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‘I want the role’: Netflix star Dom Gabriel is campaigning to join ‘Heated Rivalry’ season 2

Netflix reality star Dom Gabriel is campaigning to play Zane Boodram in the hit Canadian Queer hockey drama 'Heated Rivalry,' fueling fan excitement.

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Dom Gabriel is rallying fans for his dream role as Zane Boodram in 'Heated Rivalry.' (Courtesy: @dontcalldom/TikTok, @heatedrivalrycrave/Instagram)



What to know

- Dom Gabriel, known for *Perfect Match* and *The Traitors Canada*, is campaigning to join *Heated Rivalry* season two as Zane Boodram.
- The show, based on Rachel Reid's *Game Changers* novels, centers on Queer love and hockey rivalry.
- Fans and even author Rachel Reid have shown strong support for Gabriel's casting bid online.

Crave's Queer love series, *Heated Rivalry*, has been all the rage this year, and Canadian reality TV star Dom Gabriel tells Now Toronto that he is hoping to be cast in the show's second season.

The Canadian series *Heated Rivalry* is based on the *Game Changers* novel series from Saskatchewan author Rachel Reid, following two rival professional hockey players whose secret relationship unfolds over several years.

Director [Jacob Tierney](#) has adapted the book into Crave's hit series, catching the eye of Netflix reality star Dom Gabriel.

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[Dom Gabriel](#) has won [Perfect Match](#) season one, participated in the second season of the show, won [The Traitors Canada](#) season three, and participated in [The Mole](#) season one.

Why does he wish to be cast in *Heated Rivalry*?

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Having participated in *The Mole*, Gabriel has followed the work of Jacob Tierney, one of *The Mole's* producers.

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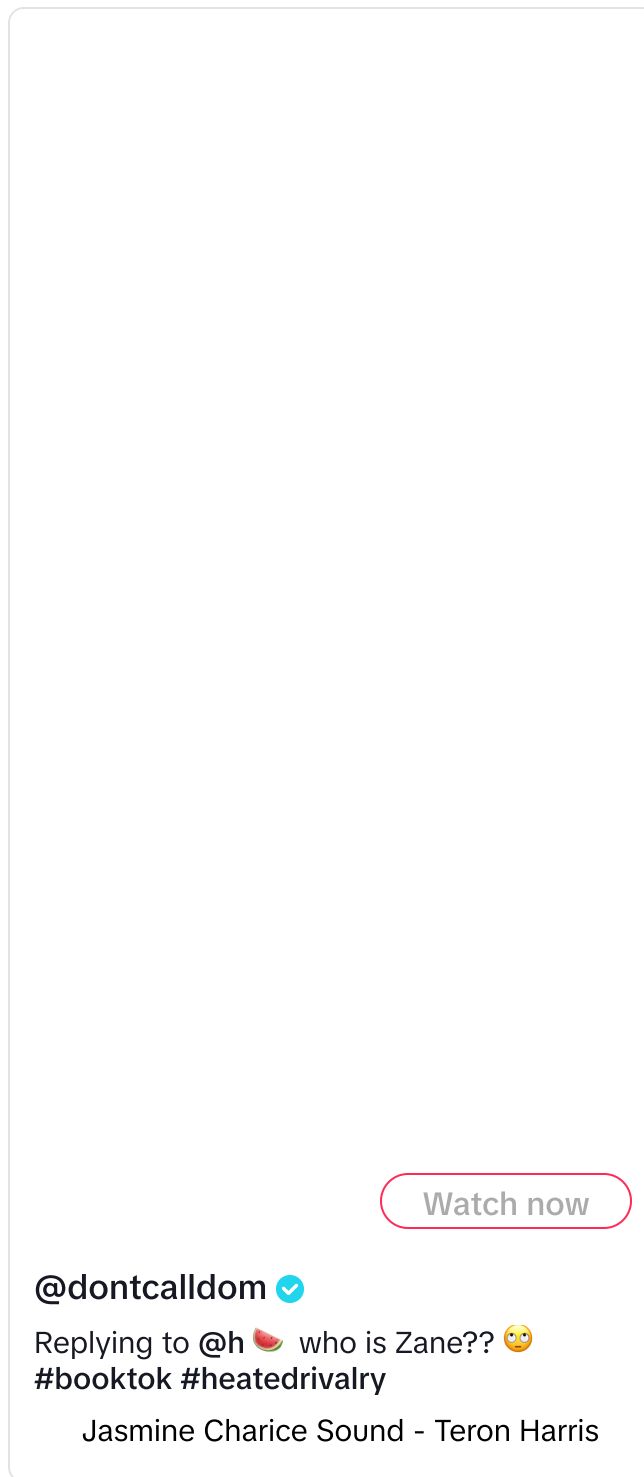
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Gabriel told Now Toronto that his desire to be in the show originated from seeing fanfictions of himself involved in the series' storyline.

