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Southern Brave announce retained players on Deadline Day

- Southern Brave men's and women's teams confirm returning players for fourth year of The Hundred

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- The Hundred Draft powered by Sage to take place at The Shard on Wednesday 20 March
- First Utilita Bowl game to be played on Wednesday 24 July, double-header against London Spirit

James Vince, Danni Wyatt, Chris Jordan and Lauren Bell will all be back in action at Utilita Bowl in The Hundred next season with Southern Brave confirming the retention of 18 players on Deadline Day.

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Exciting bowling trio Rehan Ahmed, Tymal Mills and Craig Overton are among the names who'll be back in action for Brave, as well as Chloe Tryon, Maia Bouchier and Freya Kemp.

Across both the Southern Brave men's and women's teams, 18 players have been retained in total, meaning nine 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.

Southern Brave's season in the fourth year of The Hundred gets underway at Utilita Bowl on Wednesday 24 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

Southern BraveWomen: Danni Wyatt, Chloe Tryon (O), Lauren Bell, Maia Bouchier, Freya Kemp, Georgia Adams, Rhianna Southby, Mary Taylor

Southern BraveMen: Jofra Archer, James Vince, Chris Jordan, Tymal Mills, Leus Du Plooy, Rehan Ahmed, Craig Overton, Finn Allen (O), George Garton, Alex Davies

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James Vince said: "It's brilliant to be back captaining the Brave this year. I love playing in front of our home fans on the south coast and we can't wait for the competition to start. We'll be looking to go as far as we can and I think we have retained a strong group this year to help us with that."

Danni Wyatt said: "Winning the competition last year was a fantastic experience and to have retained most of that group to compete this year sets us up really nicely. I absolutely love playing for Southern Brave, and I love playing in The Hundred, and I can't wait to get back to playing with the group at Utilita Bowl."

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.

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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The Hundred is an action-packed, unmissable cricket competition that fuses world-class cricket with blockbuster entertainment.

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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 teams features some of the best international and domestic cricketers from around the world, including England Men's & Women's World Cup winners.

About The Hundred Draft powered by Sage:⊠

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

About The Hundred fixtures:■

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