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Hudson Williams in Armani Is Only Fueling My *Heated Rivalry* Obsession

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As Carrie Bradshaw **once famously said**: "And suddenly, there he was, wearing Armani on Sunday." Except my Mr. Big has is **Hudson Williams**.

The actor is one of the lead stars of the smash gay hockey series ***Heated Rivalry***, which took the world by storm at the end of 2025 and shows no signs of slowing down, at least in terms of fan mania (but it's already been **renewed for a second season**).

It's hard to scroll social media without being fed clips from the show's surplus of romantic—and steamy—scenes, or without seeing cuts of Williams and his co-star **Connor Storrie** during one of their many **endearing interviews**.

Like any **obsessive fanbase**, *Heated Rivalry* viewers have taken to picking their favorite characters—like Yoann Edward or Team Jacob from the Twilight days. But it's off-screen where Williams has truly won my heart, with his deep love of cinema, his **playful social media presence**, and his refreshing **inability to filter his comments** on talk shows.

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Yesterday, that obsession reached a high point when Williams stepped out to sit front row at the Giorgio Armani fall/winter 2026-2027 show in Milan, Italy. You would've though a **royal had made a surprise appearance** based on the number of photos and videos that popped up on social media mere moments after he arrived. Not that I'm complaining.

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Williams evoked dashing heartthrobs of the '80s, with his gray wool-blend suit, floppy bairdo courtesy of hairstylist Aika Flores, and lit cigarette, which he flicked on his way into the venue. (On Instagram, Williams **wrote**: "I didn't know it was illegal to smoke in the streets. I'm sorry. But I still blame Leilani. Aka aka Tiny Gunster, thank you for making me look good & feel good ❤️.")

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The Canadian actor's suit was composed of a double-breasted blazer with notch lapels, which was paired with matching straight-leg slacks that pooled ever so slightly over his inky oxfords.

To complete the look, Williams sported a crisp, white dress shirt and a sleeky tie that fell just above his waist. While outside, he accessorized with a pair of thin, octagonal sunglasses, as well as a black overcoat that he draped casually over his shoulders.

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One fan on X (formerly Twitter) put it best when they **wrote**: "Mama about to inspire 10,000 mafia fanfics."

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Over the past few weeks, Williams has quickly established himself as a fashion presence to be reckoned with. At the 2026 Golden Globes, he stole the show on the red carpet in a **dreamy black-and-white look** from Giorgio Armani, which now seems like it might have been a clue to his eventual fashion show appearance. Days later, he made **his runway debut** at the DSquared2 show, where he wore a sporty winter fit that winked to his *Heated Rivalry* character, Shane Hollander.

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With season two of the romantic sports drama unlikely to start filming until later this year, I'll have to settle for re-watches to satiate my increasing obsession. But thankfully, the boys have been giving us plenty of material to soak up ever since leaving the cottage.

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