Crowell.

CROWELL: Sit down.

Complete silence for 30 seconds.

CROWELL: There are a few things in life that I absolutely can't stand. One thing I hate is surprises. Another is disloyalty. And another is liars. But the thing I hate the most is being embarrassed. And I especially hate it when the league is embarrassed.

ROZANOV: That does sound bad.

CROWELL: (*Audio is not clear*) - how I feel about you two right now. Your actions have put me in a very difficult situation. On the one hand, your behavior is completely unacceptable and absolutely cannot be allowed. On the other, you're two of the biggest stars in the league and the playoffs are about to start.

HOLLANDER: Can't be allowed?

CROWELL: I would think that part would be obvious. But I (*Audio is not clear*) - a video flying around the internet of you two making out.

HOLLANDER: It was a mistake.

CROWELL (yelling): You're fucking right it was a mistake!

HOLLANDER: I meant the video wasn't supposed to show that. We didn't know.

CROWELL (yelling): Well, it did! And I had to fly to Montreal to deal with it. You think I have time for this?!

CROWELL(continuing calmly): We need to get things back to normal as soon as possible. I don't want a media circus around this thing.

HOLLANDER: We don't either.

CROWELL: The league has prepared a statement.

Complete silence for 53 seconds, sounds of paper rustling.

HOLLANDER: But this isn't true.

CROWELL: It doesn't matter.

HOLLANDER (yelling): It fucking does matter! It wasn't a prank! We're together. We're - we're getting married this summer.

CROWELL: That is not happening. Not if you want to remain in this league.

ROZANOV: Really? You are going to kick us out?

HOLLANDER: We'll sue the shit out of the league.

Complete silence for 13 seconds.

CROWELL: You're right. You could sue. But do you think any team would sign you after that? Either way you'd be done. We release the statement, most hockey fans will believe it because they'll want to believe it. There's no scandal, you boys get to keep playing for as long as you want, and we all move on. And obviously, you don't get fucking married this summer.

HOLLANDER: Fuck this! Here's a plan: we do whatever we want this summer and then we come back and have all-star seasons again next year. We're not a couple of naïve rookies you can intimidate. You think we don't know what we're worth to this league?

CROWELL: What you were worth. You're destroying your own brands with this shit.

ROZANOV: No, we are making them stronger.

CROWELL: I am offering the only option that will save both of your careers and the reputation of this league. If you post your own statement and start flaunting your relationship then you will obliterate your legacies. You'll be jokes. Choose carefully.

Complete silence for 10 seconds. Sound of chair scraping on the floor.

HOLLANDER: I choose him. Come on Ilya.

Chair scraping on floor, door being opened, footsteps.

CROWELL (distant): We are not done here! You need to fucking - (Audio is not clear)

Sound of elevator doors opening.

END of audio.

Shane Hollander Updates @SH24_Updates

Shane Hollander Updates will not publicly engage with the leaked audio until we hear a comment from Shane or his management. Even though we support the (righteous) anger directed at the N*L and Cr*well, we don't want to risk doing anything that can get Shane into (more) trouble, especially since the audio hasn't been confirmed as real yet.

ELI @rooooselandry

Replying to @SH24_Updates

I mean can they even get into like legal trouble for this? Is Quebec a two-party consent state for recording phone calls?

Tiny “the stick” Tim 🐻 @BostonBoy

Replying to @SH24_Updates @rooooselandry

I just googled it and provided there aren't any stipulations about recording conversations in their contract, they should be fine i think but also i am not a lawyer

Fran @fr4nny

Replying to @SH24_Updates @rooooselandry

Everything I can find about Quebec says it's a one party consent province

🏹 @dykstralovergirl

Replying to @SH24_Updates @rooooselandry

i don't think they meant legal trouble i think they mean getting into deep shit with the league (again)

