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Cox and Mousley to captain England Lions in UAE

Jordan Cox and Dan Mousley will captain the England Lions' T20 and 50-over squads respectively during next month's white-ball series against Pakistan Shaheens in the United Arab Emirates.

The selectors have named a 17-player squad for the three-match T20 series, with a 16-player squad announced for the five 50-over matches.

T20 squad

Jordan Cox (Essex - captain)

Sonny Baker (Hampshire)

Luc Benkenstein (Essex)

James Coles (Sussex)

Sam Cook (Essex)

Scott Currie (Hampshire)

Calvin Harrison (Northamptonshire)

Eddie Jack (Hampshire)

Saqib Mahmood (Lancashire)

Ben McKinney (Durham)

Tom Moores (Nottinghamshire)

Dan Mousley (Warwickshire)

Matt Revis (Yorkshire)

Will Smeed (Somerset)

Nathan Sowter (Durham)

Mitch Stanley (Lancashire)

Asa Tribe (Glamorgan)

50-over squad

Dan Mousley (Warwickshire – captain)

Sonny Baker (Hampshire)

Luc Benkenstein (Essex)

Sam Cook (Essex)

James Coles (Sussex)

Scott Currie (Hampshire)

Calvin Harrison (Northamptonshire)

Eddie Jack (Hampshire)

Ben McKinney (Durham)

Liam Patterson-White (Nottinghamshire)

Matthew Potts (Durham)

Matt Revis (Yorkshire)

James Rew (Somerset)

Mitch Stanley (Lancashire)

Asa Tribe (Glamorgan)

James Wharton (Yorkshire)

ECB Men's Performance Director, Ed Barney, said: "It's exciting to have such a strong England Lions squad selected. This group brings a real blend of proven

performers, exciting talent who have performed over the winter and retains an eye on future best.

“With limited 50-over cricket on offer, this series combined with tours over the remainder of 2026 will give players the opportunity to develop and deliver as we build towards the 2027 ICC Men's World Cup in South Africa.”

England Lions Head Coach Andrew Flintoff will lead a coaching staff that will include Troy Cooley’s first tour since returning to the ECB as Men’s Elite National Pace Bowling Lead. The coaching team – which will attend either all or part of the tour – includes Neil McKenzie, Sarah Taylor, Neil Killeen, Moeen Ali, Amar Rashid and Ben Stokes.

The tour will be the first time that England Lions have played an away white-ball series since they travelled to Sri Lanka in February 2022. The Lions will also host South Africa A and Sri Lanka in white-ball cricket this summer with white-ball tours also planned for next winter.

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Tour schedule – England Lions v Pakistan Shaheens

1st T20: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Friday 20 February 2026

2nd T20: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Sunday 22 February 2026

3rd T20: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Tuesday 24 February 2026

1st 50-over match: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Friday 27 February 2026

2nd 50-over match: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Sunday 1 March 2026

3rd 50-over match: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Wednesday 4 March 2026

4th 50-over match: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Friday 6 March 2026

5th 50-over match: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Monday 9 March 2026

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