



Rashid Khan was selected first by Trent Rockets (Getty Sport)

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First players picked in The Hundred Draft

Rashid Khan is the first player selected for the men's competition in The Hundred Draft, taking place live on Sky TV and BBC online. He has been snapped up by **Trent Rockets** Head Coach Stephen Fleming to play alongside teammates Joe Root, Alex Hales and Harry Gurney next summer.

Southern Brave Head Coach, Mahela Jayawardena, picked next, quickly taking **Andre Russell** before Darren Lehmann selected **Aaron Finch** for **Northern Superchargers.**



Mitchell Starc (4)

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Steve Smith (13)
Colin Ingram (20) – selected on 3rd October
Tom Banton (29) – selected on 3rd October
Oval Invincibles
Sunil Narine (5)
Jason Roy (12) – selected on 3rd October
Sam Billings (21)
Sandeep Lamichhane (28)
Manchester Originals
Imran Tahir (6)
Dane Vilas (11)
Phil Salt (22)
Tom Abell (27)
London Spirit
Glenn Maxwell (7)
Eoin Morgan (10) – selected on 3rd October
Mohammad Nabi (23)
Muhammad Amir (26)
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Birmingham Phoenix

Liam Livingstone (8)

Moeen Ali (9) – selected on 3rd October

Kane Williamson (24)

Ravi Bopara (25)

Andre Russell, talking about his selection for **Southern Brave,** commented : "What a fun night – it's an honour to be picked with so many other amazing international players in the mix. I'm really looking forward to spending the summer here and playing back in the UK. I know that The Hundred is going to be an exciting competition and I can't wait to start training with my new Southern Brave teammates."

Joe Root, who'll be playing alongside **Rashid Khan** said: "It's going to be great to have Rashid join us at Trent Bridge next summer. I've played against him and I know he's a fierce competitor and one of the best players in the world – so I have no doubt the competition will really heat up as we go head-to-head with the other teams. It's going to be a really exciting summer."

The players announced tonight at The Hundred Draft join the previously selected England red ball contracted and Local Icon players, including Test captain Joe Root and Alex Hales for **Trent Rockets**, Jofra Archer and James Vince for **Southern Brave**, Ben Stokes and Adil Rashid for **Northern Superchargers** and Eoin Morgan and Dan Lawrence for **London Spirit**.

The final selections in The Hundred Draft are happening **live, now,** on Sky One and Sky Sports, with extensive coverage across the BBC, and a live stream on <u>thehundred.com</u> and The Hundred <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. All 96 men's competition selections will be made by 10pm this evening.

The five-week competition will be played at the height of summer, starting July 2020, featuring eight new city-based teams; Manchester Originals, Northern Superchargers, Trent Rockets, Birmingham Phoenix, Welsh Fire, Southern Brave, London Spirit and Oval Invincibles.

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