



England Lions captain Lewis Gregory, pictured, has earned his first Test call up. (Image by: Getty)

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England squad announced for the inaugural Ireland Test match

England National Cricket Selectors have named a 13-strong squad for the Specsavers Test match against Ireland at Lord's starting on Wednesday July 24.

England Test squad versus Ireland:

Joe Root (Yorkshire) captain

Moeen Ali (Worcestershire)

Jimmy Anderson (Lancashire)

Jonny Bairstow (Yorkshire)

Stuart Broad (Nottinghamshire)

Rory Burns (Surrey)

Sam Curran (Surrey)

Joe Denly (Kent)

Lewis Gregory (Somerset)

Jack Leach (Somerset)

Jason Roy (Surrey)

Olly Stone (Warwickshire)

Chris Woakes (Warwickshire)

Surrey batsman Jason Roy, who has been a mainstay of England's white ball squad for the past few years, has been called up to the Test squad for the first time.

Somerset bowling all-rounder Lewis Gregory earns his first call-up to the Test squad after impressing for Somerset and the England Lions over the past few seasons. The 27-year-old has been in fine form this campaign taking 44 wickets at an average of 13.88. He is currently captaining the England Lions against Australia XI in a tour match at Canterbury.

Warwickshire seamer Olly Stone, who made his England's ODI debut last winter in Sri Lanka, earns his second call up to the Test squad. Stone has fully recovered from a back injury, which has kept him out for most of this season.

The 25-year-old pace bowler has taken 123 first-class wickets at 25 apiece.

Lancashire's Jos Buttler and Durham's Ben Stokes are rested after their exploits in England's ICC Cricket World Cup final success.

Durham fast bowler Mark Wood (left side strain) and Sussex seamer Jofra Archer (left side strain) were not considered for selection. Wood is expected to be out of action for four to six weeks following the injury he sustained in Sunday's World Cup final.

Archer, who has yet to make his England debut in Test cricket, will have a period of rest before being considered for selection during the Specsavers Ashes Test Series. He will have a short break in Barbados before returning to the UK later this month.

After playing a pivotal role in England's ICC Cricket World Cup triumph, Archer has been awarded an increment contract by the ECB for the next 12 months.

A squad of 16 players will attend a pre-Ashes training camp this weekend at St George's Park, the Football Association's national football centre based at Burton-Upon-Trent.

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Olly Stone (Warwickshire)

Chris Woakes (Warwickshire)

Mark Wood (Durham)

The final squad for the first Specsavers Ashes Test will be named in due course.

Ends

England Specsavers Test Series Schedule:

Specsavers Test, England v Ireland, 24-27 July 2019, Lord's, London

1st Specsavers Ashes Test match, England v Australia, 1-5 August 2019, Edgbaston, Birmingham

2nd Specsavers Ashes Test match, England v Australia, 14-18 August 2019, Lord's, London

3rd Specsavers Ashes Test match, England v Australia, 22-26 August 2019, Emerald Headingley, Leeds

4th Specsavers Ashes Test match, England v Australia, 4-8 September 2019,
Emirates Old Trafford, Manchester

5th Specsavers Ashes Test match, England v Australia, 12-16 September 2019,
Kia Oval, London

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