

Everyone's Favorite Beat Reporter

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Summary

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 11, 2021

Important hockey update. Shane Hollander has changed his goal song. “My husband told me it was boring,” the star center says with a smile. His goal song is now Crazy Little Thing Called Love.

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Shane & Ilya's first year on the Cens together, as told through their resident Beat Reporter.

Notes

I was initially not planning on writing a second part of this fic, but I was utterly, utterly blown away by the reception the first one received. Most hits & comments I've ever received on a fic in a 24 hour span. Y'all were so kind to my girl Casey, so I had to bring her out again! (Which, fun fact, Casey and Olivia were originally characters in a novel I was trying to write and scrapped. Weirdly emotional for me to have them to get such a warm reception.)

So! Here's more of everyone's favorite beat reporter. Not necessary to have read the first one. I'll briefly repeat my little note that I think following beat reporters on social media is a great way to get into the game for real, and I'm fascinated by the personal relationships reporters develop with players over the course of covering them for several years. The media are always around the rink at practices and at every game in the press box, and I always appreciate their insight and humor.

Also, I have been informed that I apparently spell Voyagers wrong. I am not going to correct it because i do not respect them.

Thank you to my best friends Liz and Cam for brainstorming goal songs with me. Your choices were inspired.

I'm back tracking for the start of this fic to the moment Shane signs with the team just for the full scope of things... and cause there's a few things I want to add in that would have happened over the summer! This one will be a little fluffier and maybe at times a touch more unrealistic than the first. But since I wasn't working off the books, i do what i want. <3

Casey Williams @casey_williams - July 1, 2021

BREAKING NEWS. After 11 years, Shane Hollander is no longer a Montreal Voyager. In his free agency, the hometown boy has signed with the Ottawa Centaurs.

↳ **Casey Williams** @casey_williams - July 1, 2021

From what I've heard, Hollander's time in Montreal did not end well, or with a lot of support from his team. And I imagine he's excited to be joining his long-time partner Ilya Rozanov on the ice.

↳ **Casey Williams** @casey_williams - July 1, 2021

You know, I've seen you guys lose your minds in my comments before, but somehow that all seems like child's play to how everyone is losing their mind right now. Please remember to drink water.

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Casey Williams @casey_williams - July 7, 2021

Huge congratulations to my good friend @harrislikeshockey for his promotion to Senior Director of Communications! So well deserved. Congrats, Harris!

↳ **Harris Drover** 🍎 @harrislikeshockey - July 7, 2021

Thank you, Casey!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Casey Williams @casey_williams - July 17, 2021

Huge Breaking News: NHL Commissioner Barry Gettman is officially retiring, after reports have come out of his harassment of Shane Hollander, Ilya Rozanov, Troy Barrett, and more. Will do a write up soon.

↳ **KD** 🏒 @topshelfcens - July 17, 2021

YAY THANK GOD

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - July 17, 2021

I hope that man never knows another moment of peace in his life

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - July 17, 2021

Please hockey gods don't let his replacement be equally evil

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus - July 17, 2021

I will never forgive that man for literally anything he's done. BYE, BITCH!

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - July 31st, 2021

I was actually invited to the Hollander-Rozanov wedding, which was an honor, but unfortunately had to decline, as I was getting married myself. Olivia and I are sending Shane and Ilya the happiest of wishes.

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Casey Williams-Singer Re-Tweeted: The Ottawa Citizen @OttawaCitizen - September 17, 2021

THE LONG GAME - @casey_williams sits down for an exclusive with the Hollander-Rozanovs to discuss their decade-long relationship, playing on the same team, and building a life together. [LINK]

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - September 18, 2021

“We make each other better, off and on the ice,” - your newest Centaur, Shane Hollander on his long-term relationship with Captain Ilya Rozanov. “I wouldn’t have fallen in love with him if he didn’t challenge me.” [LINK]

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - September 19, 2021

I feel very fortunate that the Hollander-Rozanovs have trusted me with their story. That kind of trust only comes from a decade of working with Rozanov, and the safe space of being with other queer folks. I’m so grateful, every single day.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - September 22, 2021

In our very serious interview about their relationship, Roz did, in fact, say: “I bagged the best player in the league. Do I have rizz? Is that what the kids say?”

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - September 22, 2021

SH: Ilya, knock it off

IR: No, you love it

SH: *heavy sigh* Yes, I do.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - September 24, 2021

Leadership core confirmed for the year: Rozanov with the C, Boodram, Barrett, and Hollander with the As. Since there can only be two As per game, looks like there will be a rotation, just depending on the night.

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus - September 24, 2021

Crazy to imagine hollander without a letter on his chest.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - September 24, 2021

Mhm, maybe. But Boodram is the longest tenured player on the team and has had the A for forever. Barrett certainly earned his spot last year. Hollander is, unfortunately, the new kid on the block. I think the rotation will work well.

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus - September 24, 2021

Okay Casey I trust you 🙄

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - September 29, 2021

Cens are hopping on the latest league trend and doing individual goal songs this year. They've certainly got enough personality in the room for it. Will have an update on what everyone's goal songs are going to be closer to opening night.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - September 29, 2021

Thank GOD. I have always hated our fuckass goal song.

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - September 29, 2021

I trust that Roz will pick a banger. 🙏

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 2, 2021

It's so wild to see Shane Hollander in this locker room. Training camp is under way and your latest Centaur is fitting right in. Dude's intense about hockey. I can already see how he's going to make the team better.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - October 2, 2021

Not to ask a stupid question, but is his locker room stall right next to Roz's?

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - October 2, 2021

Not a stupid question! But no, they're on opposite sides of the room. I'm told by Hollander. "I see that guy all the time. His stall stinks. I get enough of it at home." The chirping is a little undercut by the heart eyes he's shooting Roz.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - October 2, 2021

I'm so obsessed with them.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 5, 2021

I swear I am only tweeting this because Roz said: "Tell the tweeters, ptichka" but every time Hollander scores in practice, he gets a smooch on the helmet from his captain.

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - October 5, 2021

When will i be in love like this

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - October 5, 2021

Why does he call you ptichka?

