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FSIN APPLAUDS APOLOGY TO INDIGENOUS NHL PLAYER ZACH WHITECLOUD

TREATY 6 TERRITORY, Saskatoon, Sk. The FSIN is pleased to hear a public apology was made to Zach Whitecloud from ESPN's Broadcaster, John Anderson, after a tasteless comment was directed to the young Indigenous player.

On May 8, 2023, ESPN's Broadcaster John Anderson made a joke about Vegas Knights Defenceman, Zach Whitecloud, saying "What kind of name is Whitecloud?", after Whitecloud scored a goal in the 2nd period of the playoff game against the Vegas Knights and Oilers.

Whitecloud is an Indigenous role model for many Canadian and American Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth alike and speaks about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and the importance of an education.

Cross cultural sensitivity training is needed in all areas of Sport, Culture and Recreation that will shed light on the pressures young Indigenous players face daily. It will teach you to speak with empathy and understanding rather than judgment. We ask you to treat all our Indigenous players with the same respect as other players in the NHL and in all other areas of professional sports.

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