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Summary

Shane is in his first Season with the Ottawa Centaurs and Harris asks him to do a Q&A video for the fans to open up to them a bit now he's out and proud. It's chaotic, mainly because Ilya is sitting off screen making silly comments and Shane wants to end him. This is the transcript and subsequent comments of that video.

Or: 'Hi, I'm Shane Hollander and this, is 'Ask Me Anything'.

Notes

Hey everyone,

I'm back again with another Hollanov fic and ready to share it with the world.

It's cute, sweet and endearing.

Shane is trying to come out of his shell more, Ilya is trying to tease Shane like only he can and Harris feels very much like a third wheel.

Hope you all enjoy it!

Shannon

See the end of the work for [more notes](#)

GRAB THE TISSUES!! Ottawa Centaurs' Shane Hollander Answers Your Burning Question (+Ilya because he didn't want to be left out!)

Description:

Ottawa's pride and joy, Shane Michael Hollander, talks about sporting heroes, languages and lessons in love as he answers your most burning questions. Don't worry, only about 70 percent of the questions submitted were about his relationship with Ilya ;)

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This video was filmed, edited and subtitled by Harris Drover.

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Video Transcript:

****Shane is sitting on a stool wearing a tight-fitting cropped version of the most recent line of Ottawa pride merch with oversized black gym shorts and a small black band pushing his hair back from his face. A small hoop earring cuffs one of his lobes while a long, beaded dangly number hangs from the other. He's wearing a pair of black cat eye sunglasses even though the video is being filmed indoors****

HD: *From behind the camera* That's... a look.

SH: Is it too much?

IR: *From somewhere off to the side* Moya Lyubov, you've never looked gayer and I've seen you suc-

SH: ABSOLUTELY DO NOT FINISH THAT SENTENCE!

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SH: Does he have to be here?

HD: He wouldn't take no for an answer.

SH: Yeah he does that.

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****Shane has taken the sunglasses off and is looking very red in the face****

SH: Hello Centaur fans, I'm Shane Hollander, the pride of Ottawa according to some of you online and this - is 'ask me anything'!

IR: Hell yeah, you are.

SH: If you keep interrupting I will kick you out.

IR: No you won't

queue weird quizshow music

SH Okay, hit me with the questions, Harris!

HD: Who's your Sporting Hero?

SH: Good question

IR: I know this, it's me.

SH: It is not you.

IR: Unbelievable.

SH: I would probably say Roger Federer.

HD: Oh Really?

SH: Yeah, Dad is a pretty big tennis fan and so growing up we'd always have tennis on in the house as well as hockey. We got to go to the US Open final in 2004 and see him lift the cup. It was a pretty special day, father, son bonding if you will. Mom wasn't interested. But yeah, Roger Federer would be my answer. His drive and determination to be the best resonated with me and still does. He's a legend.

HD: What about your Hockey hero?

SH: I would probably say Hayley Wickenheiser.

HD: Oh, absolutely the correct answer.

SH: No one has done what she's done for Hockey and I recently got to meet her at one of our foundation galas. I am adult enough to admit I cried a little, Scott Hunter still makes fun of me about it as I had to wipe my eyes with his handkerchief but I'll let him off the hook for now. So those two, Federer and Wickenheiser.

IR: Where was I when this happened?

SH: You were doing shots with Troy and Dad. *Shane has an eyebrow raised as he looks at Ilya off screen*

IR: Ah, yes I remember now. It was a good night.

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HD: Where is your dream holiday destination?

SH: Oh fun, I was talking with my parents last night about how we've never gone to Japan to visit where mom grew up. I'd really love to honour our heritage and probably take a touring holiday all across Japan. I think that would be really cool. But also, Ilya and I talked about after we retire we might go on a touring holiday of Asia, or as much as possible. It's hard to plan things when you only have like three weeks off a year but that is something we'll definitely think about in the future.

HD: Okay but Japan is the dream?

SH: Absolutely.

IR: I want to go to that one Japanese Island that is full of cats.

SH: You would.

IR: Anya deserves a friend.

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HD: What's your favourite film?

SH: Well, tough question. Maybe When Harry Met Sally, or Moonlight.

IR: Don't bring up Moonlight, I'll start crying again.

HD: I don't think I've watched it.

SH: *Shane has the most agogged face, full of shock. He looks extremely offended* That's literally homophobic.

HD: *There's a nervous giggle from behind the camera* What?

IR: He's absolutely right Harris, not watching Moonlight is a hate crime.

HD: I'm too busy. I don't have time to watch every queer movie ever made.

SH: You don't?

