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Oval Invincibles set for action-packed second year of The Hundred

- *Oval Invincibles men's team start with a derby against rivals London Spirit at The Kia Oval on Thursday 4 August*
- *The Women's competition starts Thursday 11 August at The Kia Oval after the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, with Invincibles women first in action at The Kia Oval as they defend title*
- *To find out more and sign up for priority access to tickets (from 31 March 2022) visit thehundred.com*

Oval Invincibles men's and women's teams are back in action this summer as

cricket's newest competition returns to thrill crowds with more fast-paced cricket and action-packed entertainment for all ages.

Oval Invincibles are the defending women's champions and both women's and men's teams kick off with blockbuster fixtures. The men's team begin with a derby fixture against London Spirit at the Kia Oval on Thursday 4 August at 18:30, before travelling to Welsh Fire on Sunday 7 August.

Due to the inclusion of women's cricket in the Commonwealth Games programme, The Hundred women's competition will start a few days after the men's this year. However, once the women's competition starts on 11 August the fixtures will revert to the popular double-header format, with both men's and women's teams playing on the same day – with tickets entitling fans to watch both games.

Invincibles' women will first be in action in the double header will be against Northern Superchargers at The Kia Oval on Thursday 11 August. They will play in the evening slot, following the men's teams meeting in the afternoon.

Overall, The Kia Oval will host four Oval Invincibles matchdays in August:

- Thursday 4 August: Oval Invincibles v London Spirit, (men's) 18:30
- Thursday 11 August: Oval Invincibles v Northern Superchargers, men 15:00, women 18:30
- Sunday 14 August: Oval Invincibles v Southern Brave, women 14:30, men 18:00
- Tuesday 23 August: Oval Invincibles v Birmingham Phoenix, women 15:00, men 18:30

Stadiums were packed out last year as crowds enjoyed world-class cricket alongside entertainment from top music acts including Jax Jones and Becky Hill as well as. The Hundred's ongoing partnership with BBC Music Introducing guarantees another year of top tier live music and performances throughout the competition.

The Hundred will begin this year with defending men's champions Southern Brave taking on Welsh Fire at the Ageas Bowl on Wednesday 3 August. Inaugural women's winners Oval Invincibles will host Northern Superchargers

in the first men's and women's double header on Thursday 11 August. Group stages will end on Wednesday 31 August before the second and third placed teams face each other at the Ageas Bowl in The Hundred Eliminator on Friday 2 September. The winners will face the top ranked team in The Hundred Final on Saturday 3 September at Lord's.

Alice Capsey, 2021 The Hundred winner and PCA Women's Young Player of the Year for 2021, said: "Last year was such an exciting year for the women's game. Playing in the opening match of the competition and winning the first-ever Final of The Hundred are moments that I will never forget. I still remember seeing all the fans at the Oval for the first game, there were so many young girls, it was so special. I'm sure the second year of the women's competition is going to be even more exciting. Everyone involved will be desperate to get going again and hopefully we can bring even more fans to the game."

Tickets will remain unbelievable value for families with prices set at £5 for under 16s and free for children aged five and under. There will be even more activities around the ground to entertain families alongside the world class cricket on the pitch. And ticket buyers will be able to choose their own seats this year with family-friendly zones in every venue.

Fans will be able to get their hands on tickets in two priority windows, firstly for 2021 tickets holders, attendees and members in late February and a second window on 31 March for anyone who has signed up via thehundred.com. Tickets will then go on general sale on 20 April.

Games will once again be broadcast live on Sky Sports and BBC throughout the competition after more than 16m tuned in to watch The Hundred on TV alone in 2021.

Tickets will go on general sale on Wednesday 20 April on thehundred.com. For 2021 tickets holders, attendees and members, tickets will be available in late February. A second window will open on Thursday 31 March for anyone who has signed up at thehundred.com for priority ticket access to this year's event.

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Sanjay Patel, Managing Director for The Hundred said, "The Hundred helped grow the game last year. With more than 500,000 tickets sold and issued and 16 million watching on TV – with half of them being new to cricket - we saw a new audience enjoying the game for the first time. We can't wait to build on that this year, bringing world class cricket and an incredible family day out to fans across England and Wales."

The first year of The Hundred saw 510,000 tickets sold and issued as the competition welcomed new and existing fans. Grounds across the country posted sell-outs and 19% of all tickets sold were for under 16s. 55% of ticket buyers for The Hundred hadn't bought a ticket for cricket in this country before while attendances across the competition were the highest for a women's cricket event globally ever.

