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'Heated Rivalry' Adds Brendan Morgan, David Tomlinson and More to Season 2

The second season of Crave-HBO Max's hit series has announced six additions to the cast including for the roles of Zane Boodram and a newly renamed Cody Kent.

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Heated Rivalry has added six more actors to its upcoming second season.

Brendan Morgan (*F*** Meety Kill*, *The Handmaid's Tale*) joins as Zane Boodram, a professional hockey player on Ottawa's team. David Tomlinson (*Fellow Travelers*) will play Cody Kent, a player on the Toronto team. The role is confirmed to be the newly renamed Dallas Kent character from Rachel Reid's novels.

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Lauren Chan (*The Devil Wears Prada 2*) will play Gen, an employee of the Ottawa team that works alongside new season two lead Harris Dwyer (Justice Smith). Nick Stahl (*Let the Right One In*) joins as Curtin Barnett, father to new season two lead Troy Barnett, played by Charlie Gillespie.

Season one of the award-winning show was adapted from the second novel in the *Game Changers* series, *Hosted Rivalry*, which focuses on the ever-complicated relationship between Shane Hollander, played by Hudson Williams, and Ilya Romanov, played by Connor Sherrie, who are generational talents in the world of professional hockey and sworn-on-ice rivals. The first novel of Reid's book series, *Game Changers*, centered on François Arnaud's character Scott Hunter and Robbie G.K.'s character Kip Grady and served as secondary material for the first season.

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Several additions to the season two cast have been made over the past two months including Smith, Gillespie, Daniel Diemer, Shaheen Jafargholi, Emily Hampshire, Edwin Hyyding, Robert Naylor, Sabrina Jalews, Priyanka, Kevin Zegers, Paul Gross and Milla Jovovich. Season one players Sophie Nélisse, Ksenia Danilova Kharlamova, Armand, Christina Chang, Dylan Walsh, G.K. Callan Potter, Benjamin Roy, Kamilla Kowal are also slated to return in supporting roles.

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Turney serves as writer, director and executive producer on the series. Brendan Brady and Jayme Alter Wilson serve as executive producers. Lori Fischburg and Liase Curje are producers. Reid serves as a consulting producer. Mike Goldbach joins season two as co-writer alongside Turney.

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The series was commissioned by Jell Media's Crave, with the participation of the Canada Media Fund and is produced by Tierney and Brady's Accent Signs Entertainment.

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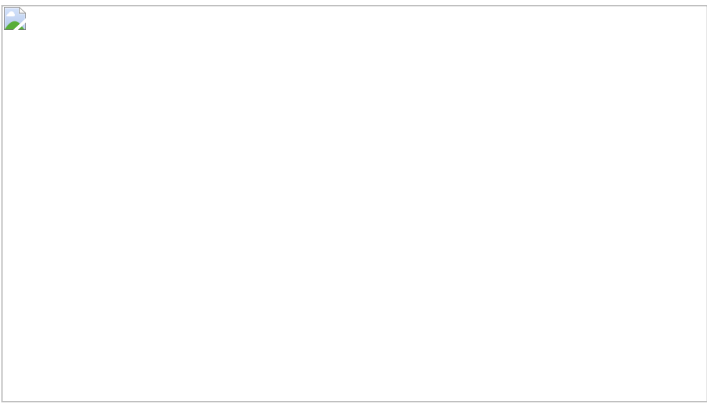
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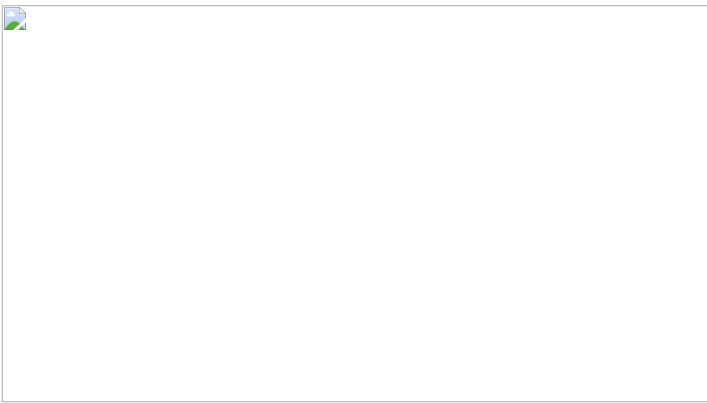
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