



South Africa's Champions Trophy team includes Anrich Nortje Lungi Ngidi.



Cricket South Africa (CSA) stated in a press release on Monday (January 13) that fast bowlers Anrich Nortje and Lungi Ngidi had been included in South Africa's 15-man Champions Trophy squad. Despite being sidelined for extended periods of time owing to injuries, the two pacers were selected for the team. Along with the two pacers, Keshav Maharaj and all-rounder Wiaan Mulder, who missed the previous ODI series against Pakistan, are back in the ODI lineup.

Since the Men's World T20 final in Barbados in June of last year, when he took the most wickets (15 in nine games), Nortje has not represented South Africa. He has healed in time for the event after missing last month's 3-0 loss to Pakistan in the ODI series because of a fractured toe. On the other hand, Ngidi missed South Africa's home summer because of a groin injury that occurred in November 2018.

Gerald Coetzee, who participated in the 2023 ICC Men's World Cup in India, appears to be still recovering from a groin injury sustained during the opening Test match against Sri Lanka. Maharaj, a left-arm spinner who missed the Pakistan series because of an adductor issue, is back in the ODI team. Corbin Bosch, left-arm spinner Bjorn Fortuin, and all-rounder Andile Phehlukwayo were not selected.

South Africa is grouped with England and Australia and will play their first match against Afghanistan in Karachi on February 21.

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Ten players from the team participated in the World Cup in India, where South Africa advanced to the semifinals. The fact that they were able to keep the majority of their players from that team thrilled head coach Rob Walter. Having just advanced to the final stages of the previous two ICC competitions, he also believed that his team may advance even further.

"We've managed to maintain the core group of our 2023 World Cup squad, whilst adding fresh talent," Walter said. "Our recent performances at ICC events show that we're capable of reaching the latter stages of global tournaments. We're eager to take the next step and go even further in pursuit of the coveted silverware.

"We've managed to maintain the core group of our 2023 World Cup squad, whilst adding fresh talent," added Walter. "We can get to the final stages of international competitions, as demonstrated by our recent performances at ICC events. In order to get the coveted silverware, we can't wait to move forward and go even farther.

Having numerous players who have often excelled under duress, this team has a wealth of experience. In a competition like this, that type of experience is priceless," Walter said.