

England bowler Adil Rashid has been retained by the Superchargers. Photo: ECB/Getty Images

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Brook, Rashid and Healy return to Northern Superchargers in The Hundred

- Adil Rashid, Alyssa Healy and Harry Brook all confirmed to be back at Headingley
- The Hundred Draft powered by Sage to be televised live on Sky
 Sports on Thursday 23 March
- Draft in the women's competition to be held for the first time
- Two Vitality Wildcard picks in the men's competition

Northern Superchargers have confirmed the men's and women's stars they have re-signed to return to Headingley this summer for the third year of The Hundred.

Fans in purple will be delighted to see the return to the men's team of two local ICC Men's T20 World Cup winners in Harry Brook and Adil Rashid, alongside Adam Lyth, Matthew Potts and David Wiese.

The women's side boasts exciting retentions too with the return of Yorkshire native and captain Hollie Armitage, as well as Australian superstar Alyssa Healy. Wicketkeeper-batter Bess Heath and Linsey Smith will also return to the Superchargers squad.

Rashid Khan, Jos Buttler, Nat Sciver-Brunt, Smriti Mandhana and Glenn Maxwell are among the list of players who have been retained by other teams in The Hundred.

Across both competitions, 114 players have been retained in total, meaning 134 spots remain to be filled at The Hundred Draft powered by Sage, and across the open market process in the women's competition.

Teams in the men's competition are able to retain 10 players, and women's teams can retain four of their players. Six men's sides have retained all 10, while Welsh Fire – under the new leadership of Australian great Mike Hussey – will have eight places to fill at the draft, at which they'll have the first pick.

The women's competition will be hosting a draft for the first time, with Tammy Beaumont's Welsh Fire the first side to pick with the likes of England stars Sophia Dunkley, Danni Wyatt and Kate Cross, as well as a host of international players, up for grabs. The final list for The Hundred Draft powered by Sage is due to be confirmed on 28 February.

The Hundred will kick off its third year at Trent Bridge on Tuesday 1 August with a Trent Rockets v Southern Brave double-header – the first of 68 games that promise high-octane men's and women's sporting action, live music, and a host of family-friendly entertainment

More than half a million people attended games during The Hundred's

second year in 2022, including a record-breaking 271,000 watching live women's fixtures across the competition and more families buying tickets than in 2021.

There will be an initial, exclusive window to buy tickets from 15-28 March for anyone who has previously bought tickets for The Hundred. Those yet to attend can sign up in advance at thehundred.com for priority ticket access from 5−18 April. Tickets will then go on general sale on Thursday 20 April. Tickets this year remain great value in line with 2022 pricing, with prices set at £5 for juniors aged 6-15, free for children five and under, and adults starting from £10.▼▼

Northern Superchargers player Bess Heath said: "It's always a pleasure to play for Northern Superchargers in The Hundred and I'm delighted to have been retained ahead of the third season. We've got some great players and I know we'll add to that in the draft and be in a great position to compete in 2023."

England Men and Durham bowler Matthew Potts said: "I'm really excited to be playing for Northern Superchargers again this summer. The atmosphere is always brilliant at The Hundred, and I know it's a competition that's helped the game reach new fans and that's a great thing to be a part of. I like the way the Superchargers are formulating this year and hope it can develop my game further."

Over 14.1 million people tuned in to watch The Hundred action in 2022 and games will again be broadcast 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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About The Hundred:■

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

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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 from seven cities, 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 some of the best international and domestic cricketers from around the world, including England Men's & Women's World Cup winners.

- More than 500,000 people attended games across the course of the competition
- The Hundred continued to take cricket to new audiences with more women (28%), children (22%) and families (41%) attending than in the first year

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- 2022 once again set a new global record for total attendance at a women's cricket competition, with 271,000 people attending ■■
- Of the Sky and BBC TV coverage, 42% hadn't watched any other ECB cricket in 2022 prior to The Hundred, resulting in 5.9m new viewers

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