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Oval Invincibles announce retained players on Deadline Day

- Oval Invincibles men's and women's teams confirm returning players for fourth year of The Hundred
- The Hundred Draft powered by Sage to take place at The Shard on Wednesday 20 March
- First game to be played on Tuesday 23 July with The Kia Oval hosting the opening double-header
- For more information and to sign up for priority ticket access visitxthehundred.com

Sam Billings, Marizanne Kapp, Tom Curran and Alice Capsey will all be back in action at The Kia Oval in The Hundred next season with Oval Invincibles confirming the retention of 19 players on Deadline Day.

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England men's trio Gus Atkinson, Sam Curran and Will Jacks are among the names who'll be on the squad list for Tom Moody's reigning champions, while Jon Batty's women's team will once again have duo Lauren Winfield-Hill and Tash Farrant.

Across both the Oval Invincibles men's and women's teams, 19 players have been retained in total, meaning eight spots remain to be filled at The Hundred Draft powered by Sage.

The Hundred Draft, powered by Sage, 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.

Oval Invincibles kick-off the fourth year of The Hundred at The Kia Oval on Tuesday 23 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.

Retained Players

Oval InvinciblesWomen: Marizanne Kapp (O), Alice Capsey, Lauren Winfield-Hill, ■Tash Farrant, Mady Villiers, Paige Schofield, Sophia Smale, Ryana MacDonald-Gay ■

Oval InvinciblesMen: Sam Curran, Tom Curran, Will Jacks, Adam Zampa (O), Jordan Cox, Gus Atkinson, Sam Billings, Saqib Mahmood, Spencer Johnson (O), Nathan Sowter, Tawanda Muyeye

Sam Billings said: "It was brilliant to win the competition last year and I'm really looking forward to the challenge of trying to retain the trophy. The atmosphere at The Kia Oval is undoubtedly one of the best in the world. We can't wait to get back out in front of the fans who were such a key part of our success last year. The competition has gone from strength to strength and

one that all players look forward to. By keeping the majority of the core group together we hope to build on last years success."

Lauren Winfield-Hill said: "I'm really happy to be back at The Kia Oval and I'm really happy we've kept a lot of our squad together. We were obviously disappointed not to win it last year, but with this group of players we are confident we can get back to where we were in 2021 and 2022. Personally, I'm really excited about The Hundred and playing at the Oval again. It is always such a good experience seeing so many youngsters in the crowd and there is nothing like the atmosphere and excitement that they generate."

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 the hundred.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.

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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.

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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 rown 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. ■

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

About The Hundred fixtures:■

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