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London Spirit announce retained players on Deadline Day

- London Spirit men's and women's teams confirm returning players for fourth year of The Hundred
- Nine men's players and eight women will be returning to Lord's from last year's squads
- The Hundred Draft powered by Sage to take place at The Shard on Wednesday 20 March

- First Lord's game to be played on Saturday 27 July, doubleheader against Birmingham Phoenix
- For more information and to sign up for priority ticket access visit thehundred.com

Zak Crawley, Heather Knight, Grace Harris and Liam Dawson will all be back in action at Lord's in The Hundred this summer with London Spirit confirming the retention of 17 players on Deadline Day.

England Women trio Sarah Glenn, Charlie Dean and Danielle Gibson are among the names who will return for the Spirit, as well as men's captain Dan Lawrence, Australian star Nathan Ellis and last year's revelation Dan Worrall.

Across both the London Spirit men's and women's teams, 17 players have been retained in total, meaning 5 men's spots and 5 women's remain to be filled at The Hundred Draft powered by Sage.

The Draft will take place at The Shard on Wednesday 20 March, live-streamed from 5.30pm on **thehundred.com**, YouTube and TikTok. Each team will take it in turns to select domestic and overseas players to complete their squads. Spirit will have the chance to pick up an overseas player in the women's squad, and two more for the men's team.

London Spirit's season in the fourth year of The Hundred gets underway at Utilita Bowl on Wednesday 24 July, one of 68 games that promise world class men's and women's sporting action, live music, and a host of family-friendly entertainment.

Heather Knight and Dan Lawrence will lead out their respective women's and men's teams for the first Lord's double-header on Saturday 27 July.

Retained Players

London SpiritWomen: Heather Knight, Grace Harris (O), Danielle Gibson, Charlie Dean, Sarah Glenn, Georgia Redmayne (O), Sophie Munro, Tara Norris

London SpiritMen: Zak Crawley, Nathan Ellis (O), Dan Lawrence, Dan Worrall,

Liam Dawson, Adam Rossington, Olly Stone, Matt Critchley, Daniel Bell-Drummond.

Dan Lawrence said: "I really enjoyed captaining London Spirit last year and I'm looking forward to getting back out there this year with the squad. There are few things more exciting than playing in front of a full house at Lord's, and it's even better when you can give the fans a win so hopefully this group – and the players we add to it at The Draft – can help take us forward."

Sarah Glenn said: "We've got a really good group of players retained and I'm very excited about The Hundred. We love playing in it, you can see all the young girls in the crowd, excited to get our autograph or a picture, and that means so much to us. There was absolutely nothing like The Hundred when I was younger and it's doing a great job at helping to take cricket to people who haven't always felt it's a sport for them."

A record 580,000 fans were in attendance across The Hundred last season, including over 300,000 in the women's competition. The Hundred's blend of high-quality sport and entertainment saw 41% of all tickets sold to families, 23% to juniors and 30% to women.

From 13-27 March there will be an exclusive window open to buy tickets for fans who have previously attended The Hundred. There will be a priority window open from 9-23 April for all fans who sign up in advance at Athehundred.com.

The general sale period begins from 25 April.

Tickets are once again great value, with prices set at £5 for juniors aged 3-15 (free for under 3s) and adults starting from £11.

All games will again be 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, TikTok and YouTube.

Notes to Editors

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 teams features some of the best international and domestic cricketers from around the world, including England Men's & Women's World Cup winners.

About The Hundred Draft powered by Sage:

More information about The Hundred Draft powered by Sage is **available here**.

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