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## Vitality Blast quarter-final dates confirmed

Inaugural champions Surrey will open the 20th anniversary Vitality Blast quarter-finals when they host Yorkshire Vikings, at the Kia Oval on Wednesday.

Surrey won the first-ever men's Twenty20 competition in 2003 – which remains their one success - and earned a home tie after topping the South Group with the competition's best record.

North Group winners Birmingham Bears will host two-time champions

Hampshire Hawks at Edgbaston on Thursday. Hampshire have reached the quarter-finals in nine of the past 13 seasons.

Lancashire Lightning and Somerset also secured home quarter-finals after both claimed wins on the final day of the group stage this evening.

Lancashire will host Essex Eagles on Friday evening at Emirates Old Trafford while Somerset will welcome Derbyshire Falcons at the Cooper Associates County Ground on Saturday.

Derbyshire and Yorkshire are the only quarter-finalists who are yet to win the Vitality Blast in 20 seasons of the competition.

## 2022 Vitality Blast – Quarter-Finals

Wednesday, July 6: Surrey v Yorkshire Vikings – Kia Oval (6.30pm)

Thursday, July 7: Birmingham Bears v Hampshire Hawks – Edgbaston (6.30pm)

Friday, July 8: Lancashire Lightning v Essex Eagles – Emirates Old Trafford (6.30pm)

Saturday, July 9: Somerset v Derbyshire Falcons – Cooper Associates County Ground (7pm)

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