



Ash Gardner will be at Trent Rockets in 2024. Photo: Getty Images

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Ash Gardner, Rovman Powell and Imad Wasim signed by Trent Rockets in The Hundred Draft, powered by Sage

- Trent Rockets men's and women's teams sign 13 players on busy night at The Shard
- First Trent Bridge double-header to be played on Wednesday 31 July against Birmingham Phoenix

Ash Gardner, Rovman Powell and Imad Wasim were the big players of the night to join Trent Rockets at The Hundred Draft, powered by Sage.

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In the women's competition, Ash Gardner was chosen with the Rockets' first pick – joining Nat Sciver-Brunt and Alana King in Nottingham – while Rovman Powell and Imad Wasim link up with Andy Flower's men's team.

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Grace Scrivens, Heather Graham, Katie George, Josie Groves, Kira Chathli, Cassidy McCarthy, Tom Banton, Calvin Harrison, Jordan Thompson and Adam Lyth have also signed for Trent Rockets.

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Elsewhere in The Hundred Draft, Kieron Pollard went to Southern Brave, Meg Lanning to London Spirit and Beth Mooney to Manchester Originals.

England players Dawid Malan, Lauren Filer and Ollie Pope were also on the move, as well as international superstars Andre Russell, Shaheen Afridi, Chamari Athapaththu and Nicholas Pooran.

Tom Banton said: "I'm delighted to be drafted by Trent Rockets, it's a really strong squad with a lot of potential to do well. I know the crowd builds a great atmosphere there and I'm looking forward to being a part of The Hundred again."

Jon Lewis, Trent Rockets Women's Head Coach, said: "I'm really happy with our picks, Ash Gardner and Grace Scrivens are fantastic additions to an already strong squad. We're all excited about the competition this year and looking forward to the opening game at Trent Bridge on 31 July in front of our fans."

The opening game of The Hundred's fourth year, sees Birmingham Phoenix travel to The Kia Oval on Tuesday 23 July to face Oval Invincibles – the first of 68 games that promise world class men's and women's sporting action, live music, ■and a host of family-friendly entertainment. ■■■■■

Trent Rockets' picks in The Hundred Draft■

Women's:■ Ash Gardner, Grace Scrivens, Heather Graham, Katie George, Josie Groves, Kira Chathli, Cassidy McCarthy

Men's:⊠Rovman Powell, Imad Wasim, Tom Banton, Calvin Harrison, Jordan Thompson, Adam Lyth

A record 580,000 fans were in attendance across The Hundred last season, including over 300,000 in the women's competition. The Hundred's blend of high-quality sport and entertainment saw 41% of all tickets sold to families, 23% to juniors and 30% to women.

There is currently an exclusive window open to buy tickets for fans who have previously attended The Hundred, until March 27.

There will be a priority window open from 9-23 April for all fans who sign up in advance at thehundred.com. The general sale period begins from 25 April.

Tickets are once again great value, with prices set at £5 for juniors aged 3-15 (free for under 3s) and adults starting from £11.

All games will again be live on Sky Sports and BBC broadcast and digital channels throughout the competition.

To stay up to date with the latest news, buy tickets or to sign up for priority access, visit thehundred.com or follow The Hundred, and the eight teams, on Instagram, TikTok and YouTube.

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The Hundred is an action-packed, unmissable cricket competition that fuses world-class cricket with blockbuster entertainment.

Combining a short, fast format of cricket, with each game lasting less than three hours, and incredible entertainment beyond the sport, The Hundred is making cricket more accessible and reaching a broader audience. It's simple: 100 balls per team, most runs wins, so every ball counts.

The Hundred features eight teams Ifrom seven Icities, with men's and women's competitions taking place side by side: Welsh Fire (Cardiff), Southern Brave (Southampton), Northern Superchargers (Leeds), London Spirit, Trent Rockets (Nottingham), Oval Invincibles (London), Manchester Originals and Birmingham Phoenix. Each teams features Isome of the Ibest international and domestic cricketers from around the world, including England Men's & Women's World Cup winners. INIX

About The Hundred Draft powered by Sage:⊠⊠⊠

More information about all the moves from the The Hundred Draft powered by Sage is available here.

About The Hundred fixtures:■

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