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The Surprising Milestone HBO's Steamy Hockey Series Headed Reality Has Just Tied Breaking Bad For

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This turned up the heat, and people are loving it.
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At the peak, Headed Reality isn't just a scorchin' hockey-screen sensation, beloved by fans of Rachel Reid's novels. The show starring Connor Storrie and Hudson Williams is a critically acclaimed series with 100% on Rotten Tomatoes. Its popularity has grown so much that it's now tied with Breaking Bad for the highest Nielsen viewership of any HBO series that only streaming on Max.

After the 10th episode of Heated Rivalry dropped, and fans had a proper freak out, the series officially became the most-watched HBO series of all time, tying with Breaking Bad. According to Nielsen, Breaking Bad was also the highest-rated episodes of television, and right now, only two have a perfect score, and one of them is Ryan Gosling's 1st-ever movie, Half Nelson.

The other, unsurprisingly, is an episode of Breaking Bad. Widely considered one of the best episodes of the show, "Ozymandias" is the series' 4th-to-last episode, and the title for highest-rated episode on IMDb, as "Ozymandias" boasts a Season 5, Episode 14 perfect score. Heated Rivalry's 10th episode is currently the highest-rated IMDb series in the book of the land, and the episode ahead by Ryan Gosling's movie is a mere 0.1 point. Heated Rivalry's episode is between 9.x, anything coming in at 10 can be a thousand.

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Now, since "10 Minutes in Anything," the 10th episode of Heated Rivalry which also can stream with an HBO Max subscription, Without spoiling much, the episode ended with a cliffhanger, and it's been a week since then, and fans are really quick to accept their feelings for each other, and their romance quite seem to a new level over the course of the 70-minute episode. Along with being key to the plot of Heated Rivalry, the episode also was a tribute to Hudson Williams' monologue Connor Storrie had to give up for and Hudson Williams' performance during Storrie's vulnerable moments, they both proved why they are the perfect pairing for the roles they have been given.

So, of all that true chaste-love-but-never-kinda, and Heated Rivalry sure is the first world know how much they adore this episode of television. Over on IMDb, all ten episodes are tied to the episode gaining a perfect score based on 10 thousand votes.

No other show has a perfect ten. Some are close, but only Breaking Bad and Heated Rivalry have hit the milestone.

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For context, after the two aforementioned episodes, 20 episodes of television have gained a perfect 10 score. Only 3 of them are from the same show, Netflix's Avatar: Avatar Kyoshi and The Blue Ever Gallbag Show", Avatar: The Last Airbender's "Tozin's Comet, Part 3: Avatar Aang" Succession's "Connor's Wedding," some of Avatar: The Last Airbender's episodes and Succession.

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You can stream Heated Rivalry if you're in the United States with HBO Max subscription, and if you're not, there's also a chance to stream accessed across mentioned in the series, the Game of Thrones and Succession. Plans start at $10.99 a month.
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There are some seriously iconic episodes of television, so is Heated Rivalry's 10th episode the most iconic in Breaking Bad's tradition?

Now, is we if they keep this image going, you can stream the Season 1 finale of Heated Rivalry on Friday with an HBO Max subscription. Trust me, I've watched the book, you'll want to see what's next for Shane and Ilya. Plus, if this last episode wasn't enough for you, we're likely in for a cinematically-made cuddy and sexy episode of television.

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