



England & Essex's Jordan Cox (Getty Images)

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## Jordan Cox ruled out of the Test series against New Zealand

England Men's batter-wicketkeeper, Jordan Cox, has been ruled out from the upcoming Test series against New Zealand after sustaining a fractured right thumb during a net session in Queenstown.

The Essex player, poised to make his Test debut in Christchurch next week as a stand-in for Jamie Smith (on paternity leave), suffered the injury ahead of play on day two of the two-day tour match against the New Zealand Prime Minister's XI at Sir John Davies Oval.

In Cox's absence, Surrey's Ollie Pope stepped in as wicketkeeper for the final day of the warm-up fixture.

England Men's Head Coach, Brendon McCullum, said:

"I'm gutted for Jordan (Cox). He has been shaping up nicely, both with the bat and gloves, since we got to New Zealand. That's sport, and unfortunately, these things happen. We will get around him and look after him. He is resilient, and his time will come at some point in the future."

England will name a replacement in due course.

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