

**Eddie loane (Samoa):** A hard-working lock, Eddie loane was a member of the first Manu Samoa team to play in a World Cup in 1991. He played four of his five tests in the Pacific Championship in 1990 and 1991 but lost out to Mata'afa Keenan and Mark Birtwistle at the main tournament – until Keenan was ordered off against Argentina and suspended for the quarter-final. loane came in to his spot and gave his usual full effort but the Samoan team, which had been virtually unchanged through the programme of four tough matches in 15 days, ran out of gas and was gradually over-run. His last rugby in the blue jersey was on Samoa's short tour to New Zealand in 1992. He is well known around the club having played for years, coached, been a willing pair of hands and prepared to give his time freely. At the time of writing (late 2016) Eddie has just been elected club President; the loane family is adding considerable lustre to the club's record as wife Sandra (a former Ponsonby Black Fern) is the club manager and their sons Akira and Rieko are leading players on the New Zealand scene, with Rieko winning All Black selection and both brothers attending the Rio Olympics in 2016.

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