IR: *Ilya can be heard giggling to the side of the screen*

SH: We literally play like 80 games of hockey a year and we still watch as much queer content as we can. It's important to us; we want to know the history, the art, the culture. Now that we can be out and free, it's important for us to embrace queer culture as much as possible. Movies are the big ones for us. We have weekly movie nights, sometimes just us but also sometimes with my parents. My dad is Moonlight's biggest fan actually. He cried harder than Ilya and that's something else because he'll cry at anything.

IR: It's very true.

HD: Fine, I'll watch Moonlight.

SH: You better! And I want a full report on it!

HD: Okay Dad.

SH: Shut up.

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HD: How do you look after your mental health alongside your physical health?

SH: Running with Anya, our dog.

IR: My beautiful daughter!

SH: Our daughter, you know she loves me too!

HD: Anya loves everyone.

SH: She really does. But yeah, running with her is so vital to my livelihood. Especially when it's summer break and we go to our summer home. Running around the lake you just take in the views, the breeze, you've got Anya and it's truly the best.

IR: She's always so full of energy she can run forever.

SH: She helps with stamina.

IR: Tell them about your skincare.

SH: Oh, yeah. I also like self-care like doing my skin-care morning and night or having a hot bath, especially when you've been smacked into the boards during a game there's nothing like a soak.

HD: Your skin is flawless.

SH: I take good care of it.

IR: He has like a 25 step routine.

SH: I literally use like 6 products total, you also do the same!

IR: Yeah and I am so much more handsome because of it.

Shane rolls his eyes

HD: Any other mental health tips?

SH: Well I started going to therapy recently. I had a very tumultuous year last year and realised I wasn't processing things the way I wanted to and so I got together with this brilliant therapist. We've had about ten sessions so far but I think it's going well. She's made me realise some things about myself which, this may come as not much of a surprise to people, certainly didn't to the people who are close to me, but she believes me to be on the spectrum

somewhere. So I have officially started the process with her and my doctors of getting a proper diagnosis.

HD: How's that been?

SH: It's a bit scary but I think it will explain a lot and help me approach things differently. Even talking about it with her has made me re-evaluate certain times in my life, certain behaviours. But yeah, go to therapy kids!

HD: I'm proud of you man, therapy is scary but I know it's helped a lot of the team get through struggles, so good for you man!

SH: Thanks. *Shane briefly looks off camera and noticeably blushes, most likely because of Ilya. Harris just ignores, he's used to this so much he's no longer bothered*

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HD: Do you have any pregame rituals?

SH: Not too many in the regular season to be honest, it's mostly if you get into the playoffs then some people have rituals and superstitions they like to practice. I try to do the no shaving thing but I barely have facial hair anyways so that's kind of redundant. I mostly just come to the rink, make sure I'm prepared with statistical stuff like weaknesses in a team, places to exploit. I like to have a meal maybe two hours beforehand. I used to give a captain's speech but now I have to listen to one that's got ten swear words per minute so there's that.

IR: You f***ing love it!

SH: I do actually, they're pretty inventive and fun. Last week he said he wanted to rip Colorado's a**hole but I think he meant to say he wanted to rip them a new one. Everyone was laughing quite hard.

IR: I have mastered the English language.

SH: Whatever you say, babe.

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HD: Have you got any tattoos?

SH: Erm, well. I haven't but I've thought about it. I think they're pretty cool, and hot if I'm being honest, especially on a specific person. *he winks to Ilya off camera, you can hear someone (Harris) sighing* I thought about getting my jersey number, 24, just like on my hip or something. A reminder of how far I've come and what I've achieved in life. I also think it's fun to just throw caution to the wind and so maybe I could just get one that doesn't mean anything and is random and stupid.

IR: What about my shirt number?

SH: What about it?

IR: I got a loon for you, you would not get my shirt number?

SH: No, I don't think so.

IR: Unbelievable!

SH: Why would I get your shirt number? If I did you'd literally never let me wear clothes again so you could look at it all day.

IR: Exactly!

SH: *Shane rolls his eyes and shakes his head dramatically* Is this my interview or yours?

IR: Of course it's your interview, moya lyubov

SH: *Shane goes red* Harris, don't include this.

IR: Harris please do.

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HD: When did you first meet Ilya?

SH: So it is apparently your interview too. *Shane is looking off screen*

IR: Still yours, but the people probably want to know why you find me so hot.

SH: F*ck you, A**hole

IR: Later.

SH: I SWEAR-

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Shane is once again very red in the face, but he composes himself

HD: So when did you first meet?

