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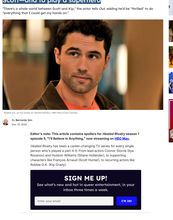
Heated Rivalry Robbie G.K. wants more Kip and Scott—and to play a superfluous

"Everything that I could get my hands on," the actor tells Out, adding he'd be "thrilled" to do "anything that I could get my hands on."



Robbie G.K. and Hudson Williams in *Heated Rivalry* | Courtesy of HBO Max

By Bernardo Sim
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Editor's note: This article contains spoilers for *Heated Rivalry* season 1 episode 5, "I'll Believe In Anything," now streaming on HBO Max.

Heated Rivalry has been a career-changing TV series for every single person who's played a part in it. From Hudson Williams and Connor Storrie (Ilya Rozanov) and Hudson Williams (Shane Hollander), to supporting cast members Dylan Walsh (Scott Hunter), to recurring actors like Robbie G.K. (Kip Grady).

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While all four actors playing new characters in the HBO Max/Crave original series are receiving well-deserved praise for their deeply committed performances, Walsh, Storrie, and Williams have been nominated for Emmys, Gold Globes, and charming Jeopardy! belief (shh-as-fig—a character who leads Rachel Reid's first book, Game Changer, alongside Scott Hunter in the series) for their roles in the series. Meanwhile, Robbie G.K. (who was introduced in episode 3, which cleverly intercuts Kip's last-ever day between Ilya and Shane that viewers had gotten obsessed with. It isn't surprising that the actor playing Kip Grady, who is a fan-favorite character, is felt as though he's been there all along, like Shane, or Ilya, or Scott.

During an interview with *Out*, G.K. reacts to how fans have embraced Kip, his relationship with Scott, his father, and even his group of friends—the "Kip's Kitchen" crew, who are a tight-knit group of friends who serve as his. The actor also discusses the ideas circulating that Kip and Scott's involvement is the non-traditional second season of Hearts Beat Loud-esque musical, and how he would be "thrilled" to do anything he's been playing a superhero — which prompted to dream big and hope beyond the gay hockey series that's propelled his career to new heights.

Out: I think it is fair to say that *Heated Rivalry* has been a success—a beyond-anyone's-wildest-imagination. In the first two episodes, people were talking about Kip's last-ever day, and people were obsessed with him. However, you were only able to talk about the show after that episode aired. How did this waiting process feel like?

Robbie G.K.: Yeah, it was tough, for sure! I really wanted to be chatting about the show, and I wanted to be able to talk about the character and the series. But you know, I obviously have a lot of trust in Jacob [Tierney, *Heated Rivalry* showrunner] He and Brendan [Brady, executive producer] and the whole team, I trust them. And it was tough, because this is kind of our strategy. I was like, "Yeah, just let go."

And then the first two episodes came out, and stuff was being posted on Instagram, and I was like, "We're really keeping this a secret to the last second here." People had started to message me like, "I'm so excited to watch your character's last episode." And I was like, "Oh, I wish people responded to that because I can't really confirm or deny!" [Laughs.] But I think I was just very excited about it.

On the type of person that, if I have a surprise for somebody, or if I give someone a present, I'm the person who can't wait for them to unwrap it or enjoy it. [Laughs.] So that was pretty tricky.

Sometimes I work at keeping those secrets, too.

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Robbie G.K.: Yeah, I mean, I'm just—I don't know. I'm just—I'm just very excited about it. I'm very, very, very excited about it. I'm very, very, very excited about it. I'm very, very,

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Animated versions of *RuPaul's Drag Race* stars Monét X Change and Bob the Drag Queen in the holiday-themed animated short titled *Bob the Drag Queen x Monét X Change's Sing-Along.*/ MTV/Paramount/World of Wonder/YouTube (@rupaulsdragrace)

Listen, babes: Before Heated Rivalry, there was already Sibling Rivalry, OK? Bob the Drag Queen and Monét X Change, the doors you've opened! Keep Reading →

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Connor Storrie as Ilya Rozanov and Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander on *Heated Rivalry* season 1 episode 5./ HBO Max/Crave Canada

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Ben Wishaw at the 76th Golden Globe Awards./ Featureflash Photo Agency/Shutterstock

Ben Whishaw, best known for starring in films like Skyfall, The Lobster, and 2023's Passages, chimed in on the discourse surrounding actors coming out of the closet — more specifically, discussing why it's so tricky for out queer actors to succeed in show business. Keep Reading →

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Antoni Porowski at the W Hotel in Union Square/ Courtesy of Snapdragon

