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## The Hundred kicks off at Lord's in 2025

- The Hundred is back for its fifth year after breaking more records in 2024
- Lord's to host first and last game of the competition, with a London derby kicking off the 2025 season and The Hundred Final taking place on Sunday 31 August
- Laura Wolvaardt and Amelia Kerr confirmed as first-ever direct signings
- From today, season tickets available to 2024 multiple match ticket-buyers or previous season ticket holders
- For more information, and to sign up for priority ticket access visit [thehundred.com](https://thehundred.com).

A London derby will kick off The Hundred in 2025, with London Spirit and Oval Invincibles getting the fifth year of world-class cricket and blockbuster entertainment underway on Tuesday 5 August.

The opener in the capital will see London Spirit women's team and Oval Invincibles men's side begin the defence of their trophies.

They'll hope to be back at Lord's for The Hundred Final on Sunday 31 August, the culmination of 34 matchdays across 27 days of high-quality sport and compelling drama, with live music at every game.

Saturday 30 August will see the Kia Oval host The Hundred Eliminator, in which second- and third-placed teams compete for a place in The Hundred Final.

This season, for the first time, direct signings have been permitted in The Hundred. Teams in the men's and women's competitions will be able to sign one new overseas player by Deadline Day on 24 February.

Laura Wolvaardt and Amelia Kerr have today been confirmed as The Hundred's first-ever direct signings, joining Southern Brave and Manchester Originals respectively. Jos Buttler, Charlie Dean, Harry Brook, Liam Livingstone, Marizanne Kapp, Tymal Mills, Nat Sciver-Brunt and Hayley Matthews have all been retained by their teams.

### **Grab your seat for 2025**

Entering its fifth season, over two million fans have now watched The Hundred live, with one million of those fans in attendance for the women's competition. In 2024, The Hundred's blend of high-energy entertainment, cricket and live music – including Zara Larsson and Cat Burns – saw 41% of all tickets sold to families in 2024, with 23% to juniors and 30% to women.

Supporters who have been season ticket holders in any of the four years of The Hundred or who bought tickets for more than two matchdays in 2024 will be able to buy a season ticket from today.

There will be an exclusive window open to fans who have previously bought tickets to The Hundred from 4-18 March.

All other fans who would like to access priority tickets can enter the priority sale window from 1-15 April by signing up in advance at [thehundred.com](https://www.thehundred.com).

The general sale period for the fifth year of The Hundred begins from 17 April. Tickets continue to be great value, with prices set at £5 for juniors aged 3-15 (free for under 3s) and adults starting from £12.

### **'Looking forward to getting back to it'**

England Women's Charlie Dean, who lifted the trophy as part of London Spirit's team in 2024, said: "August is fast becoming one of the best months of the summer. The Hundred has developed into an excellent competition, we play in front of fantastic crowds and even from the middle you get a sense of how the crowd is so full of families and young people. The cricket itself is high quality, the format is accessible and quick, and we're all really looking forward to getting back to it and hopefully defending our title."

Oval Invincibles' Sam Billings, also seeking to defend the title, said: "It will be great to kick off The Hundred with a sold-out derby at Lord's. From our point of view, we're looking to start strongly as we have done the last couple of years to set the tone for another positive year. No doubt it will be a brilliant atmosphere at Lord's. It was another fantastic tournament last year, we've worked hard at the Invincibles to build a really strong core and there's no reason why we can't have another great year. The Kia Oval is undoubtedly one of the best places in world cricket to play, our home support is special. We all hope we can build on the last couple of years and keep the trophy in South London."

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](https://www.thehundred.com).

You can also follow The Hundred, and the eight teams, on Instagram, TikTok and YouTube.

