



## Media Release

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### South Africa's Neil McKenzie appointed Consultant Coach

Sri Lanka Cricket appointed former South African batsman Neil McKenzie as the National Team's Consultant Coach for a short stint.

Accordingly, he will work with a group of Sri Lankan players who departed for South Africa last night to participate in a pre-series camp ahead of the upcoming two-match Test series against South Africa.

*"McKenzie will bring in vital, in-depth insights about the South African conditions to help Sri Lankan players adapt to the challenge,"* said: Ashley De Silva, CEO, Sri Lanka Cricket.

The former South African batsman, who scored closer to 5,000 international runs for South Africa across formats, will work with the Sri Lankan players from November 13th to 21st.

The upcoming test series forms part of the ICC World Test Championship Cycle for 2023–2025, making it a crucial encounter for Sri Lanka to stay in the race for a place in the WTC final.

Schedule of the test series

Date	Match	Venue
27 <sup>th</sup> November to 1 <sup>st</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> Test Match	Kingsmead, Durban
5 <sup>th</sup> to 09 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Test Match	St. Georges Park, Gqeberha

### The squad taking part in the Pre-Series Camp

01. Dhananjaya De Silva 02. Dimuth Karunaratne 03. Angelo Mathews 04. Dinesh Chandimal 05. Lahiru Kumara 06. Prabath Jayasuriya 07. Nishan Peiris 08. Milan Rathnayake 09. Kasun Rajitha 10. Lasith Embuldeniya

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