

Will's Bonks

For years *Will And Grace* gave television audiences a taste of the lives of gay men. Matthew Myers gives us a rundown on Will's taste in men.

For eight seasons of *Will And Grace*, Eric McCormack played lovable gay lawyer, Will Truman. As best friend to Grace, the pretentious Jack and rich-bitch Karen, he became something of a role model to gay men – especially those of us who couldn't get a date if our lives depended on it, or who screwed up our chance for happiness with Mr Right For Now. Dating played a large part in the *Will And Grace* storylines and Will certainly had his fair share of trade. But exactly how often did Grace hear the banging of the bed-head in the next room?

As the series draws to an end, we look back at the guest stars that popped up playing Will's one-night stands and sometime boyfriends. The big question being: will any return for the final episode?

MICHAEL PLAYED BY CHRIS POTTER (*QUEER AS FOLK*)

Will's old boyfriend Michael turns up as a new client for Grace. Although she tries to hide the situation, the two ex's meet up, with Will believing there is a chance of rekindling the romance. But when Michael's new partner appears, an awkward and embarrassed Will leaves with his tail between his legs, and an antique clock!

NEIL PLAYED BY DAN BUCATINSKY (*ALL OVER THE GUY*)

In a disastrous blind date, Will is paired with the painful Neil. Having planned a careful escape alibi with Grace – that she has been rushed to the hospital – Will is taken aback when Karen's husband Stan is indeed rushed to hospital. The pesky Neil cannot take a hint and follows like a bad smell.

ALAN PLAYED BY HAL LINDEN (*BARNEY MILLER*)

Will lands himself a doctor – a plastic surgeon. An older man, the wealthy doctor pounced on Will during an art exhibition and before we knew it Will had a sugar daddy. Coping with lavish gifts is too hard for Will, not to mention his discomfort with his new toy-boy status. Beyond that is Will's realisation that he is past his twink years.



VINCE PLAYED BY BOBBY CANNAVALE (*THE STATION AGENT*)

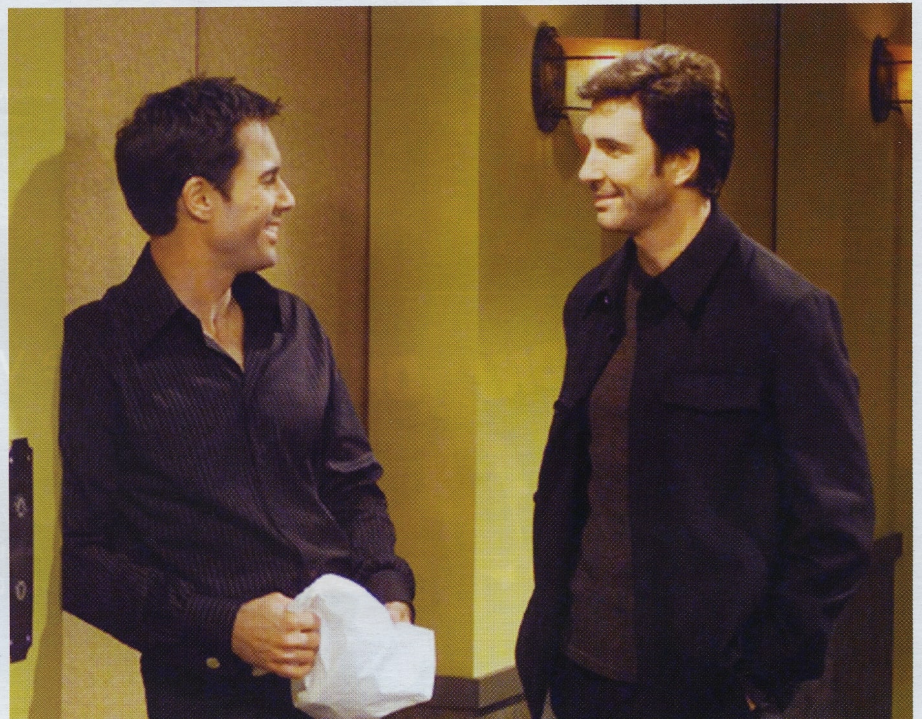
A rough and ready Italian New York cop – does it get any better than this? Perhaps the longest lasting of Will's relationships, Vince, the tough law enforcer had a softer side. Although he seemed the perfect catch, the two eventually clashed and the relationship ended, but is this one really over?

SCOTT PLAYED BY BRANDEN WILLIAMS (*NEVER BEEN KISSED*)

While Grace covers up her relationship with the embarrassing Nathan (Woody Harrelson), Will likewise tries to hide his current boyfriend, the very young video store clerk Scott. The cute boy seems incredibly young to Will and when Karen gets wind of the situation, she can hardly control her amusement, referring to Scott as the Mouseketeer.

