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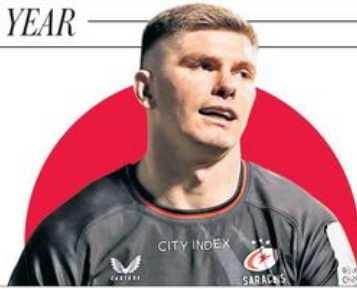
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Foakes takes gloves off Bairstow

England to use Yorkshireman as specialist batsman at No.5

Kohli withdraws from first two Tests in huge India blow

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Ben Foakes is poised to regain the wicketkeeping gloves from Jonny Bairstow when England's Test series in India begins on Thursday. On a day when Virat Kohli, India's premier batsman, withdrew from

the first two Tests for personal reasons 24 hours after England's Harry Brook left the tour, it emerged that Foakes was expected to regain the role he filled while Bairstow was absent with a broken leg.

Foakes kept wicket, with Bairstow at first slip, during England's net session in Hyderabad yesterday. It was the clearest indication yet that both would play after Brook returned home for personal reasons, allowing England to select both keepers in the same side.

With Foakes recalled as wicket-keeper, Bairstow is now expected

to be deployed as a specialist batsman, potentially returning to No.5.

Foakes, regarded as among the finest keepers of his generation in the world, was controversially dropped for last summer's Ashes series. After scoring six Test centuries as a specialist batsman in 2022, Bairstow regained the gloves when he returned from his leg injury.

Bairstow enjoyed a good Ashes series with the bat, averaging 40.3 and hitting an unbeaten 99 at Old Trafford, but missed several crucial chances behind the stumps, especially at the start of the series early

in his return. Last season Foakes helped Surrey retain the County Championship, averaging 39.8 in another fine campaign.

Bob Taylor, one of England's greatest keepers, told *Telegraph Sport* last week that Foakes should keep in India. "I would go with Ben in India, where you keep all day in heat and humidity," Taylor said.

Keeping is regarded as particularly important in India because of the difficulty standing up to spinners on turning wickets. Despite being omitted from the Ashes, Foakes was recalled for the tour of

India ahead of younger alternatives such as Durham's Ollie Robinson and Surrey keeper Jamie Smith.

Foakes was already under strong consideration to win a place in England's XI before the news about Brook broke. With Foakes recalled, England would effectively have faced picking two of Bairstow, Brook and vice-captain Ollie Pope as specialist batsmen. But the absence of Brook has simplified England's middle-order quandary.

When the squad for India was unveiled last month, Rob Key, *Continued on Page 2*



Injured Mohamed Salah watches on during Egypt's dramatic 2-2 draw with Cape Verde and (inset) celebrates qualification from their Africa Cup of Nations group

Mo's mixed night Salah is out for up to four weeks but Egypt stay alive at Afcon

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Mohamed Salah is facing up to four weeks out in a major blow for Liverpool with the Egypt forward's muscle injury said to be more serious than first thought.

Salah went from dejection to elation last night as Egypt scraped into the knockout stages of the Africa Cup of Nations courtesy of a thrilling 2-2 draw with Cape Verde and Ghana conceding two added-time goals to draw 2-2 with Mozambique. However, he may miss the final on Feb 11, while Premier League leaders Liverpool could potentially be without their top scorer for all but one match next month.

Salah has already missed Liverpool's past three games because of his involvement in Afcon and could now miss a further six.

Liverpool already knew the prospect of Egypt reaching the final stood to deprive them of Salah for eight games, including Premier League matches against Chelsea, Arsenal and Burnley, but he could now also miss the trip to Brentford on Feb 17.

"Mohamed's injury is more serious than first thought and he will be out for 21-28 days," Salah's agent, Ramy Abbas, said on social media last night. "His best chance at participating in Afcon is by undergoing intensive rehabilitation in the UK and rejoining the team as soon as he is fit."

Salah, 31, was due to fly back to Merseyside after last night's match. He is due to undergo assessment by Liverpool's medical staff before a complete rehabilitation programme is established.

Egypt had hoped Salah could return for a potential semi-final on Feb 7. He had to be substituted at the end of the first half of Egypt's 2-2 draw against Ghana last Thursday after injuring his back.

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