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Kylie Masse and Abbie Wood join Commonwealth Team for the ISL All-Star Match

Canada's five-time Olympic medallist and Britain's national 200m individual medley champion of the past three years join Adam Peaty and Pieter Coetzé on the Commonwealth Team for the All-Star Match at the London Aquatics Centre on Saturday 19 December 2026.

LONDON, UK – Thursday 19 November 2026: The **International Swimming League (ISL)** has today announced Kylie Masse and Abbie Wood as the latest star athletes of the Commonwealth Team for the All-Star Match, to be held at the London Aquatics Centre in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on Saturday 19 December 2026. They join Adam Peaty and Pieter Coetzé, who were announced earlier this week.

Kylie Masse (Canada): A five-time Olympic medallist and three-time world champion, Masse won the world 100m backstroke title in 2017 and 2019, setting a world record in Budapest in 2017, and the 50m backstroke title in 2022. She has 11 Commonwealth Games medals, the latest the 50m backstroke gold at Glasgow 2026, and captained the Toronto Titans in 2020. In London she will race under Byron MacDonald, who coached her to Olympic medals, a world title and a world record.

Abbie Wood (Great Britain): One of the world's leading medley swimmers, Wood set a lifetime best of 2:08.17 in the 200m individual medley in April, the fastest time in the world at that point in the year. A double European short-course champion and a medallist at the 2024 World Short Course Championships and Birmingham 2022, she finished fourth at Tokyo 2020, 0.11 seconds from an Olympic medal, and raced for the New York Breakers in the ISL's original seasons.

Ben Allen, Commissioner of the International Swimming League, said: *"Kylie and Abbie both lit up the ISL's original seasons, Kylie as captain of the Toronto Titans and Abbie as a mainstay of the New York Breakers, and both have kept getting better since. Kylie is a five-time Olympic medallist who is still winning Commonwealth titles, and Abbie swam the fastest 200m medley in the world earlier this year. With Adam and Pieter already confirmed, the Commonwealth Team is taking real shape."*

Masse and Wood take the Commonwealth Team's confirmed star athletes to four, with further star athletes across the four teams to follow in the coming weeks ahead of the full team rosters. The All-Star Match will bring the world's best swimmers to London in four teams, Commonwealth, United States, Europe and Intercontinental, racing for the largest prize pool ever offered for a single night of competitive swimming.

Tickets for the All-Star Match are on sale now through Ticketmaster, with full details at isl.global.

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Notes to Editors:

About the International Swimming League (ISL):

Forget everything you thought you knew about swimming.

The ISL tore up the rulebook. It built something the sport had never seen before: fast, ferociously competitive, team-based racing designed for fans, built for broadcast, and made to deliver unforgettable moments. The ISL gave the biggest names in swimming what elite athletes in other premier sports already had - a stage of their own. Real prize money. Team pride. High stakes on every single length, where the clock is not the only thing that matters.

Across three unforgettable seasons between 2019 and 2021, the ISL lit up three continents with competing franchise clubs from North America, Europe and Asia, and a roster stacked with the greatest swimmers on the planet. Two-hour matches crackling with intensity. Point scoring that turned every race into a team battle. Coaches plotting line-ups, saving their strongest swimmers, and timing every selection to maximise points. Fierce rivalries igniting the moment the water broke, swimmer against swimmer, team against team, with everything on the line. The ISL didn't just prove swimming could be entertaining. It proved it could be electric.

And now, the ISL is back. The League returns sharper, smarter and built to last. This is the next chapter of a movement that changed what swimming could be and it's about to do it again, bigger and bolder than ever.

About The All-Star Match:

On Saturday 19 December 2026, the ISL is hosting its All-Star Match in London: a one-night showcase of the world's fastest swimmers in a unique two-hour head-to-head competition. This is not a heats-and-finals meet: every race counts, every touch moves the scoreboard, and one team leaves London crowned champions.

The match marks the return of the ISL, bringing back the dynamic, unpredictable version of swimming in a world-class venue with a live crowd and global audience watching the best compete head-to-head.

Expect high-octane racing from first event to last, team tactics, momentum swings, and a venue energised by a DJ, with unique visual and audio production galvanising the atmosphere between races. Whether you have followed the ISL from the start or this is your first taste of swimming reimagined, London in December is where the sport comes back to life.

About the London Aquatics Centre:

The London Aquatics Centre is a world-class, 2,800 capacity aquatics venue in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, designed by Zaha Hadid Architects for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and is today one of the busiest public swimming venues in the world.

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