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## **Notes to Editors**

### **Highlight statistics from The Hundred 2024:**

- Over two million people have attended The Hundred across the first four years of the competition.
- In 2024, the one million landmark for fans attending The Hundred women's competition was passed.
- The Hundred once again broke the global record for total attendance at a women's cricket competition in 2024, with 320,000 fans in attendance.
- Records were broken for women's attendances at seven of the competition's eight venues – Emirates Old Trafford, Headingley, Sophia Gardens, Utilita Bowl, Trent Bridge, the Kia Oval and Lord's
- In total, 540,000 tickets were sold for The Hundred's fourth year, with 31% of those fans women, 23% juniors, and 41% families.
- Of those ticket-buyers in 2024, 30% were new to cricket and across the four years of the competition, The Hundred has welcomed over 400,000 junior ticket-holders through its doors.
- Video views across The Hundred in 2024 were approximately 200m, a 114% increase on 2023, while engagements were at 18m – a 56% increase on 2023 – and impressions were 222m, up 127% on 2023.
- Across Sky Sports and BBC, The Hundred had over 10 million unique viewers.

### **Full fixtures (all games men's and women's double-headers)**

**Tuesday August 5:** London Spirit v Oval Invincibles, Lord's

**Wednesday August 6:** Manchester Originals v Southern Brave, Emirates Old Trafford

**Thursday August 7:** Northern Superchargers v Welsh Fire, Headingley

**Friday August 8:** Birmingham Phoenix v Trent Rockets, Edgbaston

**Saturday August 9:** Oval Invincibles v Manchester Originals, the Kia Oval

**Saturday August 9:** Welsh Fire v London Spirit, Sophia Gardens

**Sunday August 10:** Southern Brave v Birmingham Phoenix, Utilita Bowl

**Sunday August 10:** Trent Rockets v Northern Superchargers, Trent Bridge

**Monday August 11:** Manchester Originals v London Spirit, Emirates Old Trafford

**Tuesday August 12:** Birmingham Phoenix v Oval Invincibles, Edgbaston

**Wednesday August 13:** Southern Brave v Northern Superchargers, Utilita Bowl

**Wednesday August 13:** Welsh Fire v Manchester Originals, Sophia Gardens

**Thursday August 14:** London Spirit v Trent Rockets, Lord's

**Friday August 15:** Northern Superchargers v Birmingham Phoenix, Headingley

**Saturday August 16:** Trent Rockets v Southern Brave, Trent Bridge

**Saturday August 16:** Oval Invincibles v Welsh Fire, the Kia Oval

**Sunday August 17:** Manchester Originals v Northern Superchargers, Emirates Old Trafford

**Sunday August 17:** Birmingham Phoenix v London Spirit, Edgbaston

**Monday August 18:** Southern Brave v Oval Invincibles, Utilita Bowl

**Tuesday August 19:** Trent Rockets v Manchester Originals, Trent Bridge

**Wednesday August 20:** Welsh Fire v Southern Brave, Sophia Gardens

**Wednesday August 20:** London Spirit v Northern Superchargers, Lord's

**Thursday August 21:** Oval Invincibles v Trent Rockets, the Kia Oval

**Friday August 22:** Birmingham Phoenix v Welsh Fire, Edgbaston

**Saturday August 23:** Northern Superchargers v Oval Invincibles, Headingley

**Saturday August 23:** London Spirit v Southern Brave, Lord's

**Sunday August 24:** Welsh Fire v Trent Rockets, Sophia Gardens

**Sunday August 24:** Manchester Originals v Birmingham Phoenix, Emirates Old Trafford

**Monday August 25:** Oval Invincibles v London Spirit, the Kia Oval

**Tuesday August 26:** Northern Superchargers v Manchester Originals, Headingley

**Wednesday August 27:** Trent Rockets v Birmingham Phoenix, Trent Bridge

**Thursday August 28:** Southern Brave v Welsh Fire, Utilita Bowl

**Saturday August 30:** The Hundred Eliminator, the Kia Oval

**Sunday August 31:** The Hundred Final, Lord's

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