



Big-hitting Grace Harris arrives from Australia. Photo: Getty Images

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Grace Harris, Mitchell Marsh, Sarah Glenn and Olly Stone signed by London Spirit at The Hundred Draft

- London Spirit select Australians Grace Harris and Mitchell Marsh as team's first picks in the men's and women's competitions
- Sophie Luff to return to London Spirit; England spinner Sarah Glenn snapped up as well as fast bowler Olly Stone
- In the men's competition 30 players drafted; 34 players drafted in the women's competition
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Australians Grace Harris and Mitchell Marsh and England's Sarah Glenn and Olly Stone were some of the big-name signings for London Spirit at The Hundred Draft, powered by Sage.

London Spirit enjoyed a successful women's draft, picking up a selection of England and international superstars to bolster Heather Knight's squad.

All-rounder Grace Harris was snapped up with the second pick of the draft, followed by England spinner Sarah Glenn for £25,000, Sophie Munro at £18,750, and the returning Sophie Luff at £15,000.

London Spirit also added two high-profile international stars to their Men's squad, with Australian all-rounder Mitchell Marsh, England fast bowler Olly Stone, and Essex wicket-keeper Michael Pepper joining Dan Lawrence's side.

All-rounder Marsh completes a trio of overseas players, alongside countrymen Glenn Maxwell and Nathan Ellis, while Stone joins Mark Wood to provide a fearsome pace-bowling attack.

The Hundred Draft saw 64 spots filled across the men's and women's competition, with the eight teams taking it in turns to select players – the order for selections is based on last year's finishing positions.

Among the big names signed by other teams were Pakistan duo Shaheen Afridi and Haris Rauf joining Welsh Fire, along with England batter Sophia Dunkley, while England bowlers Kate Cross and Reece Topley joined Northern Superchargers and South Africa batter Laura Wolvaardt moved to Manchester Originals.

The open market process will see the remaining 56 places filled in the women's competition, while 16 spots remain up for grabs in the men's competition by virtue of The Vitality Wildcard Draft, which will be held in the week commencing 3 July.

The following players were signed to the men's and women's London Spirit squads:

Women's

Grace Harris, Sarah Glenn, Sophie Munro, Sophie Luff

Men's

Mitchell Marsh, Olly Stone, Michael Pepper

The third year for the London Spirit will start with an opening derby at Lord's against the Oval Invincibles on Wednesday 2 August – the first of four home matchdays that promise high-octane men's and women's sporting action, live music, and a host of family-friendly entertainment.

More than half a million people attended games during The Hundred's second year in 2022, including a record-breaking 271,000 watching live women's fixtures across the competition and more families buying tickets than in 2021.

Tickets are now exclusively on sale for anyone who has previously bought tickets for The Hundred until 28 March. Those yet to attend can sign up in advance at thehundred.com to get priority ticket access from 5–18 April.

Tickets will then go on general sale on Thursday 20 April. Tickets this year remain great value in line with 2022 pricing, with prices set at £5 for juniors aged 6-15, free for children five and under, and adults starting from £10.❌❌❌

Grace Harris, picked by London Spirit as the second-ever pick in the women's competition in The Hundred Draft, said: "I'm very happy to have been drafted by London Spirit. Lord's is such a special venue to play at and I'm really excited to play in front of some big crowds there. It's nice to be a part of history by being the second pick in The Hundred Draft but when you look at the squads, they're all so strong – it's going to be a great competition and I can't wait."

Newly appointed captain Dan Lawrence said: "We're delighted with our business in the draft. We've brought in a genuine all-round star in Mitchell Marsh, and added great pace into the attack in Olly Stone. Alongside the lads coming back from last year, it gives us a really nice balance to the squad and

a chance to compete against anyone we play in 2023."

Over 14.1 million people tuned in to watch The Hundred action in 2022 and games will again be broadcast live on Sky Sports and BBC broadcast and digital channels throughout the competition.☒☒

To stay up to date with the latest news, buy tickets or to sign up for priority access, visit thehundred.com or follow The Hundred, and the eight teams, on Instagram, Facebook, TikTok and YouTube.☒

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About Sage:

The Hundred Draft is powered by Sage. Sage supports insights and key decision-making moments in The Hundred. As Official Insights Partner, Sage brings fans closer to The Hundred's big decisions, powering the Decision Review System (DRS) in broadcast and on the cricket grounds' big screens, together with sponsoring the umpires' kit during the competition. Across The Hundred Draft, coaches used data, analysis, and insights to help them make the crucial decisions needed to build their squads in both the men's and women's competitions. Sage aims to bring fans closer to the action as part of this exciting start to The Hundred.

About The Hundred:☒

The Hundred is an action-packed, unmissable cricket competition that fuses world-class cricket with blockbuster entertainment.☒

Combining a short, fast format of cricket, with each game lasting less than three hours, and incredible entertainment beyond the sport, The Hundred is making cricket more accessible and reaching a broader audience. It's simple: 100 balls per team, most runs wins, so every ball counts.☒☒

The Hundred features eight teams from seven cities, with men's and women's competitions taking place side by side: Welsh Fire (Cardiff), Southern Brave (Southampton), Northern Superchargers (Leeds), London Spirit, Trent Rockets (Nottingham), Oval Invincibles (London), Manchester Originals and Birmingham Phoenix. Each team features some of the best international and domestic cricketers from around the world, including England Men's & Women's World Cup winners.

Highlight statistics from The Hundred 2022:

- More than 500,000 people attended games across the course of the competition
- The Hundred continued to take cricket to new audiences with more women (28%), children (22%) and families (41%) attending than in the first year
- 2022 once again set a new global record for total attendance at a women's cricket competition, with 271,000 people attending
- All eight venues broke their previous best for domestic women's attendances
- Of the Sky and BBC TV coverage, 42% hadn't watched any other ECB cricket in 2022 prior to The Hundred, resulting in 5.9m new viewers
- Women (31%) and children (14%) made up a significant share of the TV audience

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