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'Heated Rivalry' Exec Teases Possible Bonus Episode For Holidays: "Can't Rush The Process"

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Hudson Williams and Connor Storrie in 'Heated Rivalry' Sabrina Lantos/Crave

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Although it's sure to be a long winter without another season of *Heated Rivalry*, Jacob Tierney might give fans something to hold them over.

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Following the massive success of Season 1, an exec from Crave parent company Bell Media recently addressed the possibility of getting a bonus episode or two before Jacob Tierney releases the sophomore season of his series adaptation of Rachel Reid's *Game Changers* books.

"We're going to see what's feasible," Justin Stockman, vice-president of content development and programming at Bell Media, told *The Toronto Star*.

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"If Jacob Tierney can find a way to make the source material work in a way that gets us something sooner or something special, I'm sure he will," he explained, adding: "I would love to have this back for the holidays next year, but that likely is not going to happen. We can't rush the process. We won't be able to repeat the magic if we push him."

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After *Heated Rivalry* was renewed for Season 2, creator Tierney told Deadline that it will be based on *The Long Game*, the only other current book in the series that focuses on Ilya and Shane (Reid's *Unrivaled* resumes the story on Sept. 29).



'Heated Rivalry' SABRINA LANTOS

Star Connor Storrie has since teased that production on the sophomore season could start by summer.

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