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - October 5, 2021

It apparently means "little birdy." He started calling me that when I covered him in Boston because of how much I tweet.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 6, 2021

Pre-season games continue to be a novelty of two of the highest paid players on the team and our entire AHL roster. And somehow we still won the game.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - October 6, 2021

Who wore the As tonight, since Roz didn't play? I missed that earlier

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - October 6, 2021

Hollander, Barrett, and Chouinard

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - October 6, 2021

CHOUINARD WITH THE A? That's crazy. Pre-season is crazy.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 7, 2021

The Hollander-Rozanovs finally get the chance to play together in the final pre-season game. Wiebe is calling it a dress rehearsal, with what will essentially be the opening night roster.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - October 7, 2021

Looks like Roz will be on the first line and Hollander on the second, but from what I've seen at practice, they'll be on the power play together.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 7, 2021

Cens did not go on the power play at all in this game, so no chance to see the Hollander-Rozanovs share the ice yet. Buffalo played a clean, clean game.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 8, 2021

It's finally here. Your Ottawa Centaurs Goal Songs for the 2021-2022 season. [LINK]

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - October 8, 2021

Ilya Rozanov is the funniest fucking person alive for choosing Rasputin as his goal song.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - October 8, 2021

I think singing "RAH RAH RASPUTIN" after a rozanov goal will fix me.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - October 8, 2021

I've been told that several of Rozanov's song choices were rejected due to... shall we say, inappropriate lyrics. But I think this is a fun fit for him.

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus - October 8, 2021

I'm sorry did Troy Barret choose cUT TO THE FEELING BY CARLY RAE JEPSEN AS HIS GOAL SONG?!?!?!?!?

↳ **Harris Drover** 🍎 @harrislikeshockey - October 8, 2021

He's really been broadening his horizons lately. Canada's Drag Race opened a whole new world for him.

↳ **KD** 🏒 @topshelfcens - October 8, 2021

Hollander is not beating the boring allegations with that song choice oh my god 😭

↳ **Hayes's Heroes** 💪 @CENS4LYFE - October 8, 2021

Hayes picked a goal song??????? Do goalies normally do that???

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - October 8, 2021

His newest thing is that he's determined to get a goalie goal this year. Gotta be prepared with the goal song on lock.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 9, 2021

It's Opening Night in Ottawa. My wife is in the barn. Shane Hollander is an Ottawa Centaur. Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov are married to each other. Cens fans, how are we feeling?

↳ **KD** 🏒 @topshelfcens - October 9, 2021

IVE NEVER FELT MORE ALIVE

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81- October 9, 2021

PLAN THE PARADE

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - October 9, 2021

I think this is going to be a really solid season! I have high hopes for our chances and I also think I might pass out from excitement.

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus- October 9, 2021

I have been a cens fan my whole life and i think this might be the most excited i have ever been about the start of a season

↳ **Hayes's Heroes** 💪 @CENS4LYFE - October 9, 2021

I can't stop thinking about a potential goalie goal...

↳ **rozdefensesquad** @raidtherink - October 9, 2021

I miss my russian husband :(

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481- October 9, 2021

I'm new and happy to be here

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 9, 2021

Luca Haas has the first goal of the season, and he's so excited that he promptly trips over himself and falls on his back on the ice, where his linemates dog pile on top of him. Definitely sets the tone for the year.

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus - October 9, 2021

Literally the cutest thing I've ever seen. What was his goal song, again? I've already forgotten

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - October 9, 2021

I have to go back and look at my notes. It's a Swiss Rock song.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 9, 2021

Barrett expertly draws a hooking penalty and the Cens go on the power play. We'll get our first look at Hollander and Rozanov on the ice together.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - October 9, 2021

Wow, that didn't take long. Rozanov with his first goal of the season, off a Hollander assist. The crowd is, indeed, singing Rah Rah Rasputin.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - October 9, 2021

Crazy that we topped the cutest celly I'd ever seen before (luca tripping team dogpile) like an hour later with Rozanov kissing Hollander's helmet. Love is real and it's on the Ottawa Centaurs

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 9, 2021

What a killer opening night. The Cens win 5-1. Shane Hollander has four assists. What a night.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 9, 2021

The energy in the locker room is electric after tonight's game. It's only game one, but you'd think it was a playoff clinching game. You can hear them hollering down the hall. I've covered this team a long time and never felt like this before.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - October 9, 2021

I am a professional sports journalist. Hollander's first post game media interrupted by Rozanov, who kissed him on the cheek. "One for each assist." he said. You're not getting this kind of content from other teams.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 11, 2021

Important hockey update. Shane Hollander has changed his goal song. “My husband told me it was boring,” the star center says with a smile. His goal song is now Crazy Little Thing Called Love.

↳fourskates 🌸 @cennytaurus - October 11, 2021

I could write a thesis on openly gay Shane Hollander playing on the same team as his husband choosing Crazy Little Thing Called Love as his goal song.

↳victoriaaa @mythicalhockeyteam - October 11, 2021

I’m screaming, crying, and throwing up.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 13, 2021

Working on special teams at practice. Power play unit 1: Hollander, Rozanov, Haas, Dykstra, Barrett

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 15, 2021

Cut to the Feeling gets the crowd going. 2-1 Cens

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 16, 2021

Coach Wiebe says that he thinks of the top six as interchangeable first lines. “What’s the point of having depth if you don’t use it?”

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 20, 2021

Shane Hollander. Forehand. Backhand. Bardown. Crazy work. God, he’s good at hockey. 2-0 Cens.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - October 25, 2021

What really delights me about this 5-1 lead is that shots on goal are 18-16.

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Casey Williams-Singer Re-Tweeted: The Ottawa Citizen @OttawaCitizen - October 28, 2021

Crazy Little Thing Called Love: The Ottawa Centaurs are currently undefeated in regulation this season under the leadership of Rozanov and Hollander. @casey_williams chats with the team about their driving spark. [LINK]

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - October 28, 2021

Literally the last time we were on a hot streak like this, it was post-near plane crash. This is crazy. Is this our new normal???

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - November 1, 2021

Wyatt Hayes keeps telling me this is the year he gets a goalie goal. I've seen him practice it. He's getting pretty good.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - November 1, 2021

Hollander is on the ice with Hayes helping him with his shot after practice, and now Hollander is using the goalie stick, too. Incredible.

