

England Men's captains Ben Stokes (left) and Jos Buttler.

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ECB announces England Men's Central Contract offers for 2023-24

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has announced the Central Contract offers for England Men's international cricket for the year from 1 October 2023.

The system, which covers both red-ball and white-ball players, considers the likelihood of players featuring in England teams across formats over the next period while recognising performances in the preceding year. Multi-year contracts have been awarded for the first time since central contracts were

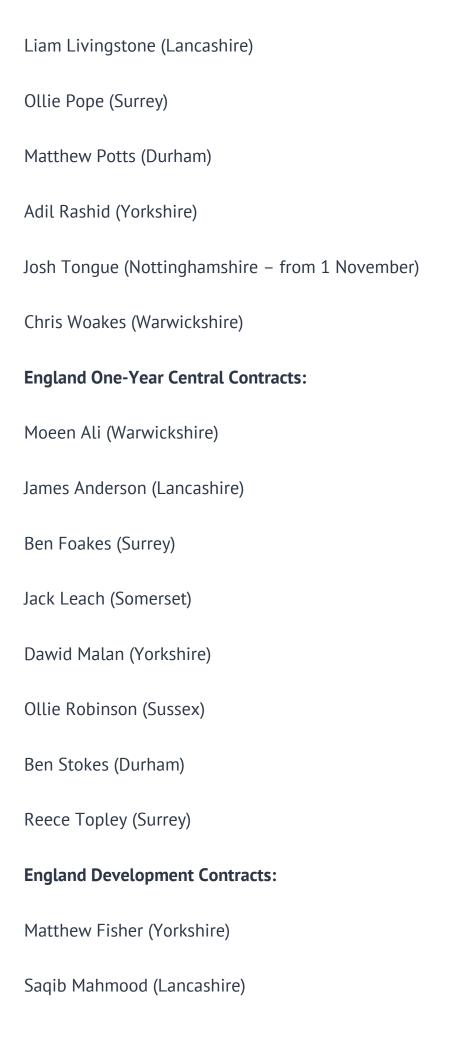
established in 2000. The ECB has worked closely with the Professional Cricketers' Association and Team England Player Partnership on behalf of the players to reach an outcome for all parties.

In total, 29 players have received Central Contract offers - 18 England Multi-Year Central Contracts, eight England Annual Central Contracts, and three England Development Contracts.

England Three-Year Central Contracts:

Harry Brook (Yorkshire) Joe Root (Yorkshire) Mark Wood (Durham) **England Two-Year Central Contracts:** Rehan Ahmed (Leicestershire) Jofra Archer (Sussex) Gus Atkinson (Surrey) Jonathan Bairstow (Yorkshire) Jos Buttler (Lancashire) Brydon Carse (Durham) Zak Crawley (Kent) Sam Curran (Surrey)

Ben Duckett (Nottinghamshire)



John Turner (Hampshire)

Ends

Seven players (Rehan Ahmed, Gus Atkinson, Harry Brook, Brydon Carse, Ben Duckett, Matthew Potts and Josh Tongue) receive an England Central Contract offer for the first time. Yorkshire batter Dawid Malan also returns to an annual contract after missing out last year.

Matthew Fisher, Saqib Mahmood and John Turner are offered Development Contracts to support the development of high-potential talent.

Managing Director of England Men's Cricket, Rob Key, said: "We are rewarding those players who we expect to make a significant impact over the coming years playing for England.

"It is great news and a credit to the players for demonstrating their commitment to English cricket in the ever-changing landscape of the sport.

"I would like to congratulate all the players who have been offered contracts. They will play a pivotal role in England's efforts over the next few years."

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