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England confirm dates for white-ball tour of Sri Lanka



Players celebrate during a match

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m ngland}$ confirmed yesterday the dates for a white-ball tour of Sri Lank in January and February next year that will serve as part of their preparations for the 2026 T20 World

Harry Brook's men will play the first of three oneday internationals on 22 January – two weeks after the scheduled fifth day of the fifth Ashes test in Sydney, a match in which the multi-format batsman, now England's white-ball captain, is set to feature.

The ODI series in Sri Lanka ends on 27 January with a three-game T20 campaign starting on 30 January and ending on 3 February.

The venues for each match are to be confirmed by Sri Lanka Cricket.

The T20 World Cup will be jointly hosted by India, the reigning champions, and Sri Lanka in February and March.

Paris FC sign Germany goalkeeper Trapp



Kevin Trapp **AFP** | Paris

₹erman internation-**G**al goalkeeper Kevin Trapp returned to France for a second spell yesterday, signing for newly-promoted Paris FC from Bundesliga outfit Eintracht Frankfurt.

The 35-year-old, capped nine times, has signed a three-year contract with Paris FC, who are backed by the Arnaults, one of the world's wealthiest families.

They opened their campaign -- their first in France's top flight in 46 years -- in disappointing fashion with a 1-0 defeat away at Angers on Sunday.

"Paris FC is proud to welcome Kevin," the club said in a statement.

Trapp previously played for their city rivals Paris Saint-Germain from 2015 to 2018, and was a regular in the side that won the Ligue 1 title in 2016 before gradually falling out of favour.

He returned to Eintracht -- for whom he had played from 2012 to 2015 -- on loan in 2018 before signing permanently.

Trapp played in the side that won the Europa League in 2022, and was man of the match in the final against Rangers. He then helped Eintracht finish third in the Bundesliga last term, the first time they had made the top three since 1993.

Isak pushes for Newcastle exit

Isak posts on Instagram about broken promises and lost trust with Newcastle

Isak wants to leave Newcastle

Cites broken promises and lost trust

Liverpool's £110m bid already rejected

Newcastle demand £150m record fee

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The Swedish international, who was the second-highest goalscorer in the Premier League last season, has not featured for the Magpies in pre-season or their opening game of the campaign, a 0-0 draw away at Aston Villa on Saturday.

Liverpool have reportedly had a £110 million bid (\$149 million) rejected for the 25-year-old, with Newcastle holding out for a British transfer record fee of up to £150 million.

Isak released a statement on Tuesday after deciding not to appear at the Professional Footballers' Association awards event despite being selected in the Premier League 2024/25 team of the year.

"I've kept quiet for a long time while others have spoken.

That silence has allowed people to to push their own version of events, even though they know it doesn't reflect what was really said and agreed behind closed doors," Isak posted on Insta-

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ALEXANDER ISAK

reports, Isak had for northeast side Newcastle been promised to hold off due to pressures of an improved meeting financial sustainability contract only rules.

Newcastle responded with a statement late Tuesday saying that while they were saddened by Isak's comments, they could yet welcome the 25-year-old back into the

"We are disappointed to have been alerted to a social media post by Alexander Isak this evening," the club wrote. "We are clear in response that

> under contract and that no commitment has ever been made by a club official leave Newcastle United this

Alex remains

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"This is a proud proud traditions retain our family feel. Alex remains part of our family and will be welcomed back when he is ready to rejoin his teammates."

Isak Alexander Isak



Alexander Isak, despite being named in the Premier League Team of the Year, chose not to attend the awards event, instead releasing an **Instagram statement** about his desire to leave Newcastle due to "broken promises."

scored 62 goals in 109 appearthat Alex can ances since joining from Real Sociedad in 2022, including the winner against Liverpool in the League Cup final earlier this year that ended Newcastle's 70-year wait to win a domestic trophy.

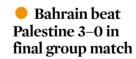
Liverpool have already spent around £300 million overhauling a squad that romped to the statement added: Premier League title last season.

But they have also recouped football club with over £200 million in sales and are still in the market for atand we strive to tacking options after the departures of Luis Diaz and Darwin Nunez and tragic death of Diogo

> Any deal is unlikely to be done before the two clubs face off in their next Premier League game on Monday at St James' Park.

Bahrain Complete Group Sweep with Win Over Palestine

U18s take maximum points to top Group B ahead of quarterfinals



Faidutti's side advance with 9 points from 3 games

Quarterfinals begin Friday after rest day

Hussain Almaskati TDT | Manama

 $B_{ ext{team wrapped up the group}}^{ ext{ahrain's under-18 volleyball}}$ stage of the 17th Arab Junior Volleyball Championship in style, beating Palestine in straight sets 25-19, 25-17, 25-12 at the Palace Gymnasium in Amman. The result confirmed Bahrain's place in the quarterfinals as Group B winners with a perfect record of three wins from three.

Dominant Finish

trolled the match throughout, that struggled to keep pace. asserting themselves early and maintaining rhythm and pressure across all three sets. Solid



Action from the match

Santiago Faidutti's side con- away from a Palestinian team Palestine.

Perfect Group Stage

blocking and consistent attack- nary round with 9 points, having play on Friday in the quarterfi- August 26 and is organised by Al Thawadi.

ing saw them gradually pull beaten Kuwait, Iraq, and now nals. Bahrain will be aiming to the Arab Volleyball Association,

Rest Day, Then Knockouts

All eight qualified teams will Bahrain finish the prelimi- rest Thursday before resuming



carry their momentum into the chaired by Bahrain Volleyball knockout rounds as they chase Association president Shaikh their first Arab Juniors title in Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa. over a decade.

Bahrain's delegation is led by The championship runs until BVA vice-president Mohammed