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Adam Peaty and Pieter Coetzé to lead Commonwealth Team at the ISL All-Star Match

The triple Olympic champion and the world 100m backstroke champion and 50m backstroke world record holder are the first athletes confirmed for the Commonwealth Team for the All-Star Match at the London Aquatics Centre on Saturday 19 December 2026.

LONDON, UK – Tuesday 17 November 2026: The **International Swimming League (ISL)** has today announced Adam Peaty and Pieter Coetzé as the 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 are the first athletes confirmed for the Commonwealth Team.

Adam Peaty (Great Britain): A triple Olympic champion, eight-time world champion and the fastest breaststroke swimmer in history, Peaty holds the world records in both the 50m and 100m breaststroke and remains the only man to have swum the 100m breaststroke in under 57 seconds. He returns to the league where he starred for London Roar across the ISL's original seasons.

Pieter Coetzé (South Africa): The reigning world 100m backstroke champion, Coetzé broke the 50m backstroke short-course world record in Tashkent last month with a time of 22.09, becoming the first male swimmer from an African nation to set a world record since Chad le Clos in 2016. He won gold in the 100m backstroke and silver in the 50m and 200m backstroke at the 2025 World Championships, and the Commonwealth 100m backstroke title at Birmingham 2022. In London he will race for the Commonwealth Team under his own coach, Rocco Meiring, whose appointment was announced last month.

Peaty and Coetzé are the first two Commonwealth Team star athletes to be revealed, with further star athletes across the four teams to follow in the coming weeks ahead of the full team rosters later in November. 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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