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Northern Superchargers make final selections for third season of The Hundred

Northern Superchargers have confirmed the final additions to their squads as all eight teams in The Hundred made their Vitality Wildcard Draft selections in the men's competition and their final round of selections in the women's competition.

The women's team added a mixture of experience and youth to their ranks with the retention of popular spinner Lucy Higham, from the 2022 squad, and the addition of Georgie Boyce, Grace Ballinger and local York-based Northern

Diamonds player Grace Hall. Leah Dobson replaces the injured Phoebe Franklin.

Grace Hall said: "I'm really happy to have been signed for Northern Superchargers. It will be great to link up with Kate Cross, and it's obviously so special to play at Headingley. It's a brilliant competition, with some of the best players in the world, and I'm really looking forward to being a part of it in August!"

The men's team strengthened their batting, bowling and wicket keeping options with the shrewd addition of two of this season's high-scoring Vitality Blast players. Northants Saif Zaib rejoins the squad, after joining as injury cover during the 2022 competition, adding runs and spin bowling experience, and Durham's in-form wicket-keeper/batter Ollie Robison also joins to provide options behind the wicket and strengthens the batting order.

Ollie Robinson said "I was delighted to get the call up for the Superchargers. The Hundred is an exciting competition and the Superchargers fans always bring a great atmosphere. I'm looking forward to scoring some runs for the team this summer."

New signings announced today:

Birmingham Phoenix: Davina Perrin, Abbey Freeborn, Charis Pavely, Jacob Bethell, Henry Brookes

London Spirit: Richa Ghosh*, Lauren Filer, Chloe Hill, Alice Monaghan, Daniel Bell-Drummond, Matt Critchley, Matthew Wade*, Daryl Mitchell*

Manchester Originals: Ami Campbell, Amara Carr, Mahika Gaur, Laura Jackson, Max Holden, Fred Klaasen, Usama Mir*

Northern Superchargers: Georgie Boyce, Lucy Higham, Grace Ballinger, Grace Hall, Leah Dobson*, Ollie Robinson, Saif Zaib, Matthew Short*

Oval Invincibles: Sophia Smale, Beth Langston, Cordelia Griffith, Claudie Cooper, Lizzie Scott*, Tawanda Muyeye, Zak Chappell, Tom Lawes*, Adam Zampa*

Southern Brave: Kalea Moore, Seren Smale, Ellie Anderson, Mary Taylor, Jafer

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Trent Rockets: Jo Gardner, Fran Wilson, Nat Wraith, Cassidy McCarthy*, John Turner, Tom Moores

Welsh Fire: Emily Windsor, Ella McCaughan, Georgia Davis, Kate Coppack, Luke Wells, Chris Cooke

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Tickets for this year's competition 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 £12. Tickets for the Northern Superchargers can be purchased at www.thehundred.com.

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.

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

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