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COLLEGE RUGBY STARS REPRESENT ENGLAND TEAM...

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Yeovil College has double cause for celebrations as two students have been selected to represent England Under 20's for Women's Rugby.

Marlie Packer who was part of the successful team last year has been selected once again as open side flanker. A former pupil at Buckler's Mead school, Marlie is studying for an NVQ in Sports Coaching. She is currently playing for Bath Ladies.

Charlotte Male who only started playing whist at college last year is a former pupil of Huish Episcopi School and is studying for a BTEC National in Sports Science. Charlotte is also a member of Ivel Ladies. Both girls came through a series of trials and selection games before being announced in this year's squad. They will attend further training camps before fixtures against Wales and a tournament in Canada.

Both girls are part of the thriving and successful Rugby Academy at Yeovil College which has developed many players who have gone on to representative level rugby. The Academy is coached by former Saracens player Andrew Roda and George Cooper the former Bridgwater and Ivel Barbarians coach. Nadine Sheehan is currently the England Colleges Women's rugby captain as well as a regular at Bath Ladies.

Holly Edmonds, Abi Harrison and Sarah Robbins have also been selected as part of the SW Colleges squad this year.

Not to be outdone the boys have a number of successes to be proud of with 5 of last year's squad representing England Colleges. Joe Blomfield, Brett Harvey, Lee Jennings, James Flynn and Chris Briggs were all honoured at national level as well as Callum Mckenzie, Lee Jennings, Chris Briggs, Gordon Hickton and Laurence Headlan gaining selection for South West Colleges this year.

Head of department for Sport, leisure and tourism, Chris Burton said,
'This is a dedicated and talented group of players who have worked hard for their achievements. They have made extensive use of the coaching expertise and training facilities at College. We wish them well for the season.'

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