



Sam Billings, Ravi Bopara and Andre Russell were three of the players to be selected for The Hundred tonight

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Cricketing superstars picked in The Hundred Draft

Rashid Khan was **Trent Rockets'** first pick out of the 96 cricketers selected live tonight to compete in the first season of The Hundred. Players were selected from a pool of over 550 to play for one of the eight new men's teams in the competition which starts next summer.

Leg spinning all-rounder **D'Arcy Short**, **Lewis Gregory** and **Steven Mullaney** were picked for **Trent Rockets** by Head Coach Stephen Fleming, where they will line up alongside England Test captain Joe Root. Jofra Archer will have

West Indies international **Andre Russell**, opening batsman **David Warner** and **Liam Dawson** for company, as Mahela Jayawardena confirmed his **Southern Brave** squad.

Picking third on the night, Darren Lehmann confirmed Australian opening batsman **Aaron Finch** and mystery spinner **Mujeeb Ur Rahman** to play alongside Ben Stokes for **Northern Superchargers**, whilst Australians **Mitchell Starc** and **Steve Smith** were quickly selected for Gary Kirsten's **Welsh Fire** in the opening round, where they will join Jonny Bairstow.

Oval Invincibles Head Coach Tom Moody opted for **Sunil Narine**, wicketkeeper-batsman **Sam Billings** and Nepal's **Sandeep Lamichhane** to accompany Jason Roy, whilst **Manchester Originals'** Simon Katich selected leg-spinner **Imran Tahir**, **Dane Vilas** and **Phil Salt** to play alongside Jos Buttler, who was selected earlier in the month.

London Spirit Head Coach Shane Warne snapped up **Glenn Maxwell**, **Mohammad Nabi** and England all-rounder **Joe Denly** for his Lord's based side. They'll join England's World Cup winning captain Eoin Morgan, who was picked as a Local Icon at the start of October.

The final team to make their selection in The Hundred Draft was **Birmingham Phoenix**, whose Assistant Head Coach Daniel Vettori snapped up **Liam Livingstone**, New Zealand captain **Kane Williamson** and fast-bowler **Shaheen Afridi** to play alongside Chris Woakes next year.

The full list of player picks, for each team, in order of selection is outlined below.

Speaking about the evening and The Hundred Draft:

Andre Russell, Southern Brave's first pick, said: *"What a fun night – it's an honour to be picked with so many other amazing international players in the mix. I'm really looking forward to spending the summer here and playing back in the UK. I know that The Hundred is going to be an exciting competition and I can't wait to start training with my new Southern Brave teammates."*

Shane Warne, London Spirit HeadCoach, said: *"I'm used to playing a tactical game, but that was something else! Our position in the rounds meant that I had*

to think on my feet, and at times re-evaluate who I was going to pick and when. I'm thrilled to have Glenn Maxwell, Mohammad Nabi and Mark Wood join Eoin and Rory in the team and can't wait to see them step up to the crease for London Spirit in the first season of The Hundred. I think 2020 is shaping up to be a really exciting year for cricket – so many people watched the sport for the first time this summer, and I'm confident The Hundred will get even more people watching next year.”

Alongside The Hundred Draft for the men's competition, the next wave of marquee players were also announced for the women's competition. **Welsh Fire** have welcomed Australia captain Meg Lanning to the team, **London Spirit** selected England star Tammy Beaumont, while New Zealand's Suzie Bates is heading to **Southern Brave**.

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MEN'S PLAYER CONFIRMATIONS

Team	Players picked on the 20th October	Men's players selected on 3rd October
Trent Rockets	Rashid Khan (1); D'Arcy Short (16); Lewis Gregory (17); Alex Hales (32) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Nathan Coulter-Nile (33); Harry Gurney (48) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Steven Mullaney (49); Matthew Carter (64); Luke Wood (65); Tom Moores (80); Dawid Malan (81); Ben Cox (96); Luke Fletcher (97); Luke Wright (112)	Joe Root (England Men's red ball central contract pick), Harry Gurney, Alex Hales (Local Icons)

