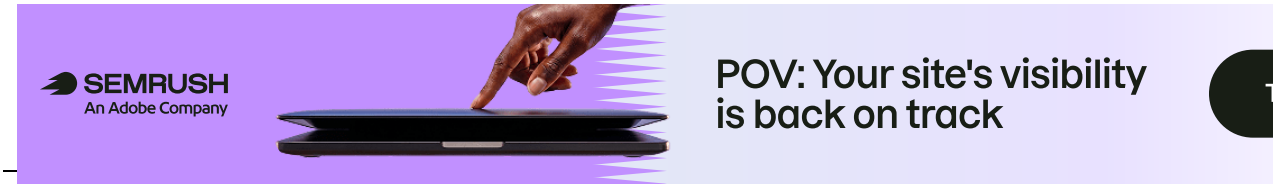
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Which 'Heated Rivalry' Stars Are — And Aren't — Returning for Season 2? Here's What to Know About the Cast So Far



Some cast members may have already played their final game on 'Heated Rivalry.'

SOURCE: SABRINA LANTOS/HBO MAX



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The rivalry is far from over in ***Heated Rivalry*** — and so is the romance!

Following the success of its six-episode first season, the **hit hockey romance series** is gearing up to further explore Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov's fiery relationship once again. Renewed in December 2025, the series' second season is expected to premiere in spring 2027.

But while the love story is set to continue, some familiar faces may be hanging up their skates as the series prepares to introduce new characters.

Scroll down to find out which *Heated Rivalry* stars are returning for Season 2 — and who may be sitting this one out.

Connor Storrie



'Heated Rivalry' Season 2 is scheduled to air in the spring of 2027.

SOURCE: SABRINA LANTOS/HBO MAX

Continuing his character's romance with Shane Hollander, **Connor Storrie** will reprise his role as Ilya Rozanov in *Heated Rivalry* Season 2.

Hudson Williams



Not all 'Heated Rivalry' cast members are expected to return for Season 2.

SOURCE: SABRINA LANTOS/HBO MAX

Like Storrie, **Hudson Williams** is confirmed to return as Shane Hollander in the series' second season.

François Arnaud



'Heated Rivalry' Season 2 will adapt Rachel Reid's 'The Long Game.'

SOURCE: SABRINA LANTOS/HBO MAX

François Arnaud will be back as Scott Hunter, who plays a significant role in **Rachel Reid**'s *The Long Game*.

Robbie G.K.



'The Long Game' is the sixth book in Rachel Reid's 'Game Changers' series.

SOURCE: SABRINA LANTOS/HBO MAX

Joining the cast is **Robbie G.K.**, who will return as Kip Grady for Season 2.

Dylan Walsh



The first season of 'Heated Rivalry' consists of six episodes.

SOURCE: SABRINA LANTOS/HBO MAX

Dylan Walsh himself confirmed his return as Shane's father, David Hollander, for the next installment.

Christina Chang



'Heated Rivalry' was released in November 2025.

SOURCE: SABRINA LANTOS/HBO MAX

Christina Chang is expected to return as Shane's mom, Yuna Hollander, in *Heated Rivalry* Season 2.

Sophie Nélisse



'Heated Rivalry' was officially greenlit for a second season in December 2025.

SOURCE: SABRINA LANTOS/HBO MAX

Heated Rivalry Season 2 cast may include **Sophie Nélisse** again after playing Rose Landry in the sports romance series.

Ksenia Daniela Kharlamova



The upcoming installment will further explore Shane and Ilya's relationship.

SOURCE: SABRINA LANTOS/HBO MAX

Ksenia Daniela Kharlamova is among the original stars likely to rejoin the cast, reprising her role in the series as Svetlana Vetrova.

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Callan Potter



Jacob Tierney is returning as showrunner.

SOURCE: MEGA

Callan Potter could make another appearance as his *Heated Rivalry* character, Hayden Pike, in the upcoming season.

Benjamin Roy



Jacob Tierney wrote and directed all six episodes of 'Heated Rivalry' Season 1.

SOURCE: @SIMPLYZENBEN/INSTAGRAM

Benjamin Roy may return as Shane's friend JJ Dagenais since his character also has a notable role in *The Long Game*.