TOM PLAYED BY DYLAN MCDERMOTT (*THE PRACTICE*)

While looking after his sick mother Marilyn (Blythe Danner), Will discovers that daily strolls in Central Park can be boring, until he meets the handsome Tom. The hunky man is also looking after his own mother and the two men fall for each other. It seems like kismet, until Will discovers Tom's Norman Bates-ish obsession with "mother".



**GAVIN PLAYED BY MICHAEL DOUGLAS
(WALL STREET)**

When Will's laptop is stolen, detective Gavin Hatch takes charge of the case – and of Will. The detective goes to great lengths to be near Willy boy, even by organising a fake stakeout at a gay bar. But it all comes unstuck when Jack recognises Gavin as a neurotic from his therapy group.

**PAUL PLAYED BY PETER JACOBSON
(GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK)**

Shame Will Truman, shame! The nerdish Paul is smitten with Will, but Will is more interested in Paul's dog, Pepper. When Jack loses the pooch in Central Park, Will is emotionally blackmailed into continuing the relationship with the distraught Paul, until he discovers that Paul is just as deceitful.

**PEPPER WAS JUST A DECOY! MATTHEW
PLAYED BY PATRICK DEMPSEY (GREY'S
ANATOMY)**

While originally hit on by Jack in Banana Republic, a sexy sports reporter named Matthew, ends up having a fling with Will. Will tries desperately to match the sportsman's knowledge of all things sporty, but gets caught out as a fraud. Matthew doesn't care if Will can't score a goal, but the tables are turned when Will discovers Matt is still in the closet and feigns him off as a brother.

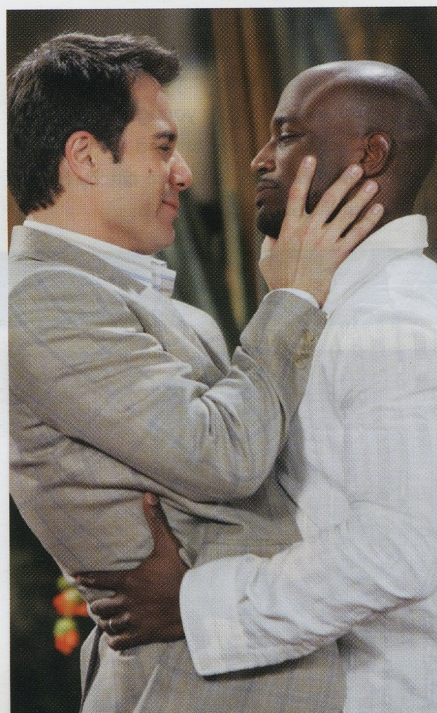
**EDWARD PLAYED BY STUART
TOWNSEND (QUEEN OF THE DAMNED)**

In a cost-cutting exercise, Karen asks Will to fire her pastry cook Edward. However, when Will becomes smitten with the hunky bread-kneader, he discovers a good reason for keeping him on. Things turn sour when Will discovers the delicious Ed has also been doing the dirty with Karen... and Rosario.

LIFE AFTER W&G

While the final curtain is due to come down on *Will And Grace* in the US on May 18, there's talk of a Sean Hayes spin off and a *Will And Grace* movie. According to American media sources, the show's producers are trying to persuade Hayes to continue playing Jack MacFarland, but the star has reportedly gone cold on the idea due to the poor example set by Matt LeBlanc's spin off, *Joey*.

But the biggest surprise for *Will And Grace* may be in the show's final episodes. The producers are said to be negotiating with Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal to appear as guest stars, playing a gay couple and sharing an on-screen kiss.



**BARRY PLAYED BY DAN FUTTERMAN
(JUDGING AMY)**

Karen sets Will up on a disastrous blind date with her geeky cousin Barry. In a Pygmalion-style storyline, both Will and Jack decide to transform the newly outed Barry into something cool. When the results are better than expected, both Will and Jack fight over the transformed cutie. Barry chooses Jack and then Will, eventually dumping him in favour of exploring his newly found freedom. 🍷

JAMES PLAYED BY TAYE DIGGS (RENT)

Just when you thought *Will And Grace* couldn't get any camper, along comes the sing-a-long *Sound Of Music* episode. While *Grace*, Jack and Karen play dress up, Will heads to the wrong theatre and locks lips with the beautiful Afro-American James. Has he found his true love?

**ROBERT PLAYED BY LARRY SULLIVAN
(CSI: CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION)**

It's Christmas time and Will dates a cute ballet dancer but is embarrassed by his dancing and prancing antics. The pirouettes in the living room, hallway and busy street become too much for Will and he calls it quits. What a pity, they even had their own little dance routine.