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - November 1, 2021

PUT HIM IN GOALIE PADS PLEASE

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - November 3, 2021

We finally get our first regulation loss of the season on what was, to me, basically a scheduled loss. Back to back, on the road, against the Admirals. Still played well, even if they didn't walk away with any points.

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - November 3, 2021

Troy Barrett is younger and far more beautiful than Scott Hunter

↳ **victoriaaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - November 3, 2021

He's retiring soon, be nice to old man Hunter

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - November 3, 2021

No retirement announcement has been made, not that you'd know it if you listened to Rozanov

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - November 3, 2021

Yes, Ilya Rozanov still gets boo'ed in Boston every time he touches the puck. At this point, I'd probably expect it for at least the next few years. No one holds grudges like hockey fans.

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus - November 3, 2021

You'd think that knowing that he moved to Ottawa to be closer to the love of his life might have eased up their hatred of him, but of course not. For some of them, probably made it worse.

↳ **rozdefensesquad** @raidtherink - November 3, 2021

Don't worry rozy I'm still cheering for you in the crowd :(:(:(

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - November 3, 2021

Did you guys see how ilya kept leaning his head on Shane's shoulder on the bench 😭 that's his emotional support husband 😭

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - November 3, 2021

Tough loss tonight in Boston, but the guys in the room had a lot of good things to say about their Captain. "He's the beating heart of this team," Bood said. "We're lucky to have him." Felt very pointed, in a good way.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - November 13, 2021

Rozanov and Hollander have developed their warm ups ritual: staying on the ice, passing the puck back and forth until the last possible second. It's pretty adorable, if you all will permit me a moment to step out of the professional bubble.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - November 13, 2021

Asked Hollander about it. "We never really got to play together as kids, you know? Now every day feels like we're kids and just passing the puck back and forth. We don't take it for granted. Yeah, it's a dumb warmup thing. But still."

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - November 13, 2021

I'm gonna die i'm gonna die I'm gonna die I'm gonna die

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - November 13, 2021

They're just 😭 kids 😭 who 😭 never 😭 got 😭 to 😭 play 😭 together 😭 and 😭 now
😭 they 😭 can 😭 every 😭 night 😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams- November 13, 2021

You okay, bud?

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - November 13, 2021

NO 😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭
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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - November 20, 2021

I think Shane Hollander fixed our penalty kill.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - November 26, 2021

Ra-Ra-Rasputin. Rozanov scores. 3-0 Cens.

↳ **KD** 🏒 @topshelfcens - November 26, 2021

I'M GONNA RUN THROUGH A BRICK WALL

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - November 26, 2021

HE WAS BIG AND STRONG IN HIS EYES A FLAMING GLOW

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - November 27, 2021

People talk about the American Thanksgiving break as a good benchmark for playoff chances, and with the Cens at the top of the Eastern conference, I think we have a lot to be thankful for right now.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 1, 2021

I played hockey my whole life and now cover the sport professionally. I have been with my wife for seven years. She just asked me to explain goalie interference to her. I did not have an answer.

↳ **Hayes's Heroes** 🏒 @CENS4LYFE - December 1, 2021

No one understands goalie interference. It's not meant to be known.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 5, 2021

Wyatt Hayes attempts a goalie goal again. No dice.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 11, 2021

I asked Hollander what kind of adjustments he had to make playing WITH Rozanov instead of against him. He said: "Honestly, it's easier. We click on the ice. Always have. It's easy to take that energy and pull it forward together instead of--"

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 11, 2021**

--against each other. I always know where he is on the ice. It's easier. More teammates should try getting married to each other." The normally serious Canadian cracks a joke, if you can believe it.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 11, 2021**

I asked Rozanov the same question. "F**k, everything is easier now. I am not losing energy worrying about containing myself around him. It takes so much brain power. Don't look too long. Don't linger. Don't touch." (Cont'd)

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 11, 2021**

"Now we can just play and not worry about all other bullsh*t. It is hard to double think every single moment for years. Much easier to be open about it. I have more brain power for hockey." Rozanov said, about playing alongside his husband.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 11, 2021**

Hollander walked by, asked Rozanov if we were talking about him. Roz answered. "You think I am talking about boring Canadians? Go away. We're discussing important things here."

Shoo, Hollander.” Turned back to me and winked.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 13, 2021

The crowd has taken to singing the goal song as “Ra-Ra-Rozanov” and the captain seems to be enjoying it, by the way he’s grinning and dancing going down the fist bump line.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 17, 2021

Luca Haas is having an incredible season so far. The young player is really finding his spotlight. And also tripping and falling a lot. It’s practically cartoonish. What’s up with that.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - December 17, 2021

Have you seen the edit of his falls with cartoon noises

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 17, 2021

No, but please share it with me

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams

Barrett - Rozanov - Bood have really been having incredible chemistry this season. The BRB line has six goals in the last five games.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 19, 2021

Dillon (lower body) is a game time decision, says Wiebe. Took a puck where there wasn't padding last game.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 20, 2021

It's Shane Hollander's first game back in Montreal since leaving the team. I asked him what he's thinking about going into the game. "I'm thinking about what I'm going to have for dinner. I wonder if my favourite restaurant is still open."

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - December 20, 2021

"In all seriousness, I'm here to win a hockey game. I can't think too hard about last season. I'm here to play a game and score some goals. I'm not going to dwell on the past." Good, level headed answer from Hollander.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - December 20, 2021

I'm starting to think that Hollander is a lot more funny than I've given him credit for in the past.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 20, 2021

Montreal is doing just about everything they can to get a rise out of Hollander and he isn't reacting at all. It's also setting the tone for everyone else. Hollander isn't budging, so neither are they. Cens are playing a clean game.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - December 20, 2021

It's literally so embarrassing how pathetic the Voyagers are being. You drive Holly out of your team and STILL bully them on the ice. At least Boiziau and Pike aren't being assholes against him, too.

↳KD 🏒@topshelfcens - December 20, 2021

Literally WHAT was that hit against Shane in the second???? I KNOW Comeau was saying something nasty. I need lip readers on it STAT

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 20, 2021

Much like his husband in Boston, Shane Hollander was boo'ed every time he touched the puck in Montreal. The star didn't let it phase him though, as he had a three point night and a goal. He can hold his head high after that one.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 20, 2021

I asked Roz afterwards about the team's lack of reaction against Montreal baiting them. "Shane asked us not to fight them. So we say, okay. No fights. I wanted to, after the way they treat him. But I support him. Listen to what he needs."

