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Sophia Dunkley guides England Women to victory in first game of the summer

[England Women 150-2 beat West Indies Women 146-7 by eight wickets](#)

Sophia Dunkley led England Women to a winning start under their new coach-captain combination of Charlotte Edwards and Nat Sciver-Brunt, helping her side to an eight-wicket win at Canterbury despite a fine century from Hayley Matthews.

Matthews was awarded Player of the Match for her ton, brought up off the final ball of her team's innings, taking them to 146-7. The West Indies

captain's innings contributed a staggering 68.49% of her team's total.

But Dunkley was in no mood to let that be a game-winning effort, compiling a career-best 81 not out as England Women chased down the total for the loss of just two wickets.

Earlier, in the face of Matthews' sparkling knock, England's bowlers had all contributed. Warwickshire all-rounder Em Arlott took her maiden international wicket on debut, with Hampshire spinner Linsey Smith probably the stand-out performer with a parsimonious 1-18 from her four overs.

Dunkley, who was ably supported by Heather Knight in a third-wicket partnership of 94, hit the winning runs to take England Women home and put them 1-0 up in the Vitality IT20 series.

Video and audio from Sophia Dunkley's press conference is available for use [here](#).

Vitality IT20 Series

1st Vitality IT20: 21 May - [England Women won by eight wickets](#)

2nd Vitality IT20: 23 May - The 1st Central County Ground, Hove 18:35 BST

3rd Vitality IT20: 26 May - The Cloud County Ground, Chelmsford 14:30 BST

Metro Bank ODI Series

1st Metro Bank ODI: 30 May - The County Ground, Derby 13:00 BST

2nd Metro Bank ODI: 4 June - Uptonsteel County Ground, Leicester 13:00 BST

3rd Metro Bank ODI: 7 June - Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton
11:00 BST



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