



Amy Jones with Harmanpreet Kaur and Harleen Deol after India's win. Photo: Getty Images

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## Mandhana leads India to win in series opener at Hove

[India Women 232-3 beat England Women 226-7 by 7 wickets](#)

Smriti Mandhana's 91 saw India to victory in the first Royal London International at Hove.

After being asked to bat first, England posted 227 in the first innings thanks in main to Alice Davidson-Richards' maiden ODI half-century. Cameos from Sophie Ecclestone (31), Sophia Dunkley (29) and Charlie Dean (29\*) gave Amy

Jones's team something to bowl at.

Kate Cross struck early to dismiss Indian opener Shafali Verma, helped by a terrific catch from Dean, but Yastika Bhatia (50), Harmanpreet Kaur (74) and Mandhana took India over the line to go 1-0 up in the Royal London Series.

The two sides now head to Canterbury ahead of the 2nd Royal London International on Wednesday.

Please click [HERE](#) to download audio files of Alice Davidson-Richards' post-match press conference.

### **England Women v India Women**

#### **Vitality IT20 Series**

**Saturday September 10:** 1st Vitality IT20. [England Women won by nine wickets.](#)

**Tuesday September 13:** 2nd Vitality IT20. [India Women won by eight wickets.](#)

**Thursday September 15:** 3rd Vitality IT20. [England Women won by seven wickets.](#)

#### **Royal London Series**

**Sunday September 18:** 1st match of the Royal London Series. [India Women won by seven wickets.](#)

**Wednesday September 21:** 2nd match of the Royal London Series. England v India (The Spitfire Ground, Canterbury, 1pm)

**Saturday September 24:** 3rd match of the Royal London Series. England v India (Lord's, 11am)

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