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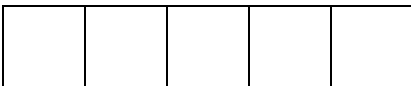
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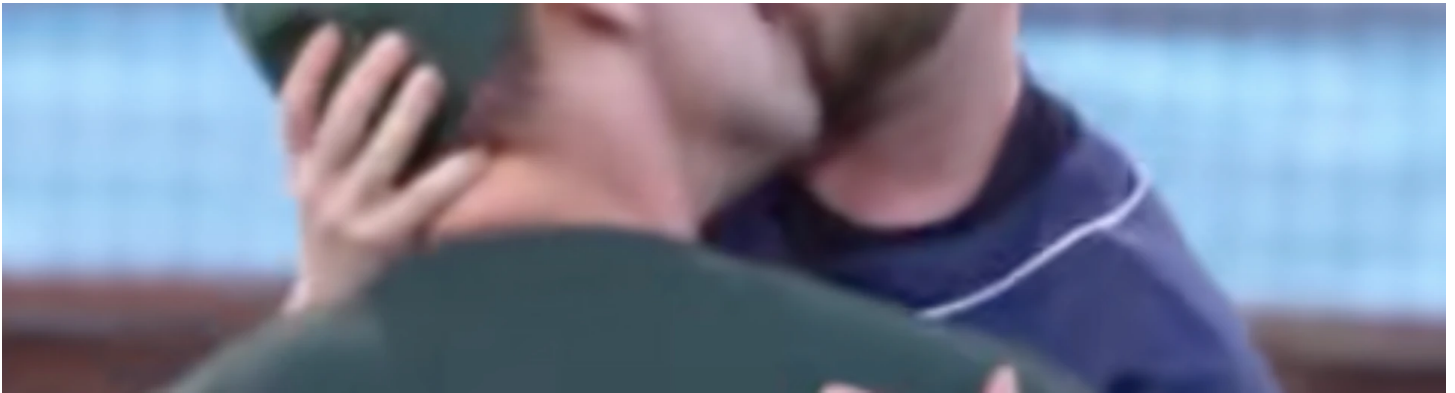
US baseball game recreates Heated Rivalry with same-sex kiss

The baseball team shared the clip online, showing a batter's legs wrapped around a pitcher's waist

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Portland Pickles baseball game Heated Rivalry kiss (Image: TikTok/picklesbaseball)

A Portland Pickles baseball game in Portland, Oregon, hosted a themed event called 'Heated Riv-Dill-ry Night', honouring the hit gay hockey series ***Heated Rivalry***.

The baseball game took a steamy turn when two players – a pitcher and a batter – appeared to confront one another, only to lock lips in a *Heated Rivalry*-style make-out moment.

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The Portland Pickles' social media team shared the clip **online**, showing the batter's legs wrapped around the pitcher's waist. "A simple at-bat turned spicy when the batter was hit," the team captioned the post.

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A video of the intense kiss went viral after it was posted online, receiving a wave of *Heated Rivalry* praise and encapsulating the drama that actors **Hudson Williams** and **Connor Storrie** brought to the show.

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Following the “Heated Riv-Dill-ry Night”, the Portland Pickles are putting on their 2026 Pride game on 16 July, inviting 15 local LGBTQIA+ organisations to set up in the berms.

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Based on Reid's bestselling novel of the same name, *Heated Rivalry* follows the decades-long relationship between rival hockey stars Shane Hollander (Williams) and Ilya Rozanov (Storrie).

When is *Heated Rivalry* season 2 coming out?

The six-part series premiered in November 2025 and was renewed for a second season shortly afterwards.

Production on the new season is expected to begin in August ahead of a planned April 2027 release on Sky in the UK.

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