Sasha 🇫🇷 @rozanovtopia

Replying to @SH24_Updates @rooooselandry

putain, il croit que le canada est divisé en états mdr

ELI @rooooselandry

Replying to @SH24_Updates @rozanovtopia

oui oui baguette

Jane Hudson @judsonjourn

BREAKING: Management of @ShaneHollanderHockeyPlayer and @Rozanov81 confirms to @nytimes that the leaked audio is REAL and was leaked because of a hack, but reportedly declined to give any further comment. #NHL #ShaneHollander #IlyaRozanov

Jane Hudson @judsonjourn

Replying to @judsonjourn

Update: The @NHL has also declined to give comment on the leaked audio. #NHL #ShaneHollander #IlyaRozanov

Ellie ❤️🏹 @snelliee

Replying to @judsonjourn

Shane has the worst luck in the world with hacks and leaks, this poor boy

Willa @rozwhore

Replying to @judsonjourn

this is killing me why is every newspaper on earth acting like this is watergate

Ben 🏹🐻 @BennyQ

Replying to @judsonjourno @rozwhore

will the Crowell tapes will be bigger than watergate, mark my words

Willa @rozwhore

Replying to @judsonjourno @BennyQ

THE CROWELL TAPES

Viv @catparent

This fucking audio is so crazy. “Obviously you don’t get fucking married this summer” i have heard less evil monologues from DC supervillains

Sasha @rozanovtopia

Replying to @catparent

all this for a little homosexuality between archrivals

Graceeee @BarrettBabey

Replying to @catparent

I laughed but actually this isn’t funny at all to me anymore, the way he spoke to them is so insanely dehumanizing and cruel

Ellie ❤️🔪 @snelliee

Replying to @catparent @BarrettBabey

I know and the fact that nobody stood up for them and zero NHL players are publicly calling this shit out is soooo telling

Luca Haas has done nothing wrong @HaasyHollzy

Replying to @catparent @BarrettBabey @snelliee

i don’t want to draw wild conclusions from this but combined with the complete silence on Shane’s coming out and the absence of any Voyageurs at the Hollanov wedding i’m getting an idea why Shane left Montreal 🙄🙄

ESPN ✅ @espn

NHL Commissioner Roger Crowell under fire after audio of him reprimanding

@OttawaCentaur players Ilya Rozanov and Shane Hollander over controversial coming out leaks online

Joan of Snark @elllistaylor

Replying to @espn

Did Roger Crowell write this tweet

Alison DiSwagRentis @nosila444

Replying to @espn

“Reprimanding” is a funny word for a homophobic attempt to shove two OUTED players back into the closet

Joseph @cenzforlife

Replying to @espn

*after audio of him throwing a homophobic tantrum over two players being outed against their will leaks online

Jonas Smith @JSmith_7

shane “i choose him” hollander is gonna singlehandedly reinstate the ban on pride tape

Janie from the block @cuckoohockey

Replying to @JSmith_7

i desperately need to find the money to buy a Hollander jersey before they find an excuse to ban his gay ass from competing

Jonas Smith @JSmith_7

Replying to @JSmith_7 @cuckoohockey

stop i bet they’re scrambling to find a reason to bench him right now

Willa @rozwhore

Imagine asking commissioner Crowell what his biggest fear is and instead of saying drowning or being buried alive it’s just Homotron 3000 and Homotron 3001

Ellie 🍷🔪 @snelliee

Imagine if Cr*well got his wish and Hollanov didn’t get married and we never got that iconic clip of Hayden Pike and Zane Boodram drinking beer out of each other’s shoes

Joseph @cenzforlife

Replying to @snelliee

We would have never gotten the video of Barrett and his boyfriend absolutely breaking it the fuck down to Sexy Bitch by David Guetta

Ellie 🍷🔪 @snelliee

Replying to @snelliee @cenzforlife

We would have never gotten the video of drunk Luca Haas trying to climb a tree and coach Wiebe trying to pull him down