↳hollanov nation @hollyrozy2481 - December 20, 2021

LOVE IS REAAALLLLLLL

↳KD 🏒@topshelfcens - December 20, 2021

GET YOU A MAN WHO LISTENS TO WHAT YOU NEED

↳jozanov (jean rozanov) @ilya81 - December 20, 2021

What if i start sobbing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 25, 2021

My wife and I are making gingerbread men cookies for Christmas, and it was her brilliant idea to decorate them like hockey players. Please enjoy our whimsy. [IMAGE]

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - December 25, 2021

Stop I'm literally obsessed

↳ **Harris Drover** 🍎 @harrislikeshockey - December 25, 2021

Please save the Troy one for me!

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - December 26, 2021

Consider me shocked that the Cens lost an afternoon game after their holiday break. This is my shocked face. Surely this has never happened before and will never happen again.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - January 3, 2022

Roz has developed an interesting new technique in the shootout. He stickhandles the puck about ten million times, skating slow as possible before getting in real close and sniping. So far. Works every time

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - January 3, 2022

I asked the captain about his newest shootout move after practice. He just grinned at me. Shrugged. Walked away.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - January 3, 2022

Hollander walked by. "He's a professional a**h*le, he's just honing in on how to best use it for the team." Hayes chimed in: "If it pisses off the other goalie, it works."

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - January 5, 2022

Morning Skate. Roz points at Hollander, yells “This one’s for you.” Shoots the puck, misses the net, Hollander laughs so hard he falls off the bench.

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Casey Williams-Singer Re-Tweeted: The Ottawa Citizen @OttawaCitizen - January 10 , 2022

ALL HANDS ON DECK - The Centaurs become the first team this season to have three players score 25+ goals. @casey_williams sits down with Hollander, Rozanov, and Barrett to discuss what’s clicking on their team. [LINK]

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - January 14, 2022

Programming Note: My flight got delayed out of Edmonton because of the snow, so I will miss the game in Vancouver. The team flew last night, so they’re already there, but unless a miracle happens, I will be watching the game from the airport.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - January 17, 2022

An uncharacteristically bad game for the team, but I’m not too worried. It’s the end of a long road trip and everyone’s tired.

↳jozanov (jean rozanov) @ilya81- January 17, 2022

Even when we lose we still win because we have Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov on our team.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - January 22, 2022

There's nothing I love more than seeing people in the crowd dance to Barrett's goal song. Really gets everyone going.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - January 22, 2022

every night is pride night even you're an Ottawa centaurs fan

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - January 22, 2022

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - January 25, 2022

The BRB line is at it again. Two goals and a brawl. Practically a hat trick for them.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - January 28, 2022

It will not come as a huge shock to anyone that both Hollander and Rozanov have been chosen to go to the All-Star Game in Vancouver this year. The new NHL commissioner is very eager to put both of them in front of a camera, it seems.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 1, 2022

I am on my way to Vancouver to cover the All-Star Game! Long travel day ahead. AMA?

↳ **KD** 🏒 @topshelfcens - February 1, 2022

Does Hollander have nicknames on the team, yet?

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - February 1, 2022

Most everyone calls him Holly. I know Roz calls him a bunch of random words in Russian. Sometimes he still gets Hollywood from his time dating Rose Landry, but he hates that. Mostly Holly. Haas still calls him "Mr. Hollander."

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - February 1, 2022

How do you think Luca is doing in his sophomore season?

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - February 1, 2022

Oh, he's doing great. Developing super well. It helps that the coaching staff really trust in him and he's getting good ice time. I know he worked on his skating over the summer and you can really tell.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - February 1, 2022

Favorite part of the ASG?

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - February 1, 2022

Honestly. I kind of enjoy that no one takes it seriously. They play 80+ games fighting for their lives every night. Kind of nice to just watch a lazy hockey game where it's more novelty than anything. I also do like the skills competitions.

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus - February 1, 2022

What position did you play in hockey?

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - February 1, 2022

I played defense! Tried being a goalie once. Didn't like it.

↳ **Hayes's Heroes** 🍌 @CENS4LYFE - February 1, 2022

Chances of getting a goalie goal this year?

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - February 1, 2022

Honestly? Pretty good.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 2, 2022

Hollander and Rozanov are competing against each other in the Fastest Skater competition. I've been told this is their favorite one to compete in because they're still arguing about once when it was "basically a tie."

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - February 2, 2022

Rozanov will take this one, beating Hollander by .07 seconds

↳ **KD** 🏒 @topshelfcens - February 2, 2022

Oh i know Shane is STEAMING right now

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - February 2, 2022

I caught them afterwards. They were once again bickering about it being "basically a tie."

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 3, 2022

My wife Olivia came with me on this trip and I swear before this trip is over, she will have befriended the entire European team roster. She is from Georgia and she WILL be your friend, you do NOT have an option.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 3, 2022

I'm not surprised that the league wanted to put Hollander and Rozanov on separate teams this year after watching them play together for the last few months. And the couple tells me they're excited for the chance to go against each other again.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 3, 2022

Ilya Rozanov has just about the prettiest goal I've ever seen in my life. Unbelievable that it was wasted on an All-Star Game, but you can tell he's having the time of his life.

↳ **Ilya Rozanov** @IlyaRozanov_81  - February 3, 2022

I scored just for you ptichka!!! Best reporter in the league!!))) Tell olivia hello!!

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - February 3, 2022

Aww Roz. Please stop using your phone on the bench.

↳ **Ilya Rozanov** @IlyaRozanov_81  - February 3, 2022

Its all-star game who cares

↳ **rozdefensesquad** @raidtherink - February 3, 2022

MY MANNNNNNNNNN

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - February 3, 2022

ALKJSF;LASKJDF;LSKAJDF ILYA

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - February 3, 2022

That's my captain!

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - February 3, 2022

Omfg i just watched him pull his phone out on the bench on national television. Legend.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 3, 2022

Team Europe wins in the All-Star Game. Years past, Shane Hollander might have been seething about that. Now, he's two drinks in and enjoying the weekend with his husband. I sat down with him to talk about his first ASG being out. [LINK]

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 4, 2022

Woah. I seem to have gotten a lot of new followers because of Rozanov commenting on my tweet. Hello, everyone. This is odd.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - February 4, 2022

You're everyone's favorite beat reporter!!)))

