



Amelia Kerr is back at London Spirit in 2023. Photo: ECB/Getty Images

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## Maxwell, Knight and Kerr retained by London Spirit for year three of The Hundred

- England Women's captain and Australian superstar among 14 London Spirit retentions
- The Hundred Draft powered by Sage to be televised live on Sky Sports on Thursday 23 March
- Draft in the women's competition to be held for the first time
- Two Vitality Wildcard picks in the men's competition
- For more information and to sign up for priority ticket access visit

London Spirit have today confirmed the men's and women's stars they have re-signed to return to Lord's this summer for the third year of The Hundred.

Fans at Lord's will be delighted to see the return of England Women's captain, Heather Knight, for season three of The Hundred along with her international teammate Charlie Dean. Knight and Dean will line up alongside New Zealand all-rounder Amelia Kerr and Dani Gibson.

For the men's team, England stars Dan Lawrence and Zak Crawley will also be back at Lord's for the third year of the competition – as well as Mark Wood and Nathan Ellis.

Rashid Khan, Jos Buttler, Nat Sciver-Brunt, Smriti Mandhana and Chris Woakes are among the list of players who have been retained by other teams in The Hundred.

Across both competitions, 114 players have been retained in total, meaning 134 spots remain to be filled at The Hundred Draft powered by Sage, and across the open market process in the women's competition.

Teams in the men's competition are able to retain 10 players, and women's teams can retain four of their players. Six men's sides have retained all 10, while Welsh Fire – under the leadership of Australian great Mike Hussey – will have eight places to fill at The Draft, at which they'll have the first pick.

The women's competition will be hosting a draft for the first time, with Tammy Beaumont's Welsh Fire the first side to pick with the likes of England stars Sophia Dunkley, Danni Wyatt and Kate Cross, as well as a host of international players, up for grabs. The final list for The Hundred Draft powered by Sage is due to be confirmed on 28 February.

The Hundred will kick off its third year at Trent Bridge on Tuesday 1 August with a Trent Rockets v Southern Brave double-header – the first of 68 games 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.

There will be an initial, exclusive window to purchase tickets from 15-28 March for anyone who has previously bought tickets for The Hundred. Those yet to attend can sign up in advance at [thehundred.com](https://thehundred.com) for 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.

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](https://thehundred.com) or follow The Hundred, and the eight teams, on Instagram, TikTok and YouTube.

**England Women's captain Heather Knight said:** "I'm thrilled to be back in blue this summer. It was tough to sit out last year but the team did a lot of things they can be proud of, especially Charlie Dean who took on so much additional responsibility by stepping up to captain the side. The inclusion of the draft in the women's competition this year takes the competition forward again and we're just ready to get stuck in and gear up for another huge summer."

**Ravi Bopara said:** "The retained squad this year is really strong. We've kept a really good core of the group, and we can't wait for August. It's a big year with Eoin Morgan stepping away from the team, but we've got a very competitive squad and we're looking forward to getting out there in front of the Lord's crowd and putting on a show."

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**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 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

### **About The Hundred Draft powered by Sage:**

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