



England's Moeen Ali (L) and Adil Rashid

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England squad announced for first Test against India

England National Cricket Selectors have named the following 13-man squad for the first Specsavers Test match against India at Edgbaston [starting on Wednesday August 1.](#)

England Test squad

Joe Root (Yorkshire) captain

Moeen Ali (Worcestershire)

Jimmy Anderson (Lancashire)

Jonny Bairstow (Yorkshire) wicketkeeper

Stuart Broad (Nottinghamshire)

Jos Buttler (Lancashire)

Alastair Cook (Essex)

Sam Curran (Surrey)

Keaton Jennings (Lancashire)

Dawid Malan (Middlesex)

Jamie Porter (Essex)

Adil Rashid (Yorkshire)

Ben Stokes (Durham)

Adil Rashid returns to the squad for the first time since he played in the fifth Test against India at Chennai in December 2016. The leg-spinner has been in fine form in one-day cricket this summer taking 20 wickets at an average of 23.95 in England's series victories over Australia and India. If selected, Rashid, who signed a white-ball only deal with Yorkshire in February, will play his first Test in England having earned his previous 10 away from home.

Essex seamer Jamie Porter earns his first call-up to the Test squad after impressing for Essex and the England Lions over past few seasons. The 25-year-old was named the Specsavers County Championship Player of the Year in 2017 and was instrumental in Essex lifting their first County Championship title since 1992.

Worcestershire's Moeen Ali returns to the squad for the first time since the tour of New Zealand.

The selection panel also confirmed that Warwickshire's Chris Woakes requires more time to regain his form after recovering from his recent thigh and knee injury.

Somerset team-mates, Dom Bess and Jack Leach, also miss out, but will join the team throughout preparations for England's 1,000th men's Test match.

Commenting on the selection of the squad, National Selector Ed Smith, said:

"The selection panel felt that Chris Woakes needed a little more time to regain full form. We are keen to avoid rushing him back from injury too soon. Chris will combine playing for Warwickshire in T20s alongside building up red ball fitness and workload with the England coaches.

"Jack Leach has had an exceptional run of bad luck which now leaves him short of bowling at the start of the series against India. Having broken his thumb before the first Test against Pakistan, Jack then suffered concussion on his return to county cricket. As a result, Jack has bowled only 37 overs in county or Lions cricket since first being injured. The selection panel felt it was too early for Jack to play in a Test match. Though he is not included in the XIII, Jack will join the team throughout preparations for the Test.

"The same applies to Dom Bess. Dom made an outstanding all-round contribution in his debut series against Pakistan and impressed everyone with his character and competitiveness. For different reasons, unfortunately Dom has also found opportunities scarce in championship cricket. Though not included in the XIII, he will also practice fully with the squad before the Test.

"Moeen Ali has taken his strong bowling form from England's ODI team into the county championship, where he picked up eight wickets in a fine display against Somerset this week. Moeen is recalled to the XIII having missed out on selection against Pakistan.

"Adil Rashid also returns to the England Test squad. Before the selection meeting, Adil had confirmed his availability to play Test cricket for England for whole of this summer and the upcoming winter tours to Sri Lanka and

West Indies. Following his earlier decision in February 2018, Adil has a white-ball only contract to play for Yorkshire this summer. That arrangement is unchanged by his selection for England. However, Adil fully understands that if he wishes to be eligible for Test cricket in the 2019 season, he must have a county contract to play four-day cricket. Moving forward, England Test players must be committed to the county championship.

“Clearly, the one-off circumstances around Adil’s return to the Test squad are unusual. However, the selection panel was unanimous in believing that Adil should be selected in England’s squad.

“Jamie Porter has been the outstanding seam bowler in the county championship over the past three seasons. He also impressed for the Lions v India A last week. With his resilience and appetite for wicket-taking, Jamie fully deserves his elevation to the England Test squad. Sam Curran, also full of form and confidence in Lions and county cricket, retains his place in the squad after his promising debut at Emerald Headingley.”

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