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## INSPIRING JOURNEY OF TIM PAINE

**- Debut in 2010 with Smith, scored 104 in 2 tests.**
**- Included in BGT. Third highest run-scorer for Australia with 183 runs in the series.**
**- Broke his right index finger batting in the Australian Cricketers Association All-Stars T20 match.**




- Done Surgery. Broke his finger again. Surgery again.
- Made a comeback in Australia's domestic circuit but never managed to deliver as a batsman.
- In 2017, he made up his mind to retire from FC cricket.

But, life always has something more in the bag than what you expect.




- Tasmania knocked on his door with a lifeline. They extended Paine's contract but he was not their first choice WK.
- Did not play the first two matches of the 2017-18 Sheffield Shield.
- But, When he was finally selected, he made the most of the opportunity.



- Picked to play in the warm-up matches before the 2017-18 Ashes. Scored 52 vs England.

*Biggest Turnaround*

- Paine was selected as a WK for the 2017/18 Ashes at home.
- Answering his critics and the people who doubted his selection, he delivered both with bat & gloves.

- Paine averaged 48 and made 26 dismissals behind the wickets (25 catches and 1 stumping) in 2017-18 Ashes.
- Ball Tampering incident. Australia was going through a rough phase. Paine was asked to lead Australia vs SA in the last test. Australia lost the series by 2-1.

- In the last test of the series, SA Scored 488 runs, while Aus were 90/4. Golden chance for Tim Paine to step up.
- And then Paine and Cummins put up 99 runs for the 7th wicket, Australia's biggest partnership of the series. A special innings from Paine.

- Batted for over three hours with a hairline fracture in his right thumb.
- And now the start of new beginning in Australian cricket. A new skipper. The same man who had been nowhere near getting in the team a few months back.
- Australia lose the 2018 BGT to India. (2-1)

- And then come the Ashes 2019.
- Scored valuable 58 in Manchester.
- Australia retained the Ashes. And Tim Paine becomes the first Australian captain in 18 years to win series in England.



- Then he captained his second home summer with a two test series against Pakistan and a three test series against New Zealand, where Australia won all five tests.
- And now a gritty 73 at Adelaide where was the ball was doing the talking and help his side to reduce that lead.



- Australia won the test match and Tim Paine won the MOM.
- From almost retiring to an Ashes winner in 2017-18 to Australian Test captain, and then leading the team to retained the Ashes in Eng 2019 after 18 years. Paine has every reason to be proud of himself. What a journey!❤■




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