



Alice Capsey and Lauren Winfield-Hill will return in 2023. Photo: ECB/Getty Images

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# Capsey and Curran return to Oval Invincibles on Deadline Day in The Hundred

- Alice Capsey, Sam Curran, Lauren Winfield-Hill and Sunil Narine confirmed to be back at The Kia Oval
- 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
- For more information and to sign up for priority ticket access visit

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Oval Invincibles have today confirmed the women's and men's stars they have re-signed to return to The Kia Oval this summer for the third year of The Hundred.

Fans at Oval Invincibles will be delighted to see the return of Marizanne Kapp, Alice Capsey, Tash Farrant and Lauren Winfield-Hill as their team seek to defend The Hundred title they won in 2022.

The men's side have also retained a number of big names with local boy and ICC Men's T20 World Cup winner Sam Curran back at The Kia Oval, alongside – among others – Saqib Mahmood, Jason Roy and Sunil Narine.

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 purchase 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 <u>thehundred.com</u> 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.

**England Women's star Alice Capsey, said:** "We can't wait for the third year of The Hundred, especially as we go in as defending champions. It's great to see we've retained the players we have, it's so important to retain a core group and we'll benefit from having played together last season. We're looking forward to seeing how we add to that core in the draft and can't wait to get out there as a group in August."

**ICC Men's T20 World Cup winner Sam Curran, said**: "There's a lot to look forward to in the third year of The Hundred. There's a lot of talent in the 10 players that we've retained and it's always a good thing to have some continuity year on year as you look to build a team to try and win the competition. I'm sure we'll add even more talented players in the draft, and we're excited about getting back out there at The Kia Oval."

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 <u>thehundred.com</u> or follow The Hundred, and the eight teams, on Instagram, TikTok and YouTube.

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# Notes to Editors

# About The Hundred:

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 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.

# Highlight statistics from The Hundred 2022:

- 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
- 2022 once again set a new global record for total attendance at a women's cricket competition, with 271,000 people attending
- All eight venues broke their previous best for domestic women's attendances
- 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
- Women (31%) and children (14%) made up a significant share of the TV audience

# About The Hundred Draft powered by Sage:

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