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4 Heated Rivalry season 2 updates you might have missed

Heated Rivalry season 2 is officially in the works and on the way to our watch lists! But are you caught up on all the latest updates?

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Connor Storrie as Ilya Rozanov and Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander in *Heated Rivalry* | Courtesy of Bell Media

Right now, it's hard to find a show that people are more excited for to return than *Heated Rivalry*. The Canadian hockey romance remains at the top of everyone's minds following its global takeover at the end of last year, and our hearts have been racing while [waiting for season 2](#) ever since.

While the most devoted fans every single thing about *Heated Rivalry* season 2 and have been closely watching the movements of stars Hudson Williams and Connor Storrie all

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Heated Rivalry season 2 is off to the races, getting back on the ice for filming with new and returning cast members, rumors about the episode count, which of [Rachel Reid's books](#) the season will cover, and many more details. We're rounding up what to know about season 2 so far!



Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander and Connor Storrie as Ilya Rozanov in *Heated Rivalry* season 1 episode 5 | Courtesy of Bell Media

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After the first season wrapped its run in December 2025, everyone wanted to know when Shane and Ilya would be back in *Heated Rivalry* season 2. Earlier this year, [rumors started swirling](#) that production wouldn't get back up and running until later this summer, and those projections turned out to be true. Cameras officially started rolling on season 2 in August 2026.

While fans believed that filming began on Aug. 10, the official *Heated Rivalry* social media accounts announced on Aug. 17 that [production had kicked off](#) with a photo of two characters obscured by the film slate. Naturally, it didn't take superfans long to deduce which character could be featured in the photo despite their faces not being visible, but the good news is filming is underway.

Heated Rivalry season 2 will continue filming throughout the rest of the year and is expected to wrap up sometime in December 2026 ahead of its expected April 2027 premiere. The cast has been pictured on set, including Williams in character as Shane in a Metros hoodie and Storrie showing off his oddly controversial new buzzcut. But no *official* behind the scenes photos have dropped.

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Heated Rivalry - (L to R) François Arnaud as Scott Hunter and Robbie G.K. as Kip Grady in Episode 105 of Heated Rivalry | Cr. Sabrina Lantos © 2025

Confirmed new and returning cast members

Obviously, Canadian Screen Award winner Hudson Williams and Emmy Award nominee Connor Storrie are reprising their leading roles as Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov respectively. There are no changes in store for their roles in *Heated Rivalry* season 2 in spite of [concerns among a certain subset of fans](#) as the cast grew with new additions from other books in the saga.

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members. Of course, Christina Chang and Dylan Walsh will be back as Shane's loving parents, Ksenia Daniela Kharlamova returns as Ilya's best friend Svetlana, and François Arnaud and Robbie G.K. are giving us more Skip.

Check out the full returning cast of *Heated Rivalry* season 2:

- **Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander**
- **Connor Storrie as Ilya Rozanov**
- **Christina Chang as Yuna Hollander**
- **Dylan Walsh as David Hollander**
- **François Arnaud as Scott Hunter**
- **Robbie G.K. as Kip Grady**
- **Ksenia Daniela Kharlamova as Svetlana Vetrova**
- **Sophie Nélisse as Rose Landry**
- **Callan Potter as Hayden Pike**
- **Kamilla Kowal as Jackie Pike**
- **Benjamin Roy as JJ Dagenais**

While there could be other familiar faces popping up in the second season, the cast has also expanded with the inclusion of a number of new characters from other books in Reid's *Game Changers* series. The leading couples from the books *Tough Guy* and *Role*

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Take a closer look at the new cast members that have been revealed so far:

- **Charlie Gillespie as Troy Barrett**
- **Justice Smith as Harris Drover**
- **Daniel Diemer as Ryan Price**
- **Shaheen Jafargholi as Fabian Salah**
- **Edvin Ryding as Luca Haas**
- **Robert Naylor as Wyatt Hayes**
- **Emily Hampshire as Vanessa**
- **Sabrina Jalees as Farah**
- **Priyanka as Tarek**
- **Kevin Zegers as Coach Wiebe**
- **Paul Gross as Commissioner Roger Crowell**
- **Milla Jovovich as Dr. Galina Molchalina**

Gillespie and Smith play *Role Model*'s central couple, hockey player Troy and social media manager Harris, and Diemer and Jafargholia play *Tough Guy*'s couple, hockey enforcer Ryan and musician Fabian. Ryding and Naylor step into the recurring roles of Ilya's Centaurs teammates Luca and Wyatt, while Zegers plays the Centaurs' coach and Jovovich plays Ilya's Russian-speaking therapist.

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could still be more castings to come, as fans are hopeful to see *Common Goal*'s lead Eric Bennett and other recurring hockey player characters such as Zane Boodram, Evan Dykstra, and Dallas Kent.



Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander in Heated Rivalry season 1 episode 5 | Courtesy of Bell Media

The Long Game, Role Model, and The Long Game will be adapted

As you can deduce from the new characters that have been added to the cast, *Heated Rivalry* season 2 will be pulling from more than one book in Reid's series. Just as the first season adapted the titular novel and the first book in the series, *Game Changer*, the second season will be tackling at least three books. *The Long Game* is the key focus of the season as it's centered on Shane and Ilya.

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Apart from *The Long Game*, which is the sixth book in the series, season 2 will also adapt the fifth book in the series, *Role Model*, which directly overlaps with *The Long Game*'s timeline. The second season will also tie in the third book, *Tough Guy*, though it's unclear whether these books will have standalone episodes in the same way that *Game Changer* did last season.

Whether there's solo episodes or not, Troy and Harris will be major recurring characters anyway. If you didn't already voraciously consume the book series before *Heated Rivalry* premiered or after the show reached peak popularity, here's your incentive to pick up the books and get to know the characters, stories, and Hollanov entanglements before season 2 premieres.

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There are rumored to be 12 episodes in production

Heated Rivalry season 2 has a lot on its plate in terms of storytelling, which makes some fans wonder how they're going to fit it all into another six-episode season. After all, there are [two weddings](#) in *The Long Game*, and Jacob Tierney also confirmed we're going to see [Shane come out to his team](#), which was a scene that was only mentioned without action in the book.

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back-to-back, based on the longer production timeline and [comments made by Arnaud](#). Not to mention, [Walsh got in "trouble"](#) by revealing in a Cameo video that they were filming 12 episodes this time around.

Nothing as been confirmed by Tierney or Crave about the official *Heated Rivalry* season 2 episode count or whether two seasons are being filmed at once, but the prospect of either option—an extended season or another season already being in the works—happening is exciting. There have also been rumors of a special, but again, nothing has been formally announced by the creator or streamer.

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