

NEW YORK ISLANDERS DRAFT PICK JOSH HO-SANG 1<sup>st</sup> round, 28<sup>th</sup> overall)  
POST DRAFT INTERVIEW  
Transcribed by Adam Wodon of College Hockey News (thanks, Adam!)

I took it slow, went to breakfast. I went to the Rodin Museum, which is pretty amazing. I do quite like art actually, and it kinda got me leveled for the Draft. Just kinda sitting there waiting, it was great seeing all my friends drafted, especially Michael Dal Colle -- I've known him a very long time. He's a great player, and the fact I got to put on the same jersey as him is a great honor.

The Spitfires have been huge. All that goes to Bobby Boughner, Jones-y, Jughead -- Warren Rychel -- they know who they are. They're great guys. They really worked with me and I'm so thankful for that. Obviously I'm a little different than other people, I think that's pretty known, but they take the time to figure me out and push me to be the best I can, and that's what I'm hoping to do with the Islanders.

I think I'm different because I see the world a little bit different. I'm outspoken and I think that I'm a little more opinionated than most people like, but that's just part of growing up, and I'm definitely learning the areas where I can and can't be (outspoken) and I'm just working on that moving forward.

It was pretty amazing. Tonight I was prepared to not get drafted, especially towards the end, it's something you have to ready for so you don't get hurt. But I was very grateful they drafted me and I couldn't ask for anything else.

I had two meetings with the Islanders and both of them went very well. It's an honor. ... They talked to me about me, and when they took the time to get to know me, I knew that the Islanders were definitely a team that would be interested, because they understand I'm not really that different. I'm just a little more outspoken.

It's amazing, the fact that they traded two seconds away (from Tampa's time expiring) to pick me, that just shows they believe in me, and that's all I really need. And I'll give them everything I have, I'll push until I can't breathe.

I have 26 teams to show that they missed out, and I definitely have to show the Islanders that they were right.

You want to be with people who believe in you and think you can do great things. That's how you get there, to be pushed. And with all that, it helps you want to be better for them, it helps you want to give everything you have, because you know it's not just about you, it's about your family.

It was important to let people know. Everybody has their opinion on how I spoke out and what I said, and my arrogance. And that goes around. But it's nothing like that. I mean, I'm calm, collected and I believe in myself, and people can take that however they like.

Honestly and truly, from what I've seen from Twitter, everything's been positive. A lot of people have said that it was a good thing, and there's people that will say it was a bad thing. And that's the way it is with everything you're going to do in your life.

I actually got a call from John Tavares, and that was amazing actually, because he's a top-five player in the NHL, clearly. Just to hear his voice and to hear he's happy to have you, is pretty cool.