Kamilla Kowal

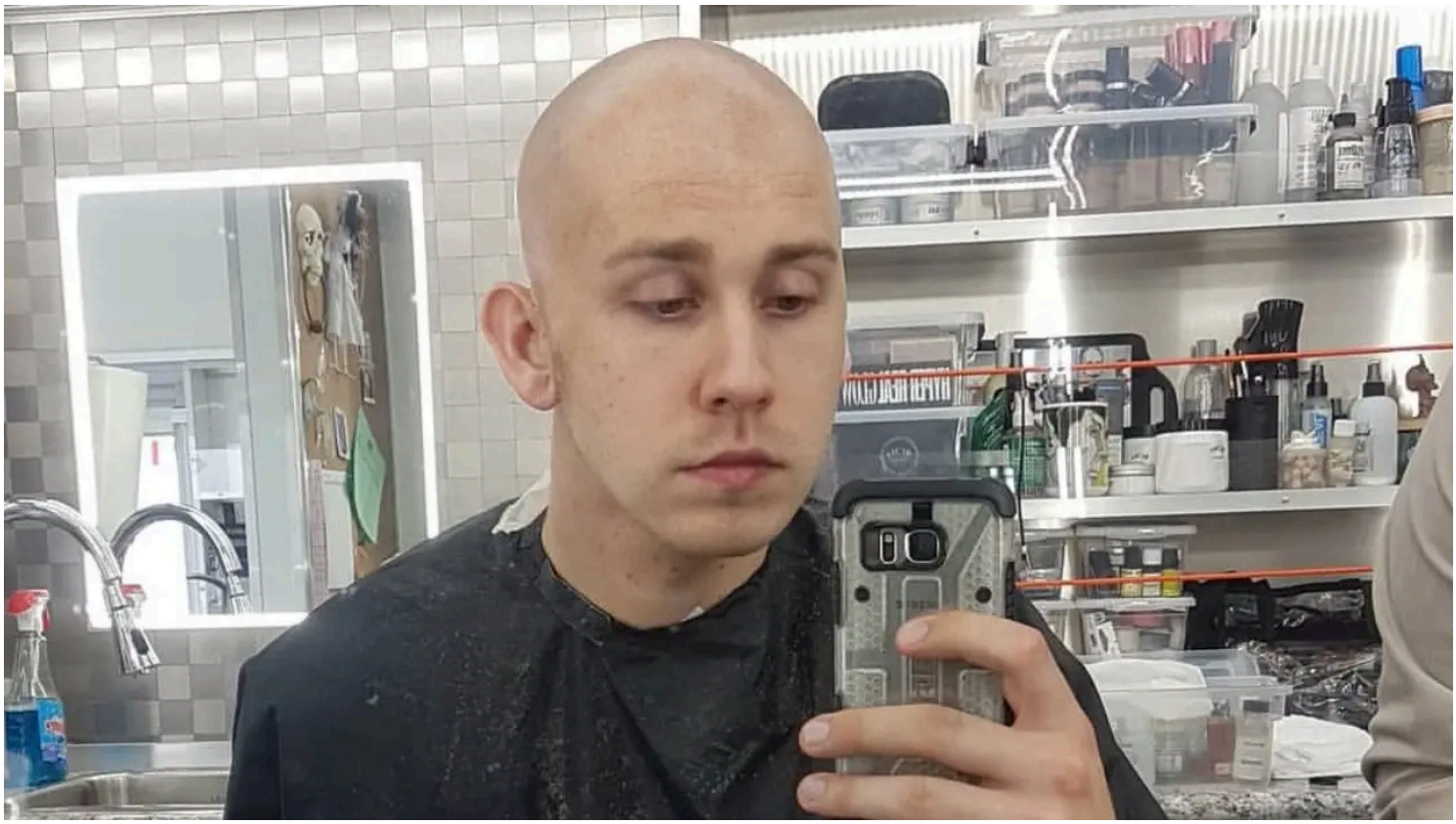


'Heated Rivalry' is streaming on HBO Max.

SOURCE: @KAMILLAKOWAL/INSTAGRAM

As Jackie Pike appears in *The Long Game*, fans can expect to see **Kamilla Kowal** again in the franchise.

Slavic Rogozine



The series originally debuted on Crave.

SOURCE: @SLAVICROGOZINE/INSTAGRAM

Slavic Rogozine, who played Ilya's brother, Alexei Rozanov, is unlikely to appear in *Heated Rivalry* Season 2.

Yaroslav Poverlo



'Heated Rivalry' Season 2 will also welcome new cast members.

SOURCE: SABRINA LANTOS/HBO MAX

Heated Rivalry Season 2 cast will also not include **Yaroslav Poverlo**, who played Ilya's father, Grigori Rozanov.

Kolton Stewart



'Heated Rivalry' Season 2 will introduce characters from Rachel Reid's book.

SOURCE: SABRINA LANTOS/HBO MAX

As Carter Vaugn does not appear in *The Long Game*, **Kolton Stewart** is left off the cast list for *Heated Rivalry* Season 2.

Franco Lo Presti



'Heated Rivalry' has added six new stars to the cast so far.

SOURCE: MEGA

After playing Ilya's Boston Raiders teammate Cliff Marleau, **Franco Lo Presti** is not included in the sequel.

Nadine Bhabha



The hit series is based on the 'Game Changers' series.

SOURCE: SABRINA LANTOS/HBO MAX

Nadine Bhabha, who played Kip's friend Elena Rygg, is also unlikely to reprise her role in the next installment.

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