



Yorkshire and England batsman Jonny Bairstow (Getty Images)

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Bairstow added to Test squad as back-up

Yorkshire and England batsman Jonny Bairstow has been added to the Test squad for the two-match Test series against New Zealand as back-up for the injured Kent batsman Joe Denly.

Bairstow will stay in New Zealand, following the conclusion of the five-match IT20 series on Sunday at Eden Park, Auckland, for the the two warm-up matches against New Zealand Cricket XI starting in Whangarei on Tuesday.

Denly, who sustained ligament damage to his right ankle in practice ahead of

the the first IT20 at the start of the month, is making progress on his rehabilitation and is hoping that he will be fit to play in the three-day warm-up match starting on Friday November 15.

England's Test specialists arrived in Auckland this week and will travel to Whangarei on Monday with the rest of the squad and management.

Ends

England Test squad

Joe Root (Yorkshire) captain

Jofra Archer (Sussex)

Jonny Bairstow (Yorkshire)

Stuart Broad (Nottinghamshire)

Rory Burns (Surrey)

Jos Buttler (Lancashire)

Zak Crawley (Kent)

Sam Curran (Surrey)

Joe Denly (Kent)

Jack Leach (Somerset)

Saqib Mahmood (Lancashire)

Matthew Parkinson (Lancashire)

Ollie Pope (Surrey)

Dominic Sibley (Warwickshire)

Ben Stokes (Durham)

Chris Woakes (Warwickshire)

England Test tour of New Zealand 2019

Tue 12 Nov-Wed 13 Nov: Two-day warm-up match – Cobham Oval, Whangarei

Fri 15 Nov-Sun 17 Nov: Three-day warm-up match – Cobham Oval, Whangarei

Thu 21 Nov-Mon 25 Nov: 1st Test v New Zealand – Bay Oval, Mt Maunganui

Fri 29 Nov-Tue 3 Dec: 2nd Test v New Zealand – Seddon Park, Hamilton

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