



Captain Nat Sciver-Brunt will lead England during the series (Getty Images)

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England Women's squads named for white-ball series against West Indies and National Selector appointment confirmed

The England Women's selection panel has named the squads for the upcoming white-ball series against the West Indies, which begins in one week's time.

Led by new captain Nat Sciver-Brunt, England will contest three Vitality IT20s and three Metro Bank One Day Internationals (ODIs).

The IT20 series, the first under Sciver-Brunt and head coach Charlotte Edwards' leadership, gets underway with the opening match on Wednesday 21 May in Canterbury.

Warwickshire duo Emily Arlott and Issy Wong are selected. Arlott, who is yet to make her international debut, is named in both groups. She scored a century batting at number seven against Essex and has taken 13 wickets so far in the Metro Bank One Day Cup. Fast bowler Wong impressed for England Women A in their recent tour of Australia and in her county's opening matches.

There are ODI returns for Alice Davidson-Richards (Surrey) and Emma Lamb (Lancashire). Davidson-Richards last represented her country against Sri Lanka in an ODI in September 2023, while Lamb is the leading run-scorer in the country, also taking 12 wickets in her opening six matches for Lancashire.

The Blaze's opening batter Tammy Beaumont and spinner Linsey Smith – the leading wicket-taker in the Metro Bank One Day Cup - are selected in both squads. Sophie Ecclestone has been unable to play domestic cricket due to a knee injury and her return to the Lancashire side has come too late for her to be deemed ready for selection for this series.

Meanwhile, the ECB is delighted to confirm Lydia Greenway as England Women's new National Selector. The former England batter will work alongside Head Coach Edwards, Managing Director Clare Connor and Performance Director Jonathan Finch as part of the four-strong selection panel. Greenway has advised on the selection of this squad.

Charlotte Edwards said: "We have selected squads on the back of strong performances and form in the opening rounds of the Metro Bank One Day Cup. That was the challenge to the players and I've been so impressed by what I've seen across the competition.

"It's great to be able to reward that form, and to see one or two new faces in the squad, as well as the return of a few others. I'm sure they'll be delighted and they can be proud of what they've done in order to be selected.

"Following her knee injury, Sophie Ecclestone is physically not quite at 100%

yet. She's been rehabbing and working hard but she's only just got back on the park for Lancashire so she doesn't have enough cricket under her belt to be ready for this series.

"All-rounders Freya Kemp (back) and Danielle Gibson (stress fracture) are both unavailable due to injury.

"Lauren Filer's return from a knee injury continues positively and she will continue to be reviewed.

"Maia Bouchier misses out having been a part of the Ashes series, Maia's talent is there for all to see and the challenge to her is to go and make consistent match-winning contributions for Hampshire in domestic cricket. It's the same for any player who'd disappointed to not be a part of these squads.

"We are all really looking forward to meeting up in Canterbury and can't wait to take to the field in front of our supporters.

"We are really excited for the summer ahead. Our first priority is to win games of cricket. That's how we're judged and that's our first aim, starting with this white-ball series against West Indies."

England Women IT20 squad: Nat Sciver-Brunt (captain; The Blaze), Emily Arlott (Warwickshire), Tammy Beaumont (The Blaze), Lauren Bell (Hampshire), Alice Capsey (Surrey), Charlie Dean (Somerset), Sophia Dunkley (Surrey), Sarah Glenn (The Blaze), Amy Jones (The Blaze), Heather Knight (Somerset), Paige Scholfield (Surrey), Linsey Smith (Hampshire), Issy Wong (Warwickshire), Danni Wyatt-Hodge (Surrey)

England Women ODI squad: Nat Sciver-Brunt (captain; The Blaze), Alice Davidson-Richards (Surrey), Emily Arlott (Warwickshire), Tammy Beaumont (The Blaze), Lauren Bell (Hampshire), Kate Cross (Lancashire), Charlie Dean (Somerset), Sophia Dunkley (Surrey), Mahika Gaur (Lancashire), Sarah Glenn (The Blaze), Amy Jones (The Blaze), Heather Knight (Somerset), Emma Lamb (Lancashire), Linsey Smith (Hampshire)

1st Vitality IT20: 21 May - The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence, Canterbury 18:30 BST

2nd Vitality IT20: 23 May - The $1^{\rm st}$ Central County Ground, Hove 18:35 BST 3rd Vitality IT20: 26 May - The Cloud County Ground, Chelmsford 14:30 BST

England Women v West Indies - Metro Bank ODI Series

1st Metro Bank ODI: 30 May - The County Ground, Derby 13:00 BST 2nd Metro Bank ODI: 4 June - Uptonsteel County Ground, Leicester 13:00 BST 3rd Metro Bank ODI: 7 June - Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton 11:00 BST

Tickets for all matches are available to purchase here.

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