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England Women Under 20s will head to Canada for the inaugural Under 20s Nations Cup in July in confident spirits after a second win over Wales this season.

England touched down seven times en-route to the win with Bath Rugby's Marlie Packer grabbing a brace of tries. Lichfield full back Emily Scarratt also kicked four conversions as well as claiming a try herself. Worcester co-captain Laura Keates broke the duck with the first try. Her score though was largely due to a superb counter-attack by Bath wing Natasha Hunt who charged 70 metres up-field before off-loading to Keates. Scarratt converted. 13 minutes later and England led 14-0 when Scarratt came into the midfield and manoeuvred her way around two Welsh defenders to put Camberley wing Georgina Crabb through to score in the corner for a converted try just before half-time.

After the break Scarratt claimed her try after a clever chip at the back of a scrum by Doncaster fly half Claire Garner. Scarratt collected and dived over the line to score under the posts. Substitute Sam Bree, of Worcester RFC, then had her chance with her first touch of the ball charging over the line from 40 metres out. Scarratt added the conversion making the score 26-0 with 55 minutes on the clock. Minutes later and Packer claimed the first of her two tries when a well worked line-out saw Packer muscle her way through Wales' defence and score. Scarratt was as consistent as ever with her kick and slotted over the conversion.

On 71 minutes Nicola Hoole of Bath benefitted from another good England line-out which saw her touch down from five metres out before Packer rounded off the game for England. This time the Bath flanker picked up a loose ball after Wales' full back failed to catch a pressure up and under kick from Saracens' April Brown.

England Coach Giselle Mather said: "This was a pleasing performance. The team has taken on board the lessons they learned from our last game against Wales and we can now look forward to our tour to Canada later this year where we hope we can improve even more on the global stage."



Emily Scarratt Celebrates



Sarah Guest



Marlie Packer try



Natasha Hunt on the charge