SH: Well the answer is 2008, International Prospect Cup Final in Saskatchewan. Technically in a random parking lot a couple days before the final. I spotted him and went over to say hello, introduce myself. He was smoking, I told him he was standing in the wrong place for that. He kind of looked at me with disdain a bit. But he has since told me he thought I was hot the second he looked at me so, guess I made some sort of impression.

IR: That is true, those freckles made me weak.

SH: I still don't understand your obsession with my freckles.

IR: They give you a boyish charm, and with your skin colour... kill me dead, everytime I see them.

SH: Shut up.

IR: Make me.

HD: Please stop.

SH: *Shane coughs and sits straight* Sorry, Harris.

HD: No worries.

SH: I reckon you've probably got a lot of questions relating to Ilya and I? Is that right, Harris?

HD: We were literally sent thousands and thousands of questions about the pair of you when we put the tweet out asking for submissions.

IR: Oh really? People really want to know?

HD: Yeah you're the talk of the town.

SH: Well then let's just get it over with.

IR: Over with what?

SH: With your permission, baby, I'm gonna give a very brief rundown of us.

IR: Of course you can, moya lyubov. I love hearing about us, it's like a walk down memory lane.

SH: Me too.

IR: Go on then, you have my permission.

SH: So yeah, we met in 2008. We only saw each other like a handful of times over the next year and a half, the draft and of course the Prospect Cup Final in 2009. It wasn't until July 2010 that we actually, y'know, got to know each other a bit better-

IR: Sexually, he means.

SH: ILYA! Harris, do not put that in!

IR: What the matter baby, it's the truth, 1410! Maybe you should get that number tattooed! In fact, I might do that-

SH: I'm not getting the number of the hotel room that we first f*cked in tattooed on me.

IR: I think it's hot.

SH: You think a slightly warm breeze is hot!

IR: Mmm, no. I think you are hot. Everything about you is hot and I think you would look hot with tattoos and I think it would make me want to-

SH: Don't finish that sentence, I swear I am going to kill you!

IR: No you won't. You'd miss me too much, wouldn't you?

SH: Go away, I can't focus with you right here! *There's a bunch of expletives that have been bleeped out*

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SH: As I was saying, we started our situationship in July 2010, we'd only ever met when we played against each other but we'd text all the time. We had each other saved as 'Jane' and 'Lily' in our phones. We'd just play the games against each other, hard, always. We never compromised for the other, we always played to win. But yeah wherever the game was, whether it be Montreal or Boston, then hook up after and then be gone before anyone suspected anything. Obviously a couple times outside of that like at All Star games or at MLH awards.

HD: Wait... what?

SH: We've been sleeping together since 2010 keep up, Harris.

HD: Oh...

SH: It felt easy because we both had this secret to keep. We were curious and excited and addicted, very addicted actually. But it started to get very real around the 2016/2017 season. I was only really just coming to terms with who I was at that moment in my life, being gay was the first thing to process but also, having feelings for your rival. There were a few moments where I tried to push it all away but I could never stay away from him, really. It was always him.

HD: Wow..

SH: Ilya had a lot going on too at that time but we eventually talked and began to be a bit more vulnerable with each other. Then I got my collarbone fracture and concussion injuries and he came to see me in the hospital and it all started to snowball really quite quickly. Our dear friend, Scott, came out and we felt like we could maybe give us a shot but we'd never really spent time together alone longer than one night so he came to stay with me at my private cottage in Quebec. And we kind of confessed to one another how much we loved each other and I guess we never looked back.

HD: Hold on... I feel light headed this is all breaking news. So you've pretty much been orbiting one another since rookie season?

IR: *Ilya off screen chimes in* 2008 really, I knew as soon as I saw freckles I was in trouble.

SH: *Shane looks off screen, to Ilya* As soon as you passed me that water bottle in the gym on draft night for me.

There's giggles

HD: Your whole career... damn.

SH: Don't get it wrong, it did take us like 9 years to get to f*cking admitting we loved one another so it wasn't perfect. But it was us, y'know?

HD: Hollanov.

SH: Sure. *Shane's once again, blushing* But yeah so we spent the summer in 2017 at our Summer Home and it was the greatest time of my life. Then we came up with a plan of Ilya moving to the centaurs so we could be closer together, we worked on the charity and we just fell further and further in love. It was so hard at times, being that far apart, not being able to love him loudly like he deserves but we made it work. We had such a great support network. Then, obviously we got accidentally outed to the world which put a strain on us a bit. But we fought through. We got married in 2021 and now we're playing together here in Ottawa. Not the easiest route but I wouldn't change a single part of it at all. I'm the happiest I've ever been.

