

loane uses TRL to return to Rugby's Biggest Stage

TRL player Digby loane is one of Australian Rugby's most exciting prospects. This winter, loane will be looking to add to his nine test matches for Australia, and to cement his place in Australia's starting line-up in time for next year's World Cup.

However, it hasn't always been plain sailing for the evasive try scoring machine. With full body contact simply not an option after a horrific shoulder injury in mid-2009, loane looked to the TRL field to hone his skills. He joined his mates who were playing for the mighty 'Getsome', and it was a privilege to see him weave his magic at the Shaw Road competition.

loane's mates had a lot to do with keeping the winger's spirits up during this testing time. Joey Crunkhorn who doubles as both loane's housemate and TRL teammate for 'Getsome' tells of what it was like:

"It was certainly a difficult period for him. Before the injury, he had a lot of momentum and the shoulder re-con put a halt to that.

"We got him down for 'Getsome' for the winter season of '09 and he had a ball. It was obviously awesome to have him in the team but I think that kind of environment also helped him rediscover his passion for footy".

The 2010 Tri Nations stands as loane's opportunity to cement a spot in the Australian line-up and with his form over the course of the Super 14 Championships, he is odds on to do exactly that. However, there are a number of options in the three-quarter line for Australia at present and a humble loane is all too aware of that competition.

"Yeah there will be opportunities thrown my way in the next few months and I have to take them. [Robbie] Deans is obviously looking to find his best 15 for the World Cup next year and it is important I impress...there is plenty of competition for outside back spots".

TRL wishes Digby loane all the best in the upcoming test matches and hopes he, along with fellow TRL players - Will Genia and Quade Cooper - can light up Australia's back-line this coming winter.



Australian Wallabies Winger Digby loane with his 'Getsome' TRL teammate and housemate Joey Crunkhorn.