



Sophie Ecclestone celebrates a wicket in the warm-up fixture with Australia A. Photo: Getty Images

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## **England Women Announce Ashes Test Squad**

England Women have named a squad of 13 for their must-win Kia Women's Test.

**Heather Knight** (Berkshire, cap)

**Tammy Beaumont** (Kent)

**Katherine Brunt** (Yorkshire) Kate Cross (Lancashire) **Sophie Ecclestone** (Lancashire) Georgia Elwiss (Sussex) **Kirstie Gordon** (Nottinghamshire) **Amy Jones** (Warwickshire) Laura Marsh (Kent) **Nat Sciver** (Surrey) **Anya Shrubsole** (Berkshire) **Lauren Winfield** (Yorkshire)

**Sarah Taylor** (Sussex, wicketkeeper)

Kirstie Gordon - who impressed in last winter's ICC Women's World T20 before picking up a stress fracture - is brought into the squad after taking eight wickets in the warm-up fixture between Australia and England Women's Academy.

<u>England's warm-up game</u> - against Australia A - ended in victory, with centuries for Tammy Beaumont, Amy Jones and Nat Sciver.

Danni Wyatt and Jenny Gunn, who were a part of the ODI squad, will stay with England Women's Academy to take part in T20s against Australia A and Ireland, the latter fixtures a replacement for Ireland's series against Zimbabwe which was cancelled.

Fran Wilson and Alex Hartley will stay with the Test group in Taunton as cover.

England captain Heather Knight said: "It's obviously a very important match for us and we need to win it to stay in the series.

"The beauty of the multi-format points series means we're still very much in the battle, a normal bilateral series that finished like the ODIs would have been finished but we can get back to 6-4 with a win in the Test match and that's exciting.

"The warm-up at Millfield was ideal. We saw batters get runs and spend time in the middle and the bowlers performed well to bowl out the opposition twice on a flat one. We're raring to go again to get back into the Ashes."

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