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 6, 2022

I will be spending the rest of the All-Star Break watching cheesy movies with my wife. Who's got good recommendations?

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 10, 2022

And now back to our regularly scheduled programming. Hayes starts in net tonight against Detroit.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 11, 2022

Okay, folks. I've gotten some new followers recently, so let's discuss boundaries. Yes, it is very exciting to have an openly queer couple on a hockey team. But they are still people and professionals, and so am I.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - February 11, 2022

Please do not ask me to inquire about intimate details of their personal life. I am not going to ask them. It's an insult to not only them, but also my journalistic integrity.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - February 11, 2022

There are plenty of fun and silly bits to share about the married couple. I will share what I am given permission to share from either the team or the players, or things that aren't too invasive.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - February 11, 2022

I'm excited, too! But if you're new here, please be respectful about the players' lives.

↳KD 🏒 @topshelfcens - February 11, 2022

WHACK 'EM AGAIN, CASEY!

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 13, 2022

Yikes. Bad hit on Haas. He's okay, but cut his cheek on the other player's skate. Going down the tunnel to get stitched up now.

↳Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 13, 2022

Barrett drops the gloves to get an answer for the hit. Always love players standing up for their teammates.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 15, 2022

Rozanov (illness) will not play tonight. Wiebe says he should be fine tomorrow, just a cold.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 16, 2022

And now Hollander is sick. Both H & R will be out tonight due to illness.

↳fourskates 🌸 @cennytaurus - February 17, 2022

The downside of having a married couple on the team, I suppose? One gets sick and so does the other?

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - February 21, 2022

Crazy Little Thing Called Love and we're tied.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - March 3, 2022

Oh my goodness. Ilya Rozanov has dropped the gloves and is slugging on Pierce. Things are heating up in Columbus.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - March 3, 2022

Rozanov wins that fight for sure. The captain goes down the tunnel with only a few minutes left in the game, likely getting five for fighting anyway. Wow. That was an intense fight.

↳ **Hayes's Heroes** 🍌 @CENS4LYFE - March 3, 2022

I don't have the game on, what happened????

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - March 3, 2022

From what they showed on TV, looks like Pierce called Shane a slur. Ilya stepped in immediately.

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - March 3, 2022

GET HIS ASS, ILYA!

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - March 3, 2022

Rozanov on his fight tonight: “Shane & I discussed before season started that we wouldn’t let other players use our relationship to get a rise out of each other. But what, I’m not supposed to defend my husband? Come the f**k on.”

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - March 3, 2022

“I would have done that for any teammate. Our relationship is not a distraction.” Rozanov continued. “If I talked sh*t about a guy’s wife on the ice, he’d come for me. But my spouse is also on the ice. Talk sh*t, get hit.” Roz continued.

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - March 3, 2022

Ilya’s been spending too much time with the rookies.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - March 4, 2022

Columbus’s’ Andrew Pierce has been suspended one game for his unsportsmanlike (homophobic) language to Shane Hollander.

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Casey Williams-Singer Re-Tweeted: The Ottawa Citizen @OttawaCitizen - March 5, 2022

Rainbows and Storm Clouds. @casey_williams sits down with the openly LGBT teammates and staff members of the Ottawa Centaurs to discuss the highs and lows of coming out in a still homophobic league. [LINK]

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Casey Williams-Singer Re-Tweeted: The Ottawa Citizen @OttawaCitizen - March 7, 2022

“Pierce isn’t the only one in the league who’s used hate speech,” Hollander says. “He’s the only one who got caught on the jumbotron.” @casey_williams sits down with the Centaurs following last week’s on-ice altercation. [LINK]

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Casey Williams-Singer Re-Tweeted: The Ottawa Citizen @OttawaCitizen - March 7, 2022

“Roz sets a precedent in the locker room that he won’t tolerate that kind of language, and everyone follows suit,” Barrett says. “I know it’s crazy to say an NHL team is an accepting place, but with the Cens, it’s true.” [LINK]

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - March 9, 2022

Rozanov’s slowburn shootout move (simply coined “The Rozy”) seems to have irritated so much of the league that there’s talk of putting a clock on shootouts. Apparently, fun is no longer allowed in the National Hockey League.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - March 9, 2022**

Hollander defended his husband: “Ilya’s undefeated in the shootout. People are always looking for a way to take him down a peg, but it won’t work. He’s too good for anything but excellence and he knows it.”

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - March 10, 2022

I don't want to alarm anyone, but I'm currently sitting next to Anya Hollander-Rozanova.
[IMAGE]

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - March 10, 2022

PERFECT ANGEL PRINCESS

↳ **KD** 🏒 @topshelfcens - March 10, 2022

BEST PUPPY IN THE WHOLE WORLD

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - March 10, 2022

LOOK AT THIS BABYYYY

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - March 10, 2022

A CELEBRITY SIGHTING

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - March 13, 2022

While the Centaurs haven't mathematically locked their spot into the playoffs yet (no one has), it's looking pretty clear that this team is locked in with their eyes on the prize.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - March 15, 2022

Oh. My God. I can't believe it. Wyatt Hayes has scored a goalie goal in the National Hockey League.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - March 15, 2022

A beautiful shot all the way down the ice into the empty net and the Cens win with just seconds left on the clock. The bench empties to celly with their goalie. The Avengers theme song is blasting in the arena. This is cinema.

↳ **Hayes's Heroes** 🍌 @CENS4LYFE - March 15, 2022

THIS IS THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - March 17, 2022

Rozanov to the box for an interference call. Hollander yelling from the bench in his defense. Rozanov kind of looks smitten.

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Casey Williams-Singer Re-Tweeted: The Ottawa Citizen @OttawaCitizen - March 20, 2022

CLINCHED! For the second year in a row, the Ottawa Centaurs have clinched their playoff spot. @casey_williams goes into the team's success this season. [LINK]

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - March 22, 2022

The Ottawa Centaurs have spent almost the entire season in the top five of the standings of the entire league. They've broken franchise records. They've set league records. Crazy little thing called love, indeed.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - March 23, 2022

Hollander and Rozanov catch up with Hunter at warm ups. Lotta laughter coming from center ice. Never in my life did I think we would see four openly queer athletes sharing the ice at the NHL level.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - March 30, 2022

Shane Hollander has 50 goals in the campaign. Did you guys know he's good at hockey? Was anyone aware?

