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History made at The Hundred Auction

History was made across two days at The Hundred Auction, with 169 cricketers signing up to eight new teams for a combined £11.9m.

The first ever major sports auction in UK history saw a number of women's cricketers become some of the highest paid female athletes in the country.

England and Somerset all-rounder Dani Gibson was signed by SunRisers Leeds for £190k, England and Warwickshire seamer Issy Wong went to Southern Brave for £130k, and 18-year-old Surrey spinner Tilly Corteen-Coleman joined her at Utilita Bowl for £105k.

Today, the main stories of the men's auction saw Sussex all-rounder James Coles purchased by London Spirit for £390k, Jordan Cox joining Welsh Fire for £300k, Adil Rashid heading to Southern Brave for £250k and Pakistani all-rounder Abrar Ahmed linking up with SunRisers Leeds for £190k.

Other signings across the two days included Sophie Devine and World No.1 batter Beth Mooney joining Welsh Fire and Trent Rockets respectively for £210k, three-time winning men's captain Sam Billings finding a new home at Trent Rockets (£180k), Tom Curran reuniting with his brother Sam at MI London (£260k), Scott Currie becoming a Birmingham Phoenix player for £210k, and England batter Paige Scholfield joining Manchester Super Giants for £115k.

Yesterday, Davina Perrin (Birmingham Phoenix, £50k) had the honour of becoming the first player to go under the hammer in the women's auction, while Joe Root (Welsh Fire, £240k) followed suit in the men's auction today.

Dani Gibson said: "I'm absolutely over the moon to be joining SunRisers Leeds. It was pretty nerve-wracking watching the auction, but amazing to end up at Headingley - especially as I'm joining the holders - and I can't wait for it all to start now.

"It's really cool to think how much the women's game has progressed since The Hundred started. The salaries now are in a different world from when it started in 2020, and it's nice to think young girls may see a career in cricket as a genuinely exciting option for them now - not just something they can do, but something they really want to do."

James Coles said: "I can't wait to be joining London Spirit. Lord's is obviously one of the most special places to play cricket in the world so it will be nice to call it home, and it will be great to link up with Andy Flower and the rest of the team.

"I've really enjoyed playing in The Hundred. It's a world class competition and the quality of players on show in the auction demonstrates that."

The sixth year of The Hundred gets underway on Tuesday 21 July, with MI London hosting SunRisers Leeds. Register your interest for tickets [by signing up to the priority window by 23 March](#) and get tickets at early bird prices for the blockbuster summer competition.

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