



Kate Cross will captain both the ODI and T20 squads. Photo: Getty Images

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## England Women ODI and T20 squads to tour Ireland announced

The England Women ODI and IT20 squads to tour Ireland next month have been confirmed.

Kate Cross will captain the group who will play three One Day Internationals and two IT20s in Belfast and Dublin respectively.

Jon Lewis, who has been leading the England A squad over the past 12 months, will take charge as head coach and is joined by Courtney Winfield-

Hill and Chris Liddle (England Women's Performance Coach) who both come off the back of working with Trent Rockets and London Spirit respectively in the Women's Hundred.

All-rounder Freya Kemp and wicketkeeper-batter Bess Heath will form part of the ODI squad alongside fast bowler Lauren Filer and opener Emma Lamb.

All-rounder Mady Villiers returns to a senior England squad for the first time since 2021.

Bowler Mahika Gaur is selected in the T20 group after a side strain injury saw her sit out of England's home series' against New Zealand and The Hundred.

Central Sparks trio Hannah Baker, Georgia Davis (ODI only) and Charis Pavely (T20 only) are named alongside South East Stars' Ryana MacDonald-Gay and Paige Scholfield as well as Georgia Adams (Southern Vipers and T20 only) and Seren Smale (Thunder and T20 only) and all could make their senior international debuts having represented their country at various age-group levels.

Director of England Women's Cricket, **Jonathan Finch** said: "Following a busy period we are looking forward to finishing off our summer with the tour to Ireland.

"The squad has an exciting mix of experienced international players, those that are returning to a squad having played previously and those yet to take their first steps on the international stage. This is a strong squad made up of many players that have grown from being part of a strengthening domestic game.

"The growing complexity and challenges of managing year-round playing calendars for our international players presents an opportunity for those that have been pushing for selection to be challenged on the international stage.

"Ireland Women are coming off the back of a significant series win against Sri Lanka and this, mixed with playing away from home, will pose a significant challenge.

"It's always a special moment to see players make their debut and seven

could do so on this tour.”

**England Women ODI squad:** Kate Cross (captain; Thunder), Hollie Armitage (Northern Diamonds), Hannah Baker (Central Sparks), Tammy Beaumont (The Blaze), Georgia Davis (Central Sparks), Lauren Filer (Western Storm), Bess Heath (Northern Diamonds), Freya Kemp (Southern Vipers), Emma Lamb (Thunder), Ryana MacDonald-Gay (South East Stars), Paige Scholfield (South East Stars), Bryony Smith (South East Stars), Mady Villiers (Sunrisers), Issy Wong (Central Sparks)

**England Women T20 squad:** Kate Cross (captain; Thunder), Georgia Adams (Southern Vipers), Hollie Armitage (Northern Diamonds), Hannah Baker (Central Sparks), Tammy Beaumont (The Blaze), Mahika Gaur (Thunder), Ryana MacDonald-Gay (South East Stars), Charis Pavely (Central Sparks), Paige Scholfield (South East Stars), Seren Smale (Thunder), Bryony Smith (South East Stars), Mady Villiers (Sunrisers), Issy Wong (Central Sparks)

### **Ireland Women v England Women One Day International series fixtures**

**Saturday 7 September:** Ireland v England first ODI, Civil Service Cricket Club, Stormont, Belfast

**Monday 9 September:** Ireland v England second ODI, Civil Service Cricket Club, Stormont, Belfast

**Wednesday 11 September:** Ireland v England third ODI, Civil Service Cricket Club, Stormont, Belfast

### **Ireland Women v England Women T20 International series fixtures**

**Saturday 14 September:** Ireland v England Women 1st IT20, Castle Avenue, Dublin

**Sunday 15 September:** Ireland v England Women 2nd IT20, Castle Avenue, Dublin

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