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England Women announce Metro Bank ODI squad ahead of India series

England Women have announced a 15-strong squad for the three-match Metro Bank ODI series against India later this month.

Lancashire spinner Sophie Ecclestone returns to the 50-over squad, having missed the West Indies series, while there is a recall for Hampshire's Maia Bouchier.

Captain Nat Sciver-Brunt is expected to play a full part in the series despite missing the end of the Vitality IT20 series with a groin injury.

Also in the squad is Lauren Filer, who'll be looking to make her first ODI appearance since the Ashes in the winter. The Durham seamer, who averaged 76mph in her match-defining four-over spell at the Kia Oval on Friday night, is continuing her return from a knee injury.

- Em Arlott (Warwickshire)
- Tammy Beaumont (The Blaze)
- Lauren Bell (Hampshire)
- Maia Bouchier (Hampshire)
- Alice Capsey (Surrey)
- Kate Cross (Lancashire)
- Alice Davidson-Richards (Surrey)
- Charlie Dean (Somerset)
- Sophia Dunkley (Surrey)
- Sophie Ecclestone (Lancashire)
- Lauren Filer (Durham)
- Amy Jones (The Blaze)
- Emma Lamb (Lancashire)
- Nat Sciver-Brunt (The Blaze; captain)
- Linsey Smith (Hampshire)

England Women's Head Coach Charlotte Edwards said: "India have really pushed us during the Vitality IT20 series. We knew they would and we've learned a lot about the team in the three games so far. There have been some good moments but we're a team in transition and we need to keep working hard to do what we're trying to do more consistently, and for longer. That'll be asked of us again in the ODIs.

"Friday night was high drama and we were delighted to keep ourselves in the series, I'm very proud of the character and the fight the players showed. Hopefully we can keep that going at Emirates Old Trafford and Edgbaston and into the Metro Bank ODI series.

"The squad has largely stayed the same since the ODI series against West Indies, but Soph [Ecclestone] comes back into the side meaning Sarah Glenn misses out this time around. We've also added in Maia Bouchier to bolster our batting line-up and continue to offer competition for places. This series is the perfect preparation for the ICC Women's World Cup in India this autumn, but it's also a series we're determined to win."

England Women v India Women Metro Bank ODI series

Wednesday July 16: 1st Metro Bank ODI, England Women v India Women, Utilita Bowl, 13:00

Saturday July 19: 2nd Metro Bank ODI, England Women v India Women, Lord's Cricket Ground, 11:00

Tuesday July 22: 3rd Metro Bank ODI, England Women v India Women, Banks Homes Riverside, 13:00



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