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Notes to Editors

Oval Invincibles fixtures 2022

Thursday 4 August: Oval Invincibles v London Spirit, Kia Oval (men's) 18:30

Sunday 7 August: Welsh Fire v Oval Invincibles, Sophia Gardens (men's) 14:00

Thursday 11 August: Oval Invincibles v Northern Superchargers, Kia Oval, men 15:00, women 18:30

Sunday 14 August: Oval Invincibles v Southern Brave, Kia Oval, women 14:30, men 18:00

Wednesday 17 August: Trent Rockets v Oval Invincibles, Trent Bridge, women 15:30, men 19:00

Tuesday 23 August: Oval Invincibles v Birmingham Phoenix, Kia Oval, women 15:00, men 18:30

Saturday 27 August: London Spirit v Oval Invincibles, Lord's, women 15:30, men 19:00

Wednesday 31 August: Manchester Originals v Oval Invincibles, Emirates Old Trafford, women 15:00, men 18:30

Friday 2 September: Hundred Eliminator, Ageas Bowl, women 15:00, men 18:30

Saturday 3 September: Hundred Final, Lord's, women 15:00, men 18:30

About The Hundred

The Hundred is a sports competition that fuses blockbuster entertainment with world-class cricket, inviting everyone to fall in love with the game at its intense, electrifying, and incredible best.

Combining a short, fast format of cricket, with each game lasting less than three hours, and incredible entertainment beyond 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.

Games will again be broadcast live on Sky Sports and BBC throughout the competition – so whether in ground or watching from home – you'll be right amongst all the action.

You won't want to miss out on this summer's sporting entertainment event! Visit thehundred.com to register for exclusive access to tickets before they go on general sale.

Full fixtures (all games men's and women's double headers unless stated)

Wednesday 3 August: Southern Brave v Welsh Fire, Ageas Bowl (men's) 19:00

Thursday 4 August: Oval Invincibles v London Spirit, The Kia Oval (men's) 18:30

Friday 5 August: Manchester Originals v Northern Superchargers, Emirates Old Trafford (men's) 18:30

Saturday 6 August: Trent Rockets v Birmingham Phoenix, Trent Bridge (men's) 14:30

Sunday 7 August: Welsh Fire v Oval Invincibles, Sophia Gardens (men's) 14:00

Monday 8 August: London Spirit v Manchester Originals, Lord's (men's) 18:30

Tuesday 9 August: Northern Superchargers v Trent Rockets, Headingley (men's) 18:30

Wednesday 10 August: Birmingham Phoenix v Southern Brave, Edgbaston (men's) 18:30

Thursday 11 August: Oval Invincibles v Northern Superchargers, The Kia Oval, men 15:00, women 18:30

Friday 12 August: Southern Brave v London Spirit, Ageas Bowl, women 15:00, men 18:30

Saturday 13 August: Manchester Originals v Trent Rockets, Emirates Old Trafford, women 11:00, men 14:30

Saturday 13 August: Welsh Fire v Birmingham Phoenix, Sophia Gardens, women 14:30, men 18:00

Sunday 14 August: Northern Superchargers v London Spirit, Headingley,

women 11:00, men 14:30

Sunday 14 August: Oval Invincibles v Southern Brave, Kia Oval, women 14:30, men 18:00

Monday 15 August: Birmingham Phoenix v Trent Rockets, Edgbaston, women 15:00, men 18:30

Tuesday 16 August: Manchester Originals v Welsh Fire, Emirates Old Trafford, women 15:00, men 18:30

Wednesday 17 August: Trent Rockets v Oval Invincibles, Trent Bridge, women 15:30, men 19:00

Thursday 18 August: Southern Brave v Manchester Originals, Ageas Bowl, women 15:30, men 19:00

Friday 19 August: Birmingham Phoenix v Northern Superchargers, Edgbaston, women 15:30, men 19:00

Saturday 20 August: Trent Rockets v London Spirit, Trent Bridge, women 15:30, men 19:00

Sunday 21 August: Northern Superchargers v Manchester Originals, Headingley, women 15:30, men 19:00

Monday 22 August: Welsh Fire v Southern Brave, Sophia Gardens, women 15:00, men 18:30

Tuesday 23 August: Oval Invincibles v Birmingham Phoenix, The Kia Oval, women 15:00, men 18:30

Wednesday 24 August: London Spirit v Welsh Fire, Lord's, women 15:00, men 18:30

Thursday 25 August: Southern Brave v Trent Rockets, Ageas Bowl, women 15:30, men 19:00

Friday 26 August: Welsh Fire v Northern Superchargers, Sophia Gardens,
women 15:30, men 19:00

Saturday 27 August: London Spirit v Oval Invincibles, Lord's, women 15:30,
men 19:00

Sunday 28 August: Birmingham Phoenix v Manchester Originals, Edgbaston,
women 15:30, men 19:00

Monday 29 August: Trent Rockets v Welsh Fire, Trent Bridge, women 15:30,
men 19:00

Tuesday 30 August: London Spirit v Birmingham Phoenix, Lord's, women
15:00, men 18:30

Wednesday 31 August: Northern Superchargers v Southern Brave, Headingley,
women 11:30, men 15:00

Wednesday 31 August: Manchester Originals v Oval Invincibles, Emirates Old
Trafford, women 15:00, men 18:30

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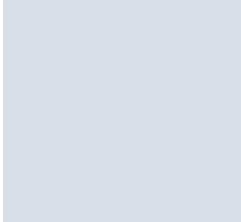
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