



## Heated Rivalry fans need to watch Hudson Williams' cameo in CBS's most-watched show

Fans eager to get more Hudson Williams need to add Tracker to their watch list!

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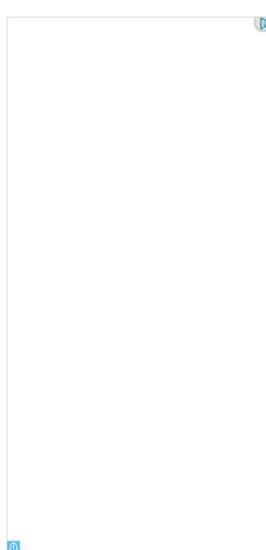


Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander in Heated Rivalry | Courtesy of Bell Media



Since the release of *Heated Rivalry*, Hudson Williams has become a global superstar and one of the most-talked-about actors in the industry. Williams' performance as Shane Hollander in *Crave* and *HBO Max's* hit LGBTQ hockey drama has captivated the world and earned him rave reviews.

The series has proven to be Williams' big break, making the up-and-coming actor an overnight sensation. Fans cannot get enough of Williams and thankfully there has been no shortage of new clips to enjoy across social media as Williams continues to make the rounds, gifting us with one unforgettable soundbite after another.



While there is no shortage of interviews and clips to enjoy of Hudson, his filmography is on the shorter side with *Heated Rivalry* marking his first lead role in a major series. Prior to *Heated Rivalry*, Williams was best known for smaller roles in a handful of TV series as well as a number of short films. Among the TV series Williams guest starred on prior to his breakout role in *Heated Rivalry* was [CBS's most-watched show](#), *Tracker*.

Williams guest starred in *Tracker* season 2, episode 9, "The Disciple," which aired just a few short months before filming began on *Heated Rivalry* season 1. The episode gave Williams the chance to play a character who is *very* different from his *Heated Rivalry* character, in a role that is honestly likely to surprise *Heated Rivalry* fans who give *Tracker* a watch.

We meet Williams' character, Brandon Stokes, at the top of the episode in a small town in Missouri. As Brandon is leaving the grocery store, he's attacked by a masked man who has hidden in the back seat of his mom's car. Following Brandon's disappearance, Justin Hartley's character Coulter Shaw is called in to help work the case and quickly discovers an unexpected truth about Brandon.

You'll have to watch the episode to find out what that truth ends up being, but let's just say that Brandon isn't exactly the victim the opening sequence leads us to believe he is. His story also comes to a close within the episode in a very shocking and unexpected way.

Speaking of *Tracker*, Hartley had nothing but love for Williams when speaking about his guest spot on *Tracker* with [Entertainment Tonight at the Golden Globes](#).

"It's great, isn't it?" Hartley commented of the success Williams is enjoying following the release of *Heated Rivalry*: "Isn't it great when you sort of run into people along the way and you see them having all this success? It's wonderful."

It's certainly amazing to see Williams enjoying the limelight and breaking through following his incredible performance in *Heated Rivalry*. Fans of the show should definitely check out his episode of *Tracker*.

The episode is a fun watch for fans looking to revisit some of Williams' early roles, and thankfully the episode can be streamed online via Paramount+ which is home to all seasons of *Tracker*. You can also purchase the episode directly on providers such as Prime Video if you are not a current Paramount+ subscriber.

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