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Say Hello to the New *Heated Rivalry* Hotties



By Olivia Craighead, a news writer for The Cut who covers pop culture and celebrity.

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Finally, something worth celebrating: *Heated Rivalry*'s second season has begun shooting in Canada. While stars Hudson Williams and Connor Storrie are busy coordinating their jorts in the streets of Toronto, a new slate of hotties is arriving to set. Fans of the *Game Changers* novels already know that Shane and Ilya are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to hunky hockey guys, and over the past week, we've learned who else will be hitting the ice.

Last Friday, it was announced that Justice Smith and Charlie Gillespie would be joining the cast as Harris Drover and Troy Barrett, respectively. Harris is the plucky social-media manager for the Ottawa Centaurs, and Troy is the team's surly right wing. If that sounds like a fun pairing to you, I have amazing news. You can read all about what these two get up to in *Role Model*, their stand-alone *Game Changers* book.

On Thursday, we got news of a whole slew of actors joining the *Heated Rivalry* universe. Deadline reported that Emily Hampshire, Edwin Ryding, Robert Naylor, Sabrina Jalees, and Priyanka were all joining the second season. Hampshire is playing Vanessa, a sort of friend-of character who writes reviews of sex toys on her blog; Ryding is playing Luca Haas, the rookie with a crush on Ilya; Naylor is playing Wyatt Hayes, an Ottawa Centaurs player; Jalees is playing Farah Jalali, Shane and Ilya's agent; and Priyanka is playing Tarek, another friend-of character.

What does all of this mean? Basically, the cottage is out, and Harris's family apple orchard is *in*. Showrunner Jacob Tierney seems to really be getting into the weeds of the other *Game Changers* books in a way I wasn't totally expecting but that I welcome wholeheartedly. On more of a bummer note, Deadline confirmed that we won't be getting another holiday season spent with our boys. The second season is slated to come out in spring 2027. You'll have to find something else to rewatch over and over again this Christmas.

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CULTURE | 12:54 P.M.

Katseye Addressed Sophia's Absence She and Manon have both taken hiatuses from the girl group this year.



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CELEBRITY | 11:22 A.M.

Kourtney Kardashian Opened Up About Her Miscarriage The reality star says she got pregnant six months into dating Travis Barker.





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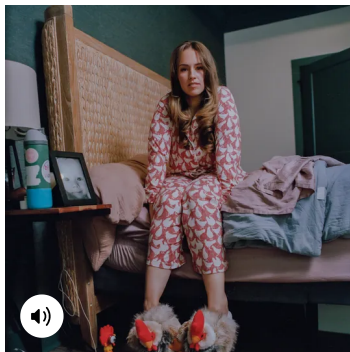
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Whitney Leavitt Is Not Giving Up Dirty Soda Just Yet Like *The Secret Lives of Mormon Wives*, it will always be part of who she is.



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Nicole Kidman 'Didn't Expect' Her Divorce From Keith Urban "I had a different view of what my life was going to be, but this is what it is now."



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Jen Hamilton Isn't Letting Her Divorce Ruin Her Moment The Tik Tok-famous nurse had just published a best-selling book. Then she says she discovered her husband's "double life."

By Erica Schwiegershausen



HEALTH | 6:00 A.M.

When a Sore Throat Attacks the Brain My child caught a cold and then lost her ability to function. The fight to access treatment for her illness, called PANS, has overtaken our lives.

By Jessica Slice

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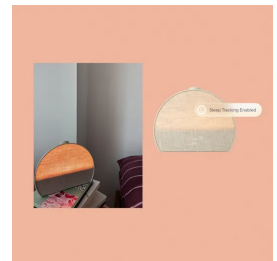
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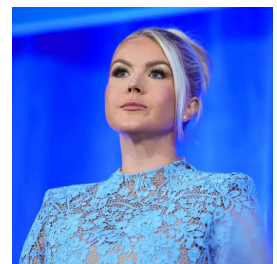
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Karoline Leavitt Is Leaving the White House The 28-year-old press secretary is stepping down from her post just weeks after returning from maternity leave.



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Paris Jackson Has More to Say About Her Childhood
The singer told Alex Cooper she decided to spontaneously speak about her father, Michael Jackson, at his funeral.



TAYLOR SWIFT AND TRAVIS KELCE | YESTERDAY AT 4:32 P.M.

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The Kansas City tight end just made a rare public comment about his wedding to Taylor Swift.



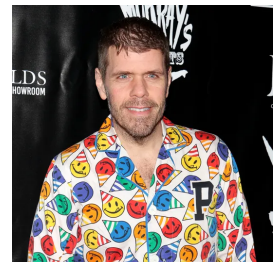
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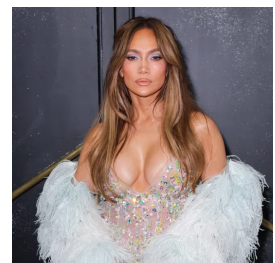
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What We Know About Perez Hilton's Hospitalization
The celebrity blogger's family says he's "able to communicate" after police responded to reports that he appeared to be self-harming.



CELEBRITY | YESTERDAY AT 11:35 A.M.

It's Always J.Lo Season
The singer celebrated her 57th birthday last month. Why not keep the party going with some lingerie pics?



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