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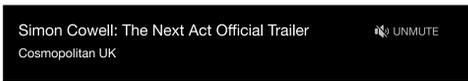


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How to watch Heated Rivalry in the UK: Everything you need to know as show gets New Year release date

The viral show is coming to the UK and we're so ready! 🇬🇧

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Ever since it premiered in the US and Canada on 19 November, *Heated Rivalry* has been the show everyone can't stop talking about.

Based on Rachel Reid's *Game Changers* book series, the LGBTQ+ sports romance follows ice hockey stars Shane Hollander (Hudson Williams) and Ilya Rozanov (Connor Storrie), who appear to be locked in a fierce rivalry on the ice - while secretly sharing a passionate relationship behind the scenes.

The Canadian series quickly became commissioner Crave's most-viewed series to date. And now, after months of anticipation, the viral show has finally secured a UK release date.

So, when does it come out in the UK? How can we watch it? And who's in the cast?

Here's everything you need to know.

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When does Heated Rivalry come out in the UK?

Heated Rivalry will premiere in the UK on **Saturday 10th January**.

How to watch Heated Rivalry in the UK

Heated Rivalry will be available to watch on Sky and stream on NOW.

Announcing the news, [Sky TV wrote on X](#) (formerly Twitter): "Your winter just got a steamy upgrade. You can thank us later."

Following the announcement, fans flocked to the comments with one writing: "What an early Christmas present !!! Thank you!"

"FINALLY OMMFGGGG THANK YOU," another said.

"So excited!!! Bring on the 10th Jan!!!" a third wrote.



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What is Heated Rivalry about?

Heated Rivalry follows the passionate, hidden relationship between two closeted male hockey players who, to the outside world, appear to be fierce rivals.

It's inspired by Rachel Reid's book series, which spans six novels, with the first two forming the basis of the show.

The official synopsis states: "Torn between the sport they live for and the love they can't ignore, Shane and Ilya must decide if there is room in their fiercely competitive world for something as fragile and as powerful as real love."



Heated Rivalry cast

The cast is led by Hudson Williams, who plays Shane and Connor Storrie who plays Ilya.

Yellowjackets star [Sophie Nélisse](#) also appears in the drama.

For the main cast list, see below:

- Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander
- Connor Storrie as Ilya Grigoryevich Rozanov
- François Arnaud as Scott Hunter
- Robbie G.K. as Christopher "Kip"Grady
- Callan Potter as Hayden Pike
- Ksenia Daniela Kharlamova as Svetlana Sergeevna Vetrova
- Sophie Nélisse as Rose Landry
- Christina Chang as Yuna Hollander
- Dylan Walsh as David Hollander

Heated Rivalry premieres in the UK on Saturday 10th January 2026.

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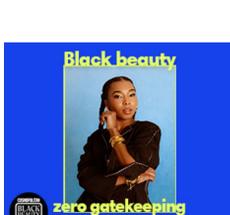
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