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Rockets Boosted by Hundred Draft Selections

- *English batter Tom Kohler-Cadmore and New Zealand international Colin Munro picked up for the men's team*
- *Australian World Cup winning captain Meg Lanning joins from Welsh Fire*

- ***The Hundred announces more activities and food options inside grounds for the 2022 competition***
- ***Sign up to www.thehundred.com to grab your seats today!***

Seasoned international stars including Australian World Cup winning captain Meg Lanning, South African batter Mignon du Preez and New Zealand batter Colin Munro have signed for Trent Rockets as they begin finalising their squads ahead of the second edition of The Hundred.

At The Hundred Draft, men's Head Coach Andy Flower made early moves for highly-rated English batter Tom Kohler-Cadmore and Munro, top scorer for Manchester Originals last year, who will feature in the men's team when the team gets underway on Saturday 6 August.

Meanwhile, Lanning and du Preez are joined by Australian international leg-spinner Alana King, a breakthrough star in the recent ICC Women's World Cup, in the three overseas slots in Head Coach Salliann Beams' squad for the women's competition.

King made her IT20, ODI and Test debuts inside 15 days during her country's recent Ashes success over England.

Whilst the 26-year-old is relatively new to the international stage, Lanning and du Preez bring a wealth of experience - and a combined tally in excess of 10,000 international runs - to the Rockets' party.

While Lanning averages over 50 in ODIs and 35 in T20 cricket for Australia, nobody has scored more runs for South Africa's women in either format than du Preez.

Nottinghamshire's Sophie Munro will play her 100-ball cricket within her home county after the Loughborough Lightning seamer jumped ship to the Rockets from London Spirit.

Off-spinning all-rounder Bryony Smith and right-handed batter Marie Kelly have also signed for the Trent Bridge based outfit having represented Welsh Fire and Birmingham Phoenix respectively in the tournament's inaugural year.

Bryony Smith said, “I’m really looking forward to joining the Trent Rockets this summer. The Hundred was such an incredible competition last year and to be involved again, this time at Trent Bridge, is super exciting. I can’t wait to see all of families there to cheer us on.”

The duo are joined by 17-year-old Kent and South East Stars left-arm seamer Alexa Stonehouse and by off-spinner Georgia Davis, who joined the Rockets as a replacement following stellar performances in 50-over cricket for the Central Sparks in 2021.

They join the all-international quintet of Katherine Brunt, Nat Sciver, Kathryn Bryce, Abbey Freeborn and Sarah Glenn, who have been retained after starring for the Rockets in 2021.

The team have two places to fill as well as the overseas wildcard which will be confirmed in June in a world first for a women’s sport competition.

Tom Kohler-Cadmore said, “I’ve always loved playing at Trent Bridge in front of the packed houses they get there. To be representing Trent Rockets in The Hundred this year is an amazing opportunity. I loved my time at Northern Superchargers and I really enjoyed the competition last year so I can’t wait to get back out there this summer.”

Kohler-Cadmore, Munro, Ian Cockbain and Luke Fletcher are the four new names picked up by Flower as he rounded-off a 15-man squad, after already retaining ten of the team that reached the Final Eliminator last summer, including 2021 captain Lewis Gregory, overseas fast bowler Marchant de Lange and the Nottinghamshire contingent of Alex Hales, Tom Moores, Steven Mullaney and Samit Patel.

Sanjay Patel, Managing Director of The Hundred said, “With a host of star players confirmed, The Hundred will have fans on the edge of their seats with world class sport, as well as bringing more family-friendly entertainment off the pitch. In the women’s competition we have the best players from across the world taking part including Meg Lanning, Beth Mooney and Sophie Devine and we are confident we will set a new benchmark for the women’s domestic game.

“On the men’s side, it’s great to see a mix of new overseas stars like Kieron

Pollard and Andre Russell alongside returning stars such as Quinton de Kock and Sunil Narine. It is also brilliant that some of the best domestic white ball players including Tom Banton and Joe Clarke have been recognised and picked up early. Get your tickets for The Hundred now so you don't miss out."

The Hundred proved a big hit with families and young people in particular relishing the mix of fast-paced cricket with music and family entertainment off the pitch which will only be bigger and better this year.

Trent Bridge will come alive with new concourse activities offering even more fun for all the family and a diverse range of great music acts through the continuing partnership with BBC Music Introducing. Year two of The Hundred will also offer a new range of merchandise to get the family kitted out in full Trent Rockets colours.

The Hundred returns to Trent Bridge on Saturday 6 August as the men's team take on Birmingham Phoenix. The opening women's game at Trent Bridge will see Trent Rockets host Oval Invincibles on Wednesday 17 August in a double header. The final game will see Trent Bridge face Welsh Fire in an exciting double header on Monday 29 August.

Tickets

Get your seat now so you don't miss out on the sport and entertainment event of the summer – anyone signed up to www.thehundred.com will be able to snap up their seats from today (5 April) with tickets going on general sale on 20 April.

The Hundred offers an affordable day out for the family, with U16 tickets priced at £5 and free for children aged five and under, and there are family-friendly stands in every ground.

Make sure you don't miss out - tickets have already been selling fast after last year's buyers were given first chance to get their seats for this year.

	Drafted / Signed Players	
Team	Women's	Men's

Trent Rocket s	Meg Lanning (O – Welsh Fire)	Tom Kohler-Cadmore
	Mignon Du Preez (O – Manchester Originals)	Colin Munro (O)
	Bryony Smith (Welsh Fire)	Ian Cockbain
	Alana King	Luke Fletcher
	Marie Kelly (Birmingham Phoenix)	
	Sophie Munro (London Spirit)	
	Alexa Stonehouse	