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - March 30, 2022

Additionally, the Centaurs sweep Montreal in the season series. Montreal, by the way, is currently second to last, bottom of the standings. Anyway, did you guys know that Shane Hollander is good at hockey?

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - April 1, 2022

Rozanov is apparently the prank king on this April Fool's Day, but no one will fess up to what he's done. Some things just stay between the team.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - April 1, 2022

Hollander walked by. "Where's my husband? I'm gonna kill him." Looked around. Looked at me. "If you tweet that, tell people I'm joking. But seriously, where is he?"

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - April 4, 2022

Things are always feisty when we play in Toronto, even long after Dallas Kent is absent from the roster. Barrett drops gloves with a former liney and wins the fight after a few solid right hooks.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - April 7, 2022

Never one to be out done by his husband, Rozanov has also hit 50 goals this year. I hear there's a bet in place to see whoever scores the most goals this season.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - April 7, 2022

Please do not ask me what the prize is for winning the bet, I do not want to know.

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - April 7, 2022

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - April 16, 2022

ROUND ONE! Ottawa takes on the Boston Bears, our captain's old team, in the first round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Boston has the home field advantage first.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - April 17, 2022

Ottawa Wins Game One

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - April 19, 2022

Ottawa Wins Game Two!

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - April 23, 2022

Ottawa Wins Game Three and I would like to request that everyone is very quiet in my comments and respects jinxing superstitions. Thank you.

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Casey Williams-Singer Re-Tweeted: The Ottawa Citizen @OttawaCitizen - April 25, 2022

In His Eyes, a Flaming Glow: Ilya Rozanov leads the Ottawa Centaurs to a series sweep of his former team, the Boston Bears. @casey_williams breaks down the four back to back wins. [LINK]

↳ **KD** 🏒 @topshelfcens - April 25, 2022

BREAK OUT THE MOTHERFUCKING BROOOMS

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - April 25, 2022

SWEEEEEEEP SWEEEEEEEP SWEEEEEEEP

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - April 25, 2022

I feel like I'm gonna pass out. The Ottawa Centaurs? Swept? The Boston Bears? Are we all sure that we're awake and not all hallucinating?

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus - April 25, 2022

THE POWER OF GAY PEOPLE

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - April 30, 2022

Okay, we know that hockey players have weird superstitions, but curious to know if you guys have anything that you did through the first series that you'll be taking in to round two against the Guardians.

↳ **Hayes's Heroes** 🦹 @CENS4LYFE - April 30, 2022

I have to wear a superhero shirt the day of the game #HayesHeroes

↳ **KD** 🏒 @topshelfcens - April 30, 2022

I have to wear my cens hat forwards on the walk to work and then backwards on the walk back home.

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - April 30, 2022

I've had roz and holly's hockey cards on my mantel and I light a candle for them during the game.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - April 30, 2022

I have the TV on in my living room but I have to be watching in my kitchen. If I cross from kitchen to living room then we start losing. I've been doing a lot of stress baking

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus - April 30, 2022

I don't think of it as "if I don't do this they will do bad" but think of it as "I am putting extra love out into the world for them" and i have to wear my cens shirt, hoodie, hat, and socks.

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - April 30, 2022

I have bobbleheads for both Hollander and Rozanov and I make them kiss before every game

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - April 30, 2022

And in case anyone was wondering what mine was: I have to get a box of donuts for the press box on game day. Donuts keep working, so donuts we'll keep getting

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - April 30, 2022

You're truly one of us.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 1, 2022

GAME ONE. TORONTO. DONUTS. LETS GO. [IMAGE]

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 1, 2022

"Well, it was crazy to think we'd sweep every series," a light hearted Hollander says after tonight's 3-2 loss to Toronto. "We're not worried."

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - May 1, 2022

Well has he considered that I'M stressed

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 10, 2022

“We’re not worried,” Shane Hollander said a week ago, and he was correct. Ottawa takes the series and moves on to the next round!

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - May 10, 2022

Honestly, I was really sad that donuts weren’t allowed in the press box this round. We gotta figure out a better sweet treat for round three. I need my sugar.

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Casey Williams-Singer Re-Tweeted: The Ottawa Citizen @OttawaCitizen - May 12, 2022

Capital City Clash: Ottawa takes on Washington in the Eastern Conference Final.
@casey_williams gives insight prior to the start of the series. [LINK]

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 13, 2022

I’ve heard about five players say that they’re looking to play a “good, clean” game against Washington, which is notorious for their big boy fighters. So far, keeping their head high and their nose clean has worked for the Cens.

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - May 13, 2022

If Number 43 even so much as LOOKS at Shane Hollander I will fling myself down on the ice to beat him up.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - May 13, 2022

I think Rozanov and Barrett will have him covered, but I love the enthusiasm.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 14, 2022

Rozanov blocks a shot on the power play and goes down hard on one knee. Hollander skates over to check on him, but Roz waves him off. The captain is up now and seems to be skating fine.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 15, 2022

Locker room silly bits: Roz: "Shane, why don't we have WAG jackets? Queer people get to have fun, too, yes?" Holly: "You didn't fill out the google form on time, asshole."

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 17, 2022

Yuna and David Hollander have been at every game, home and away, alternating between one wearing Hollander and the other wearing Rozanov jerseys each night. Every time I say hello to them, they're the kindest people.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - May 17, 2022

Ran into Yuna after tonight's win. "Aren't my sons just the best? They're kicking ass and you can quote me on that." So I am quoting her on that.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 21, 2022

This series has been a real nail biter, but the Cens have a chance to advance to the Stanley Cup Finals for the first time in franchise history tonight. We're on home ice. The guys have been playing strong. The fans have the belief. Let's do this.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 21, 2022

2-1 Canada's Capital

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 21, 2022

2-2 America's Capital

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 21, 2022

Two minutes left in the game and I swear to the hockey gods, if we go to overtime.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 21, 2022

Ahem. Things I Love: No F*cking OT

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - May 21, 2022

Sorry but come ON

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - May 21, 2022

And now we enter sudden death overtime hell. Where's the tweet about riding a motorcycle out of a helicopter or whatever.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 21, 2022

Oh My God. Oh My God. Oh My God. Oh My God.

