



From the left: Alice Davidson-Richards, Mignon du Preez, Elyse Villani, Stafanie Taylor, Rachael Haynes, Jess Jonassen, Deandra Dottin, Georgia Elwiss

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Eight New Marquee Players Announced For The Hundred

The eight women's teams in The Hundred have today each announced a new marquee signing.

Deandra Dottin and Stafanie Taylor become the first West Indian players to join the women's competition - signing for London Spirit and Southern Brave respectively.

Australia's Jess Jonassen links up with compatriots Matthew Mott and Meg Lanning at Welsh Fire, while Rachael Haynes is set for Oval Invincibles and Elyse Villani heads to the Trent Rockets.

Birmingham Phoenix will be home for Wolverhampton local Georgia Elwiss, and Alice Davidson-Richards is to become part of Dani Hazell's Northern Superchargers squad.

South Africa's Mignon du Preez will join Manchester Originals.

Team	New signing	Current marquee players
Birmingham Phoenix	Georgia Elwiss	Amy Jones, Kirstie Gordon, Sophie Devine
London Spirit	Deandra Dottin	Heather Knight, Freya Davies, Tammy Beaumont
Manchester Originals	Mignon du Preez	Kate Cross, Sophie Ecclestone, Lizelle Lee
Northern Superchargers	Alice Davidson-Richards	Lauren Winfield (cap), Linsey Smith, Alyssa Healy
Oval Invincibles	Rachael Haynes	Laura Marsh, Fran Wilson, Dane van Niekerk
Southern Brave	Stafanie Taylor	Anya Shrubsole, Danni Wyatt, Suzie Bates
Trent Rockets	Elyse Villani	Nat Sciver, Katherine Brunt, Sophie Molineux
Welsh Fire	Jess Jonassen	Katie George, Bryony Smith, Meg Lanning

West Indies captain Stafanie Taylor said: "I can't wait to join Southern Brave. The other three players we've already announced are very strong and it's going to be such a great competition. I'm really looking forward to working under Charlotte Edwards again.

"There's also a strong Caribbean vibe in the men's team at Southern Brave - with Andre Russell, Jofra Archer and Chris Jordan - so it will be nice to play alongside them and hopefully both teams can have success."

Manchester Originals signing Mignon du Preez added: "There are some highly talented teams beginning to take shape and the standard is going to be very high. I've played in the Kia Super League and I've always enjoyed it so it's really nice to come back and take part in top-quality domestic competitions.

"It's going to be something a bit different but it's obviously all about trying to take cricket to as many people as possible and as players that's something we want to support. I look forward to coming back to the UK next summer and being a part of Manchester Originals.

The signings - a mixture of international and England talent - means the eight teams have now announced four of their 15-strong squads. Team Head Coaches have until May 31 to finalise their line-ups.

The five-week competition will be played at the height of summer, starting July 2020, featuring eight new city-based teams; Manchester Originals, Northern Superchargers, Trent Rockets, Birmingham Phoenix, Welsh Fire, Southern Brave, London Spirit & Oval Invincibles.

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