

Daniella Staddon – Debuts for Brazil

At last, Bexley has its first locally produced full International female player, it ticks the final box. Daniella Staddon was first selected to play for Brazil under 17s in 2020, by virtue of dual nationality, but covid caused the cancellation of the competition, since then there have been many false starts for her debut but eventually the long-awaited day came when she was upgraded to the full adult team.

Daniella arrived in Brazil during late Sept 2021 to attend the team's preparations and was presented with her Brazil International Cap. Seen here with Matt Featherstone, the Brazil Cricket Development Director (and ex-Kent County Cricket Club).



On 18th October 2021 Daniella made her debut for the Brazil adult ladies' team against USA in Mexico City while competing in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Americas Qualifying competition.

Originally this was to be hosted in The USA but travel restriction issues saw Mexico step in on short notice and the competition was hosted by the Mexico Cricket Association with all matches being played at the Reforma Athletic Club, the oldest sports club in the country (formed in 1894) but cricket has been played in Mexico since at least 1827.

Mexico City is a demanding place to play, high altitude (2300 meters above sea level) which brings its own challenges to players, the rarity of the air can cause breathing and exhaustion problems. There is discussion on whether this is the highest ground above sea level in the world where international cricket has ever been played.



The Brazil team outside The Reforma Club in Mexico City

Brazil Results

Mon 18th Oct - Brazil (63-8) 20 overs lost to USA (64-4) 16.1 overs by 6 wickets
Daniella - Batting Run Out 4 - Did not bowl.

Tues 19th Oct - Brazil (13-2) 3.3 overs beat Argentina (12ao) 11.2 overs by 8 wickets.
Daniella - did not bat - Bowling 1-0-2-1

Thurs 21st Oct - Brazil (49-5) 18.1 overs beat Canada (47ao) 19.5 overs by 5 wickets
Daniella - Batting 2 Not Out - Bowling 2-0-3-1

Fri 22nd Oct - Brazil (46-9) 20 overs lost to USA (89-6) 20 overs by 43 runs
Daniella - Batting 11 Not Out - Did not bowl

Sun 24th Oct - Brazil (79-7) 20 overs beat Argentina (42-3) 15 overs by 14 runs on DLS as rain stopped play
Daniella - Batting (at number 2) caught 6 - Bowling 1-0-2-0

Mon 25th Oct - Brazil (48-7) 17 overs beat Canada (47ao) 17 overs, the most remarkable ending to a match I have ever seen. Reduced to 17 overs because of earlier rain. Brazil took 5 wickets of the last 5 balls of the match to win by 1 run and end up 2nd in the group.

The FIRST TIME 5 wickets have been taken in successive deliveries in international cricket (men or women).

Daniella - Batting (at number 2) stumped 5 - did not bowl - Fielding 1 run out assist.