IR: I love you, so much. *Ilya's voice is trembling off screen*

SH: *Shane looks off camera to Ilya* *Ya tebya Lyublyu.*

IR: *tearfully* Please don't speak Russian, I'm already crying.

SH: Aww, baby come here!

Ilya comes into view of the camera and Shane embraces him, it's a sickeningly sweet and tender moment between two men who love each other. They're muttering things to one another in what is probably Russian and Shane is playing with Ilya's hair. Shane gently thumbs some tears under Ilya's eyes away

HD: I'm not cutting any of this out.

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HD: Are you staying for the last few questions, Ilya?

IR: Yes.

HD: Fair enough.

HD: Shane, you've obviously picked up some Russian. How many languages do you speak?

SH: I can speak English, Japanese and French fluently. I can write English and French obviously but I can't write Japanese very well, but that's okay. My Russian however, still needs work, lots of work.

IR: It really doesn't, you're too hard on yourself.

SH: It does, I struggle with a lot of pronunciation.

IR: It's so good.

SH: Ilya-

IR: No, please listen to me, moya lyubov. My heart aches when you speak my language, in a good way. It's so beautiful coming out of your mouth. I love that you've taken the time to learn my language, that you respect my language, that you respect me enough to be so dedicated to it. You are so beautiful and so is your heart. You are my everything, Solnyshko.

Shane's eyes are now filled with tears

SH: Now you're making me cry, this is so unfair. Harris, we're done. I can't concentrate!

Shane kisses Ilya and hugs him and they're both crying

HD: Ugh, Fine.

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The outro screen begins to play and it's just Shane and Ilya holding one another while crying. You can hear another member of the centaurs come over

TB: What the heck did you say to them, Harris?

HD: I literally asked Shane what languages he speaks.

TB: What?

HD: I don't know, but apparently they've literally been together since rookie season.

TB: Excuse me?

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Posted 25 minutes ago.

Comments: 634

[Pinned] CentaursOfficial:

Hollanov till we die <3

Reply from: PuckerLover

Abso-fucking-lutely!

Reply from: TBarrettHockey

POV: You're in a Hollanov loving contest and the official Centaurs account is your competition

Reply from: YunaHollander

I think you meant me, Troy.

Reply from: TBarrettHockey

Yes, of course. Sorry, Mrs. Hollander.

HollyFan24:

A whole Shane Q&A with Ilya being cute? Have I died and gone to hockey heaven?

Reply from: LibbyNash

I think we have!

Reply from: LucaHaasBaby

gay hockey heaven and it's glorious! Love these boys to death!

Reply from: IlyaHollanderRozanov

Love you Haas! Score a goal tomorrow and I'll buy you candy.

Reply from: LucaHaasBaby

You got it, cap!

IlyaRozanovsEyelashes:

Can we talk about that whole last five minutes? Hollanov have been about it since they were like 17/18? They're childhood sweethearts!

Reply from: HollanovStan08

No because I actually screamed the house down, what do you mean they were sleeping together the whole time? How can I be normal now I have this information?

Reply from: CentsForLife

The way they had me crying at the end, they really do love each other. And is it me or does Holly look happier here than he ever did at Montreal?

Reply from: ShaneHollanderOfficial

Because I am happier.

Reply from: IlyaHollanderRozanov

Is it because you can see my handsome face everyday at training? @/ShaneHollanderOfficial

Reply from: ShaneHollanderOfficial

Of course, baby.

Reply from: IlyaRozanovsEyelashes

Really, right in front of my ginger ale?

HockeyMom99:

Wait, the whole moonlight chat was really cute. Shane's dad really said 'I am an ally!'

Reply from: DavidMHollander

I am my son's biggest supporter but I am a Moonlight 'stan' first. @/YunaHollander, did I use that context right?

Reply from: YunaHollander

Yes, quite well too. Shall we watch it tonight?

Reply from: DavidMHollander

Yes please! I'll bake some cookies :)

Reply from: ShaneHollanderOfficial

Dad :')

JenniferIsHollanderTrash21:

These two, and others such as Scott have gone through so much to be happy and free and I can only imagine that there is nothing quite like that feeling now they're out and accepted. I wish all the best to Hollanov, I hope they lead us to the cup this year through sheer gay power! I hope they get to go travelling in Asia and I hope Anya gets cat friends! I love them and this team.

Reply from: ShaneHollanderOfficial

Thank you, Jennifer. We love all of our centaur fans. X

Reply from: IlyaHollanderRozanov

Anya does deserve a cat friend. @/ShaneHollanderOfficial

Reply from: ShaneHollanderOfficial

Fine... we can get a cat.

End Notes

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