On a miserably rainy day in New York City, the W Hotel in Union Square was the perfect reprieve from the dreariness and gray skies. In here, one of the ballrooms was transformed into a winter wonderland — just in time for the Christmas season. Once you step off the elevators onto the second floor, your eyes are treated to a visual feast: immaculately dressed Christmas trees with presents stuffed beneath them, and gigantic candy-red ornaments at least five feet tall around the room. When I walked in, Antoni Porowski — one of the stars of Netflix's Queer Eye and author of the New York Times-bestselling cookbooks Antoni in the Kitchen and Let's Do Dinner — was seated on one of the luxurious couches, next to one of the many festive decorations. Keep Reading →

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Matt Baumgartner on *June Farms*./ Prime Video

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Jack Cameron Kay; Sachin Bhatt; Miles Heizer; Max Parker; Angus O'Brien on *Boots*./ Netflix

The cast and crew are sharing reactions to Boots season 2 not happening. Keep Reading →

Heated Rivalry feud ends: Hudson Willams and Jordan Firstman work it out on the remix

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Jordan Firstman as Charlie Cohen on *I Love LA*; Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander on *Heated Rivalry*./ HBO Max; Crave Canada/HBO Max

Good news: It's dead. The media feud between I Love LA star Jordan Firstman and the Heated Rivalry actors Hudson Williams (Shane Hollander) and Connor Storrie (Ilya Rozanov) — which even featured actor François Arnaud (Scott Hunter) entering the chat — has seemingly come to an end. Keep Reading →

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Kim Chi/ Courtesy of KimChi Chic Beauty

Kim Chi has come a long way since being introduced to a global audience on RuPaul's Drag Race season 8, which she finished as a top 3 finalist. Despite only competing once in Mama Ru's queendom, Kim Chi got everything she needed: Millions of fans who fell in love with her right away, close friendships with fellow finalists Naomi Smalls and Bob the Drag Queen, the "Fat, Fem & Asian" catchphrase that addressed desirability politics in a fun/cheeky way, and even a moment at the finale to tell RuPaul about her dream to start her own makeup company. Keep Reading →

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Kristen Kish; Monét X Change; Colton Underwood on *The Traitors* season 4./ Sam McElwee/Peacock

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Beloved gay 'General Hospital' star Anthony Geary dies at age 78

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'General Hospital' star Anthony Geary has passed away./ Allen Berezovsky/WireImage

Anthony Geary, an actor known for playing Luke Spencer on General Hospital, has passed away at the age of 78. His death occurred on December 14 and was the result of complications from a scheduled operation three days earlier, according to TV Insider. Keep Reading →

Heated Rivalry is Hoopla's No. 1 book since the TV show premiered

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Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander (L) and Connor Storrie as Ilya Rozanov (R) on *Heated Rivalry* season 1; *Heated Rivalry* novel cover art (M)./ HBO Max/Crave Canada; Harlequin Enterprises Limited

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Heated Rivalry star Harrison Browne unpacks coming out as trans and historic hockey career

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Harrison Browne as Scott in *Pink Light* short film; Connor Storrie as Ilya Rozanov and Harrison Browne as Connors on *Heated Rivalry* season 1 episode 4./ Toronto Film Festival; Crave/HBO Max

Heated Rivalry episode 4 introduced fans to Connors, another pro hockey player who rooms with fellow teammate Ilya Rozanov (Connor Storrie) and is played by Harrison Browne. After dedicating his entire life to hockey, coming out as a trans man, and starting an acting career, Browne still struggled to land roles on hockey-themed movies and TV shows. However, let's just say that 2025 was a game changer (pun intended) for Browne, who went on to write, direct, and star in his own short film, Pink Light, and had his talents recognized by showrunner Jacob Tierney, who secured him a role on the hit TV show from Crave and HBO Max. Keep Reading →

Jordan Firstman sorry for calling 'Heated Rivalry' sex 'not gay' after backlash

By Daniel Reynolds Dec 13, 2025

Jordan Firstman's critique of Heated Rivalry's gay sex as inauthentic was slammed by critics./ Kenny Laubbacher/HBO / Sabrina Lantos/HBO Max

Jordan Firstman admitted he put his foot in his mouth regarding his critique of gay sex in Heated Rivalry. Keep Reading →

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Connor Storrie and Hudson Williams attend the premiere of "Heated Rivalry" at TIFF Lightbox/ Harold Feng/Getty Images

Heated Rivalry is quickly becoming one of the most talked-about shows on social media, enrapturing a gay audience as well as a straight one. Amid this hype, the two hunky stars of the steamy Canadian hockey show, Connor Storrie and Hudson Williams, popped into a gay sports bar in West Hollywood, Hi Tops, during its trivia night to surprise the patrons. Both of the show's leading men took turns addressing the crowd, which was clearly excited to see them. Keep Reading →

'RuPaul's Drag Race' assembles 16 past winners to ring in season 18

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BeBe Zahara Benet; Sasha Velour; Onya Nurve; Willow Pill at the official premiere event for *RuPaul's Drag Race* season 18, which reunited 16 *Drag Race* winners from the main U.S. franchise./ ALL IMAGES: Santiago Felipe/Getty Images for MTV

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