

Former Sabres Coach Ted Nolan Says He Was 'Too Honest' in PuckLife Interview

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One of hockey's most polarizing figures, former **Buffalo Sabres** and **New York Islanders** coach

Ted Nolan

, spoke to

[PuckLife Magazine](#)

last week on racism and his departure from the NHL. Less than a week later, Nolan says he regrets being so candid.

In an interview with **Biz of Hockey's Matthew Coller** on "[The Blue Line Show](#)" on **SportsRadio 950 ESPN**

in Rochester, NY, Nolan said he was too honest about racism in the PuckLife interview, but still believes racism exists in the NHL. Nolan also said he wants back in to the NHL.

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Matthew Collier:

My first question after reading the PuckLife article was what is the main factor in you not coaching in the NHL right now?

Ted Nolan:

Well, you come to learn to appreciate that people have different opinions and views and they are going to select who they think is best to coach their hockey club. That's all I really wanted to say in the whole thing. When you're younger and you don't know how to handle it and you're too emotionally erupt but the biggest thing is that, if you don't get hired, that's fine. But, when people try to make assumptions and reasons why you shouldn't get hired versus a different choice, that's where the confusion part for me was. So, I just really wanted to get that out and put it to bed and forget about it.

MC:

In the article you talk about 'misconceptions,' what misconceptions were you referring to?

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"When I was in Buffalo, I thought things were going well then all the sudden people have misconceptions that I can't work with somebody..."

"Well, anybody who thinks [racism] doesn't exist, you have to get your head out of the sand. It's alive, and hopefully not too well."

"I had a great time in Buffalo. I loved Buffalo and the way I got treated there; I couldn't ask for better treatment. I had a disagreement with a couple gentlemen and that's it."

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"I've never kept that a secret. I've always wanted to coach again. I'm just waiting for a team that's looking for a coach like myself to come in and make a difference."

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