Joseph @cenzforlife

Replying to @snelliee @cenzforlife
This truly was our royal wedding

Zane Boodram  @BoodZane

Replying to @snelliee @cenzforlife

It's all a bit fuzzy but I'm pretty convinced that I was drinking beer out of Wyatt's shoe

Gay Hockey News @hollanovupdates

Breaking gay news: after four days of complete silence from the league, the iconic @BoodZane becomes the first NHL player to (indirectly) address the Crowell Tapes

Graceeee @BarrettBabey

Replying to @hollanovupdates

The league needs to say something it's genuinely getting embarrassing

Gay Hockey News @hollanovupdates

Replying to @hollanovupdates @BarrettBabey

You're so right! Hey @NHL, are you still committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment or is that just something you say to placate the public while you let the players and COMMISSIONER apparently be as nasty and homophobic as they want?

Ottawa Centaurs  @OttawaCentaurs

We stand by our players, always.

Ben   @BennyQ

Replying to @OttawaCentaurs

My fuckign teaaaaaaaaaam

Graceeee @BarrettBabey

Replying to @OttawaCentaurs

Montreal Voyageurs found dead in Miami

Scott Hunter  @SHunterAdmirals

An open letter:

Two days ago, an audio recording was leaked online of a high-ranking NHL official reprimanding Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov. As disappointing as that was to hear, none of us can say that we're surprised.

Every gay player - whether in football, basketball, baseball, soccer, or hockey - has heard this kind of talk before. We all know it too well. Any LGBT high-profile athlete can tell you they've encountered some version of, "You'll never work in this town again if you come out."

So if two of the league's biggest superstars can be spoken to that way simply for being in a gay relationship, what message does that send to everyone else? It certainly doesn't inspire confidence in rookies, players on lower-ranked teams, or gay kids who dream of making it to the NHL one day. Instead, it warns them that no matter their talent or dedication, acceptance isn't guaranteed - and the culture still has a long way to go.

The league can't keep looking the other way when it comes to blatant discrimination, and this moment should be a wake-up call. We need change. Real change. We need to make it clear through action and not just statements, that every single player deserves respect, safety and the freedom to be who they are.

That is why we are starting up an initiative to combat discrimination within hockey. We need to fight back against the racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia and overall toxic behavior that can be prevalent in sports. HFE (Hockey For Everyone) will aim to be an inclusive movement committed to making the game safer, healthier, and more welcoming for all.

If you are a player, a coach or a league official reading this, I highly encourage you to join us. If we're going to grow - and we need to grow - we will need everyone to pull their weight. Your voice and your talent will be an immense help to take that first step towards where we need to go.

Signed,

HFE

Scott Hunter

Troy Barrett

Ryan Price

Evan Dykstra

Carter Vaughan

Leah Campbell

Max Riley

Wyatt Hayes

Zane Boodram

Ilya Rozanov

Brandon Wiebe

Shane Hollander

Luca Haas

Jean-Jacques Boiziau

Hayden Pike

Tanner Dillon

Nick Chouinard

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@SHunterAdmirals

The New York Times @nytimes

Breaking News: NHL spokesperson confirms that an internal investigation into the so called “Crowell Tapes” is being opened, with Roger Crowell being placed on an official leave of absence in the meantime.

Graceeee @BarrettBabey
Replying to @OttawaCentaur
Roger Crowell found dead in Miami

Ilya Rozanov  @Rozanov81  **Graceeee** @BarrettBabey

ESPN  @espn

NHL Commissioner Roger Crowell to officially step down after 32 years.

Shane Hollander  @ShaneHollanderHockeyPlayer

My husband and I are gearing up for yet another great season at our job, which we still have. Some can't say the same!

Ilya Rozanov  @Rozanov81  **Shane Hollander** 
@ShaneHollanderHockeyPlayer

End Notes

Imagine procrastinating your work in actual journalism by writing about fictional journalism. Couldn't be me.

Hope ya dig!

I have reactivated my dormant [Tumblr account](#)!

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