



England Lions Captain Tom Abell (Getty Images)

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England Lions name squad for matches against South Africa

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England Men's selection panel have named a 13-player squad for England Lions two Royal London 50-over internationals against South Africa starting on 12 July at Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

England Lions Squad versus South Africa

Tom Abell (Somerset) (Captain)

Rehan Ahmed (Leicestershire)

Tom Banton (Somerset) (WK)

Sam Cook (Essex)

Ben Duckett (Nottinghamshire)

Steven Eskinazi (Middlesex)

Sam Hain (Warwickshire)

Adam Hose (Warwickshire)

Benny Howell (Gloucestershire)

Jake Lintott (Warwickshire)

David Payne (Gloucestershire)

George Scrimshaw (Derbyshire)

Will Smeed (Somerset)

Mo Bobat, ECB Performance Director, said:

"It's always great when we can bring some of our best and highest potential players together, particularly to take on senior international opposition. The two games provide an excellent opportunity to continue to grow our depth and assess players' readiness for England.

"The squad reflects a balance of England's next best players and some future

players of note, as well as high performers from this season's Vitality Blast campaign.

"With these games coming at the same time as England ODIs versus India and a County Championship round, we're very appreciative of the collaborative approach of counties, enabling us to field strong teams."

The first match at Taunton will permit full squad participation to facilitate South Africa Team preparation for the international white-ball programme, but the second match at Worcester will be played as an 11-a-side List-A match.

England Men's Assistant Coach Paul Collingwood has been appointed Head Coach for the two matches.

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Royal London Men's Internationals Schedule:

1st 50-over match: England Lions v South Africa, Tuesday 12 July, Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton (11.00am start)

2nd 50-over match: England Lions v South Africa, Thursday 14 July, New Road, Worcester (11.00am start)

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