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Bisexual hockey player Nicolás Keenan says his life mirrored Heated Rivalry

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Nicolás Keenan described his life like Heated Rivalry. (Instagram/nicolaskeenan)

Bisexual Argentine hockey player Nicolás Keenan has shared his 'closeted' love story which reflects the global hit show *Heated Rivalry*.

Keenan, who plays for Dutch Hoofdklasse club Kein Zwitserland, told Pinknews how he kept his relationship with Rob Zethen - the Netherlands' potential new Prime Minister - from the public eye.

As a closeted professional hockey player, Keenan recognised the similarities between himself and Scott Hunter's story within the series.

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He said: "I was a closeted professional hockey player living their love story inside of a room or inside of Scott's apartment, I felt very relatable."

"It's how I started my relationship with my Fiancé."

In *Heated Rivalry*, Scott (portrayed by Francois Arnaud) starts a relationship with a barista, Kip (Robbie Gee), while keeping his relationship with his private life away from his career, before eventually coming out in a great way.

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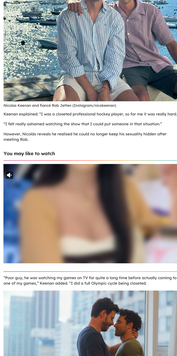

Nicolás Keenan and fiancé Rob Zethen (Instagram/nicolaskeenan)

Keenan explained: "I was a closeted professional hockey player, so for me it was really hard.

"I felt really ashamed watching the show that I could put someone in that situation."

However, Nicolás reveals he realised he could no longer keep his sexuality hidden after meeting Rob.

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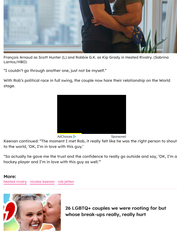
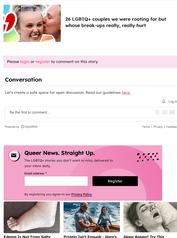


"Poor guy, he was watching my games on TV for quite a long time before actually coming to one of my games," Keenan added. "I did a full Olympic cycle being closeted.



François Arnaud as Scott Hunter (L) and Robbie G.K. as Kip Grady in Heated Rivalry. (Sabrina Lantos/HBO)

"I couldn't go through another one, just not be myself.

With Rob's political role in full swing, the couple now have their relationship on the World stage.

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Keenan continued: "The moment I met Rob, it really felt like he was the right person to shout to the world, 'OK, I'm in love with this guy'.

"So actually he gave me the trust and the confidence to really go outside and say, 'OK, I'm a hockey player and I'm in love with this guy as well.'"

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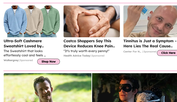

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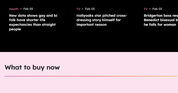

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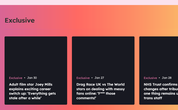

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