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## England Women squad confirmed for Vitality IT20 series against New Zealand

England Women have confirmed a 16-player squad to take on New Zealand in the Vitality IT20 series next month.

Opener Sophia Dunkley is recalled to an otherwise unchanged group from those who sealed a T20 series victory against Pakistan in May.

Southern Vipers' Freya Kemp will be available as an all-rounder during the series after being named as a batter against Pakistan.

The two sides begin the IT20 series in Southampton (6 July) before matches in Hove (9 July) and Canterbury (11 July), finishing with two London fixtures at the Kia Oval and Lord's on 13 and 17 July respectively.

This series follows three [ODIs](#) against the same opposition at Durham (26 June) Worcester (30 June) and Bristol (3 July).

Tickets for the ODI and T20 series' are available [here](#).

Head coach **Jon Lewis** said: "This five-match series against a strong New Zealand side is really important for us and also vital preparation as we build towards the T20 World Cup in Bangladesh.

"We are pleased to welcome Freya Kemp back as an all-rounder and we will hopefully see her bowl across this series as she returns from injury.

"Sophia Dunkley comes back into the squad after showing good form at regional level, she has earned the right to be in this squad.

"Mahika Gaur is not available to play due to a small side strain. We will look to have her in and around the squad preparing to return to play."

### **England Women T20 squad to take on New Zealand**

Heather Knight (C; Western Storm)

Lauren Bell (Southern Vipers)

Maia Bouchier (Southern Vipers)

Alice Capsey (South East Stars)

Charlie Dean (Southern Vipers)

Sophia Dunkley (South East Stars)

Sophie Ecclestone (Thunder)

Lauren Filer (Western Storm)

Danielle Gibson (Western Storm)

Sarah Glenn (The Blaze)

☒Bess Heath (Northern Diamonds)

Amy ☒Jones (Central Sparks)

Freya ☒Kemp (Southern Vipers)

Nat Sciver-Brunt (The Blaze)

Linsey Smith (Southern Vipers)

Danielle Wyatt (Southern Vipers)

### **Women's IT20 Series v New Zealand Women**

6 July: 1<sup>st</sup> Women's IT20 – The Ageas Bowl, Southampton

9 July: 2<sup>nd</sup> Women's IT20 – The 1<sup>st</sup> Central County Ground, Hove

11 July: 3<sup>rd</sup> Women's IT20 – The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence

13 July: 4<sup>th</sup> Women's IT20 – The Kia Oval, London

17 July: 5<sup>th</sup> Women's IT20 – Lord's, London

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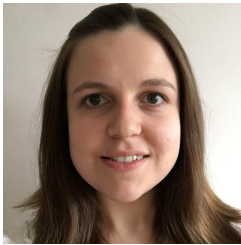
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