Southern Brave	Andre Russell (2); David Warner (15); Liam Dawson (18); James Vince (31) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Shadab Khan (34); Chris Jordan (47) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Tymal Mills (50); Ross Whiteley (63); Delray Rawlins (66); Ollie Pope (79); George Garton (82); Alex Davies (95); Max Waller (98); Craig Overton (111)	Jofra Archer (England Men's red ball central contract pick), Chris Jordan, James Vince (Local Icons)
Northern Superchargers	Aaron Finch (3); Mujeeb Ur Rahman (14); Chris Lynn (19); Adil Rashid (30) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Adam Lyth (35); David Willey (46) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Richard Gleeson (51); Ben Foakes (62); Tom Kohler-Cadmore (67); David Wiese (78); Nathan Rimmington (83); Brydon Carse (94); Ed Barnard (99); John Simpson (110)	Ben Stokes (England Men's red ball central contract pick), Adil Rashid, David Willey (Local Icons)
Welsh Fire	Mitchell Starc (4); Steve Smith (13); Colin Ingram (20) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Tom Banton (29) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Ben Duckett (36); Ravi Rampaul (45); Simon Harmer (52); Qais Ahmed (61); Liam Plunkett (68); Ryan ten Doeschate (77); David Payne (84); Ryan Higgins (93); Danny Briggs (100); Leus du Plooy (109)	Jonny Bairstow (England Men's red ball central contract pick), Tom Banton, Colin Ingram (Local Icons)
Oval Invincibles	Sunil Narine (5); Jason Roy (12) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Sam Billings (21); Sandeep Lamichhane (28); Rilee Rossouw (37); Tom Curran (44) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Reece Topley (53); Hardus Viljoen (60); Fabian Allen (69); Alex Blake (76); Will Jacks (85); Chris Wood (92); Nathan Sowter (101); Laurie Evans (108)	Sam Curran (England Men's red ball central contract pick), Tom Curran, Jason Roy (Local Icons)
Manchester Originals	Imran Tahir (6); Dane Vilas (11); Phil Salt (22); Tom Abell (27); Matt Parkinson (38) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Saqib Mahmood (43) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Daniel Christian (54); Wayne Madsen (59); Wayne Parnell (70); Mitchell Santner (75); Joe Clarke (86); Marchant de Lange (91); Ed Pollock (102); Eddie Byrom (107)	Jos Buttler (England Men's red ball central contract pick), Saqib Mahmood, Matt Parkinson (Local Icons)
London Spirit	Glenn Maxwell (7); Eoin Morgan (10) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Mohammad Nabi (23); Muhammad Amir (26); Roelof van der Merwe (39); Mark Wood (42); Joe Denly (55); Dan Lawrence (58); Mason Crane (71); Kyle Abbott (74); Adam Rossington (87); Zak Crawley (90); Jade Dernbach (103); Luis Reece (106)	Rory Burns (England Men's red ball central contract pick), Dan Lawrence, Eoin Morgan (Local Icons)

Birmingham Phoenix	Liam Livingstone (8); Moeen Ali (9) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Kane Williamson (24); Ravi Bopara (25); Benny Howell (40); Tom Helm (41); Shaheen Afridi (56); Pat Brown (57) – <i>selected on 3rd October</i> ; Adam Hose (72); Cameron Delport (73); Henry Brookes (88); Adam Zampa (89); Riki Wessels (104); Chris Cooke (105)	Chris Woakes (England Men's red ball central contract pick), Moeen Ali, Pat Brown (Local Icons)
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WOMEN'S PLAYER CONFIRMATIONS

Team	New signings	Women's players selected on 3 rd October
Birmingham Phoenix	Sophie Devine	Amy Jones, Kirstie Gordon
London Spirit	Tammy Beaumont	Heather Knight, Freya Davies
Manchester Originals	Lizelle Lee	Kate Cross, Sophie Ecclestone
Northern Superchargers	Alyssa Healy	Lauren Winfield, Linsey Smith
Oval Invincibles	Dane van Niekerk	Laura Marsh, Fran Wilson
Southern Brave	Suzie Bates	Anya Shrubsole, Danni Wyatt
Trent Rockets	Sophie Molineux	Nat Sciver, Katherine Brunt
Welsh Fire	Meg Lanning	Katie George, Bryony Smith

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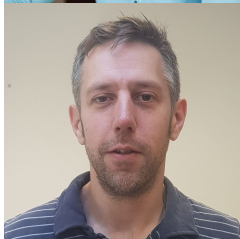


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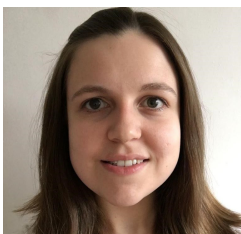
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