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‘Heated Rivalry’ Adds Emily Hampshire, Edwin Ryding, Robert Naylor, Sabrina Jalees & Priyanka To Season 2 Cast



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From left: **Emily Hampshire**, **Edvin Ryding**, **Robert Naylor**, **Sabrina Jalees** and **Priyanka**

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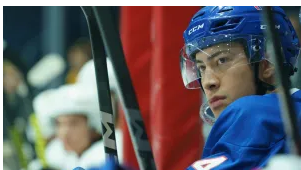
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The massively popular [Crave](#) Original series *Heated Rivalry* is expanding its Season 2 cast, adding five. **Emily Hampshire** (*Schitt's Creek*, *Marvel's VisionQuest*), **Edvin Ryding** (*The Young Royals*, *28 Years Later*), **Robert Naylor** (*Mile End Kicks*, *Cardinal*), **Sabrina Jalees** (*I Used to Be Funny*, *Black Mirror*) and **Priyanka** (*Drag Brunch Saved My Life*, *Meet Me Next Christmas*) will join [Hudson Williams](#), [Connor Storrie](#), Justice Smith and Charlie Gillespie in the second season, which is confirmed to premiere in spring 2027.

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Changers series, and we've learned Robert Naylor has been tapped for the role. Hayes, a prominent side character in the books, is the starting goaltender for the Ottawa Centaurs.

Hampshire will play Vanessa, Ryding is Luca Haas, Jalees is Farah Jalali, and Priyanka portrays Tarek.

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As previously announced, Smith and Gillespie will play Harris Drover and Troy Barrett, respectively, the couple at the center of *Role Model*, the fifth book in Rachel Reid's bestselling *Game Changers* series, on which *Heated Rivalry* is based.

After Season 1 adapted Book 2, *Heated Rivalry* — which chronicles the budding romance between rival hockey players Shane Hollander (Williams) and Ilya Rozanov (Storrie) — while also incorporating elements from Book 1, *Game Changer* (featuring Scott and Kip), *Heated*

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Season 1 told the story of Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov, who are bound by ambition, rivalry and a magnetic pull neither of them fully understood. What began as a secret fling between two fresh-faced rookies evolved into a years-long journey of love, denial and self-discovery, per the logline.

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Season 2 is set to premiere on HBO Max in the spring in the U.S., Australia, Europe (excluding the UK, Ireland, Spain, and Turkey), Latin America, and Asia (Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka)

Produced by Accent Aigu Entertainment in association with Bell Media's Crave, *Heated Rivalry* is commissioned by Bell Media's Crave, with the participation of the Canada Media Fund. Tierney is writer, director and executive producer. Brady and Jayme Alter Wilson serve as executive producers. Lori Fischburg and Liane Cunje are producers, with Reid as consulting producer. Mike Goldbach serves as co-writer on Season 2.

Hampshire is repped by Atlas Artists, Paradigm, Creative Drive Artists and Felker, McGinnis & Ryan. Ryding is repped by CAA, Agentfirman Planthaber/Kildén/Mandic/Boström and Independent Talent Group. Naylor is repped by Agence M's Marie-Pierre Tremblay and Mélanie Belzile. Jalees is repped by WME and OPE Partners. Priyanka is repped by Daniel Birnbaum at The Talent House.

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Belinda *on August 13, 2026 2:23 pm*

You don't need to wait because if you are like many people who fall in love with it and the actors, you will be happy rewatching it many times in sickness and in health.

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Anonymous *on August 13, 2026 1:02 pm*

I was obsessed with the show back last December—and rewatched it three times in a month. Never done that with a show before. My guess is you'll want to rewatch as well.

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Sounds like you have excellent coping mechanisms

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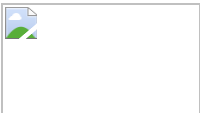
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