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Lions to play Pakistan Shaheens in white-ball series

The England Lions will play eight white-ball matches against Pakistan Shaheens in Abu Dhabi in early 2026.

The series will consist of three T20s and five 50-over matches. It will be the first time the Lions have played an away white-ball series since touring Sri Lanka in February 2023.

The opening T20 will be played on Friday 20 February, before the five-match 50-over series begins on Friday 27 February. All matches will be played at the

Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi.

ECB Men's Performance Director, Ed Barney, said: "This tour presents an invaluable opportunity for the highest potential England players to develop their white-ball skills.

"With a relative absence of top-tier 50-over cricket for the future England players, we know this, and future white-ball tours will play an invaluable role in developing the skills and experience to thrive on the world stage, particularly with one eye on the 2027 World Cup in South Africa."

Tour schedule – England Lions v Pakistan Shaheens

1st T20: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Friday 20 February 2026

2nd T20: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Sunday 22 February 2026

3rd T20: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Tuesday 24 February 2026

1st 50-over match: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Friday 27 February 2026

2nd 50-over match: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Sunday 1 March 2026

3rd 50-over match: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Wednesday 4 March 2026

4th 50-over match: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Friday 6 March 2026

5th 50-over match: Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi – Monday 9 March 2026

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