↳ **KD** 🏀 @topshelfcens - May 21, 2022

I WANNA CUT THROUGH THE CLOUDS BREAK THE CEILING

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - May 21, 2022

I WANNA DANCE ON THE ROOF YOU AND ME ALONE

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - May 21, 2022

I WANNA CUT TO THE FEELING OH YEAH

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus - May 21, 2022

I WANNA CUT TO THE FEELING OH YEAH

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 21, 2022

Troy Barrett sends the Ottawa Centaurs to the Stanley Cup Final with a spectacular overtime goal. I have never seen such energy inside this arena. I wanna cut to the feelings, indeed.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 24, 2022

If you all will permit me, I am genuinely so emotional about the Centaurs making it to the final. Yes, this is my job. But I grew up watching this team. I grew up loving this team. Our sport does not love us back most of the time.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - May 24, 2022

But this past year on the Cens, I mean, there's no words to describe it. I have loved watching them blossom. I feel safe with this team. What this team has is so rare, so magical, it's almost hard to believe.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - May 24, 2022

A few years ago, Ilya Rozanov said he wanted to make this team the beating heart of our little heart shaped city. Heading into the Stanley Cup Finals, you can feel every person in this city cheering them on. I love this team. I love this team.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - May 24, 2022

Feelings are so embarrassing. Anyway, here's my write up on Hollander's shot percentage in the playoffs. [LINK]

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 26, 2022

Game One. Stanley Cup Finals.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - May 26, 2022

I'm gonna throw up.

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - May 26, 2022

How the fuck did SEATTLE make it all the way to the finals.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 26, 2022

Tonight's loss should feel like it stings, but the locker room isn't shaken. Rozanov said: "That was fun, yes? Little warm up game. Got to let them build confidence. We take next one."

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 29, 2022

Every time Shane Hollander is on the ice I think to myself. “God, he’s good at hockey.” 2-0 Cens.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - May 29, 2022

Cens do, indeed take the next one. Up next: a flight to Seattle.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - June 1, 2022

Happy Pride Month, everyone! The Cens celebrate by doing Pride Tape during warm ups. It’s fun to see so much color on the ice.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - June 1, 2022

And don’t worry if you see someone take their tape off for the actual game. Some people (Hollander, for one) are very particular about tape jobs, and SCF games are too important to make major equipment changes. It’s still nice for warm ups.

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481

Lowkey glad you said that otherwise i would have been hyper analyzing who took it off later.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - June 1, 2022

Yeah, don’t read too much into it. Different tapes have different grips, and no one wants to be off their game for a series this important.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - June 1, 2022

I'm almost sad that we're not in Ottawa so we can't hear Crazy Little Thing Called Love. Hollander with the Haas assist and we're in the lead.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - June 1, 2022

The BRB line strikes twice, once with Barrett, and then 28 seconds later with Rozanov.

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus - June 1, 2022

It's pride month. The boy kissers have to score!

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - June 1, 2022

Aksjflskadjflsjk

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - June 1, 2022

A solid, strong win for Ottawa. Everyone take deep breaths.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - June 3, 2022

Dykstra will not return to tonight's game after that hit he took in the second. Tough to lose our best defenseman like this

↳ **KD** 🏒 @topshelfcens

Casey I'm going to crash out

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - June 3, 2022

Some wear and tear is showing on the Cens, who drop tonight's game in Seattle. The series is now tied 2-2, and we'll fly back to Ottawa.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - June 6th, 2022

Took my wife up to the press box for the first time tonight. She said, and I quote: "I know your eyes are not good enough to see that far away." True love, folks.

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Barrett drops gloves as a response to the hit on Dykstra last game. The crowd is loving it.

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Ra-Ra-Rozanov. 4-2 Cens.

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A much, much needed win. The Cens are now ahead 3-2 in the series. They just need one more win.

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The normally stoic Shane Hollander chokes up in tonight's presser. "To get this far, alongside Ilya, there's no words. Feels like just yesterday I was introducing myself to him in a parking lot, and now we're in the finals together. It's crazy."

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“You never stop being grateful for something like this. You never stop being grateful.”
Hollander says, wiping at his eyes.

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - June 6th, 2022

The way Ilya reached over and squeezed his hand I’M GONNA CRY

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Inhale. Exhale. The Stanley Cup is in the building

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Seattle wins Game Six and the series is tied again. Up next. Game Seven.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - June 9, 2022

My constitution is not strong enough for this.

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Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - June 12, 2022

Ottawa. Game Seven. It all ends here tonight.

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Coach Wiebe told the team this morning to shut out all the outside noise. Focus on each other and the spark this team has. He told media that everyone is locked in.

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Shane Hollander opens the scoring less than a minute into the game.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - June 12, 2022

THERE GOES MY BAAAABBYYYYYYYYYY

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Haas to the box for tripping. Hollander is still arguing with the ref.

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus - June 12, 2022

Free my man he did nothing wrong!!!!!!

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Bood with a shorty! Wow, that was impressive. 2-0 Cens.

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Seattle with a response goal.

↳ **KD** 🏒 @topshelfcens - June 12, 2022

Man, I wish Dykstra was on the ice.

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Seattle again. Hayes didn't stand a chance with that one.

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The broadcast does keep showing Yuna Hollander yelling at the refs and it is kind of making my night.

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Seattle takes the lead. The bench is frustrated, but calm. They're going to have to keep their heads on heading into the third period.

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Ilya Rozanov during the intermission interview: "You guys having a nice night? Weather's good. I think it's supposed to rain tomorrow."

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81 - June 12, 2022

I wanna study his brain

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This period has probably been the most insane, back and forth energy I've ever seen in my life, yet still no scoring. The Ottawa crowd is eating up every second.

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Ottawa ties it with five minutes left in the game. Beautiful shot from Barrett.

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↳KD 🏒 @topshelfcens - June 12, 2022

Cut to the Feeling as a goal song continues to make me feel insane.

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Haas draws the penalty this time and the Cens will go on the power play. With one minute left in the game, this might just be the most important power play of Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov's career.