"Fandom is pretty crazy," he said. "I started getting tagged in like these fanfics of people using my photo for [Zane Boodram.]"

For context, Boodram is a character from the *Game Changers* book, a professional hockey player for the fictional team the Ottawa Centaurs, who is best friends with one of the series' main characters, Ilya Rozanov.



Gabriel explained that after working with Tierney on *Traitors Canada* and seeing his resemblance to the book's character, he believes he'd be perfect for this role.

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"I'm a fan of the show. I like the show. I know how to ice skate. I'm a big fan of hockey, and I was like, 'Screw it, I want the role. Give it to me,'" he explained

So, he posted online about the role, and fans began sharing that they agreed that he would make the perfect Boodram.

"Oh Zane... is that you?" one TikTok user commented.

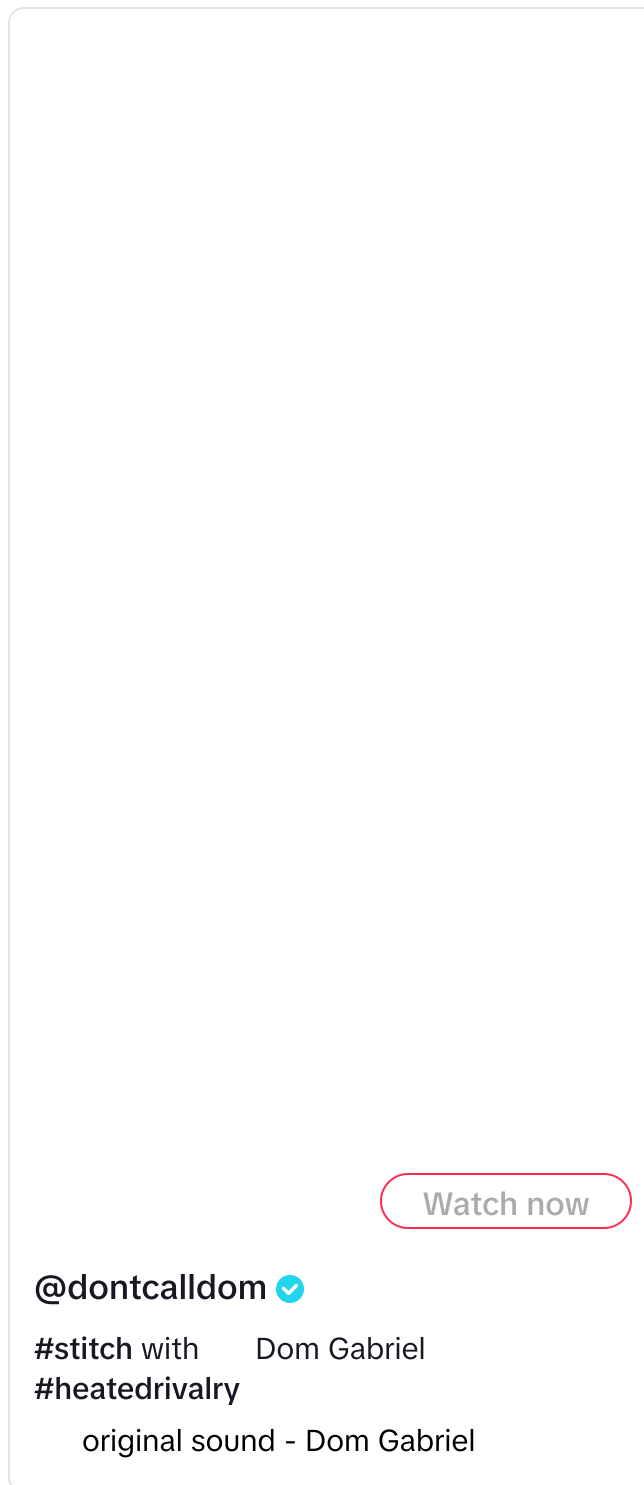
"If they don't cast you, I'm gonna boycott season two," another added.

"The way I am so invested in this campaign, please Jacob Tierney!!" one user said.

"I'm here for the vision... I'll be following so I can see the cast announcement," another wrote.

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Meanwhile, author Rachel Reid liked the post and reposted it.



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“I have gotten word that Jacob has seen the video as well,” Gabriel admits.

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