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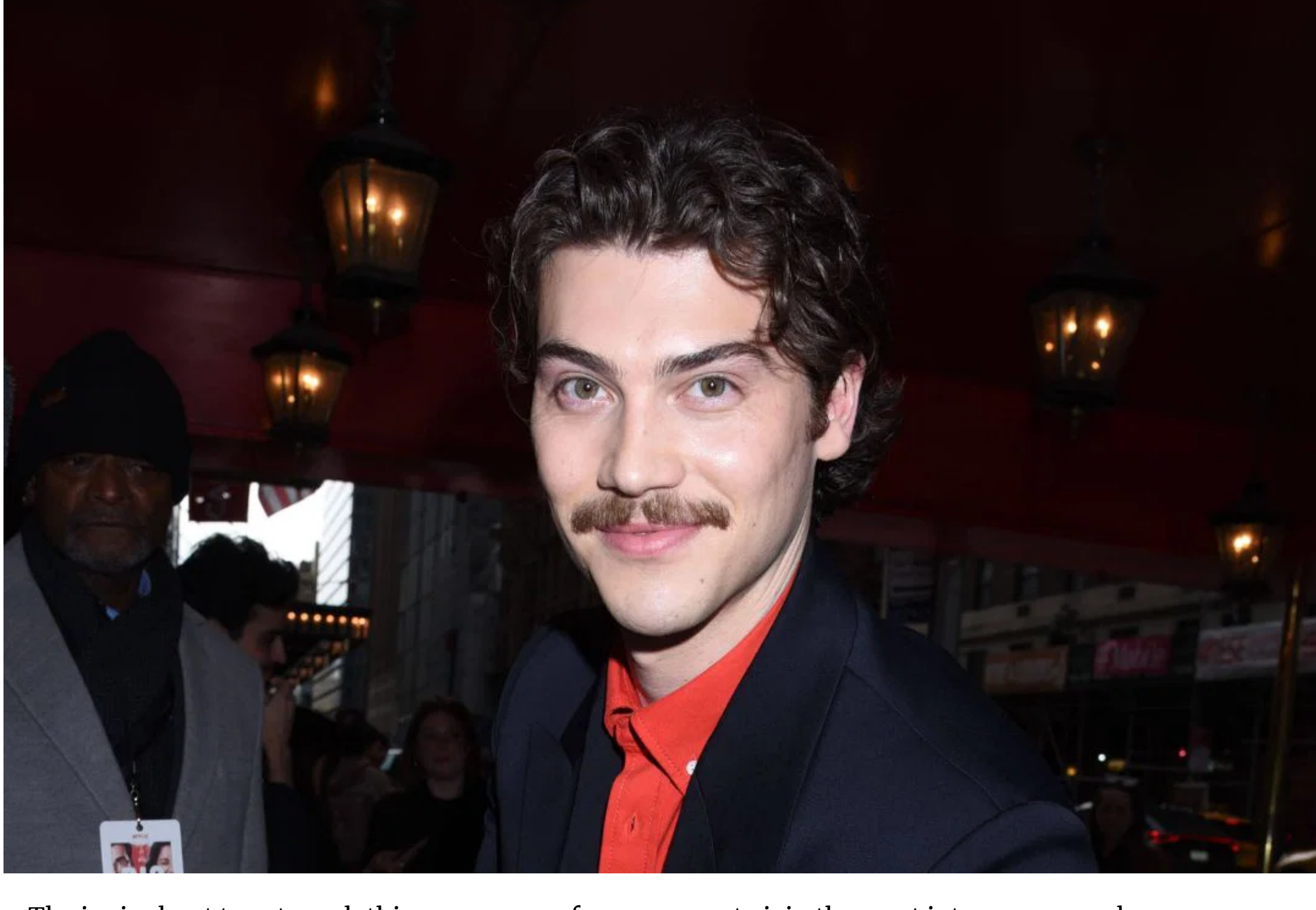
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'I'm Down for Anything!'- Jack Inmanen on Why He Is Perfect for 'Heated Rivalry'

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The ice is about to get much thinner as a new face prepares to join the most intense power play on television. While the first season of *Heated Rivalry* focused on the secret sparks between Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov, the upcoming second chapter might feature an actor who claims he was born for the rink. Jack Inmanen is officially putting on his skates to enter this dramatic arena.

The potential addition of an enthusiast could fundamentally change the locker room chemistry in the next installment.

Jack Inmanen has his reasons for joining Heated Rivalry season 2

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Jack Inmanen, known for his work on the series *Adults*, recently shared his enthusiasm for joining the *Heated Rivalry* universe during an interview with Entertainment Tonight. He highlighted that he can do anything, his genuine hockey background and stick-handling skills as proof of his suitability for the gritty sports drama.

"I think I'm perfect for the show because I am down for anything. And I played hockey," he said.

When asked about his official status, Jack Inmanen remarked that he had had some conversations with Jacob Tierney, and no one knows what is next. Inmanen maintained silence and a gesture of locking his lips when asked whether he was booked or not.

This playful ambiguity has sent the fanbase into a frenzy, with many speculating that Jack Inmanen might portray characters like Wyatt Hayes or Troy Barrett. Although **official casting remains unconfirmed**, his public campaign and Southern Ontario roots make him a natural fit for the production.

The production for the new season is scheduled to begin in August 2026 under the guidance of creator Jacob Tierney. This chapter will adapt the novel *The Long Game*, jumping forward nearly a decade to explore Shane and Ilya going public with their relationship. Fans can expect a Spring 2027.

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The wait for the new episodes continues, but several other cinematic stories offer a similar blend of athletic tension and romance.

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If viewers are looking for more heart-pounding sports narratives like *Heated Rivalry*, the film *The Underdogs* provides a more comedic look at the grit required to succeed in a team environment, much like the early days of Shane and Ilya.

For those who prefer a darker tone, *The Iron Claw* portrays the heavy emotional toll of professional competition and family legacy. Fans of the romantic tension found in *Heated Rivalry* should also explore *Red, White & Royal Blue*, which handles the drama of high-profile secret relationships with similar charm.

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Finally, *Challengers* offers a sophisticated look at how professional rivalries can bleed into personal lives, creating a narrative tension that mirrors the struggle of the Straw Hat hockey icons. The addition of Jack Inmanen to the *Heated Rivalry* season 2 cast would bridge this very gap between athleticism and drama.

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