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ROZANOV!

↳KD 🏒 @topshelfcens - June 12, 2022

RA RA ROZANOV!

↳jozanov (jean rozanov) @ilya81 - June 12, 2022

OH MY GOD OH MY GOD OH MY GOD

↳fourskates 🌸 @cennytaurus - June 12, 2022

PLEASE WE JUST NEED TO HOLD ON FOR LIKE FORTY MORE SECONDS

↳rozdefensesquad @raidtherink - June 12, 2022

THERE LIVED A CERTAIN MAN IN RUSSIA LONG AGO

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481 - June 12, 2022

ILYA GETTING THE HELMET KISS FROM SHANE THIS TIME AHHHHHHHHH

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Icing against Seattle. Thirty seconds left in the game.

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For the first time in franchise history, The Ottawa Centaurs are Stanley Cup Champions.

↳ **jozanov (jean rozanov)** @ilya81-

HOLY FUCK THIS IS THE BEST DAY OF MY LIEF

↳ **KD** 🏒 @topshelfcens -

CRAZY LITTLE THING CALLED LOVE

↳ **fourskates** 🌸 @cennytaurus-

SOBBING SCREAMING CRYIN

↳ **Hayes's Heroes** 🏒 @CENS4LYFE

WYATT HAYES IS A STANLEY CUP CHAMPION

↳ **rozdefensesquad** @raidtherink

ROZ IS SOBBING OH NOW IM SOBBING TOO

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481

SHANE AND ILYA ARE MAKING OUT ON THE ICE

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam

GOD BLESS THE GREAT CITY OF OTTAWA

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Sorry everyone, it was a little hard to see what was happening on the ice through my tears. Can confirm Hollander knocked Roz down to the ice for a passionate kiss.

↳ **hollanov nation** @hollyrozy2481

BEST DAY OF MY FUCKING LIFE

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - June 12, 2022

Celebrations continue on the ice. Coaching staff and trainers emptying on to the ice, as well. Roz and Holly. Still going at it. I can't stop laughing.

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Everyone pulls themselves together for the handshake line. Seattle is eager to get off the ice, but they can't really retreat to the locker room until after the handshake line as a show of good sportsmanship.

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In-arena DJ is just cycling through the player's goal songs in their entirety. The rafters were practically shaking during Cut to the Feeling. Crazy how these songs defined the season.

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Seattle is off the ice and they're setting up for the ceremony. I will be making my way to the ice now, so please tell me if anything exciting happens.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - June 12, 2022

Holly and Roz are making out again

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - June 12, 2022

Yes, I think we can expect a lot of that

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The Conn Smythe goes to Shane Hollander, which has got to feel good after the way things ended with Montreal last season. The tears are flowing, right now.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - June 12, 2022

Rozanov keeps yelling "That's my husband!"

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The Stanley Cup is on the ice. She is beautiful.

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As Captain, Rozanov does a lap with the Cup first, and the crowd goes wild.

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They'll put this in the history books. Ilya Rozanov passes the Cup off to his husband, Shane Hollander, and then kisses him square on the mouth.

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Friends and family now on the ice. Big hugs from the Hollanders to their boys.

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There's too much happening to tweet it all. My write up later is going to be crazy.

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There have been so many babies in the Cup.

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H & R have always been very careful about public displays of affection while at work. They've always been very professional at their job, especially in their 1st year on a team together. All those rules have gone out the window. Good for them.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - June 12, 2022

Roz is dragging Hollander around with an arm around his neck. “This is my husband, he won the Conn Smythe, do you know him?” Hollander can’t stop grinning.

↳ **victoriaaa** @mythicalhockeyteam - June 12, 2022

I suppose when you win the Stanley Cup for the fourth time and prove to everyone that being gay doesn’t stop you from being good at hockey, you can do whatever the fuck you want.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - June 12, 2022

Very, very true.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - June 12, 2022

Caught H & R between other interviews. Asked them how they were feeling. Hollander said: “I just won the Cup with the love of my f**king life” and then proceeded to kiss the hell out of his husband.

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He said some other stuff too, that was good and thoughtful. I’ll include that in the wrap up later.

↳ **Casey Williams-Singer** @casey_williams - June 12, 2022

Roz asked if I wanted to hold the Cup. I said absolutely not.

Casey Williams-Singer @casey_williams - June 12, 2022

Celebrations will continue in the locker room with bottles of champagne, and I’m going to take my beautiful wife home and try to process what the heck just happened. Wrap up coming soon.

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Casey Williams-Singer Re-Tweeted: The Ottawa Citizen @OttawaCitizen - June 13, 2022

“We were supposed to stand alone at the top,” Hollander said, holding his husband’s hand.

“But we will always be there together. Our names are gonna be side by side on the Cup.”

@casey_williams chats with the Hollander-Rozanovs. [LINK]

End Notes

I gave them a cinderella run because that's what they deserve. I suppose it doesn't feel too unreasonable for the league, too much of a fantasy. (Think about the 22-23 Bruins for the regular season (lol)) But even so, I tried to make it somewhat believable. "The Rozy" as many hockey fans will know, was based on Evgeny Kuznetsov's shootout move. (He should at least be in the conversation.) If you are looking for a real hockey team to get into might I suggest my beloved Washington Capitals and follow my fave reporter Bailey Johnson? I love my boys deeply.

I also had the thought while writing this that Shane and Ilya probably do have some cute coupley pda moments around the practice facility in particular that Casey would not tweet about as a professional, and someone who respects their privacy. Any time i started to write a tweet involving big PDA, I'd be like. Well she simply would not tweet that. I do think that at games, both H & R would be pretty locked in, and i don't think Shane would be comfortable with a TON of PDA yet, but they're probably more comfortable in the more closed practice facility environment.

at least until they win the cup and then who gives a shit? Make out on the ice. Please google nathan mackinnon erik johnson stanley cup win and then just imagine that with kissing. But yeah, even more fluff was cut because of my dedication to half assed journalistic integrity
lmfao

Right now I think there will likely not be another part to this social media series, since this is a nice button to end it on, so thank you all for loving my girl Casey. <3

Edit 1/7/26: Oh gosh, you all have blown me away again with your lovely comments. Thank you so much! There's no way I will be able to respond to every comment, but just know that i read every single one and am so so grateful!

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