



Gymnast Zoe Lorenzin has big plans for 2011, leading up to the Olympics next year.

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Resilient Zoe leaps back into action

TEARING a tendon off the bone hasn't stopped Preston's Zoe Lorenzin reaching great heights.

Despite having returned to competition only recently after 18 months on the sidelines, the 16-year-old gymnast is preparing to compete in the July trials for this year's Tokyo World Gymnastics Championships.

The injury failed to hold back Zoe when she competed at the 2010 national clubs champion-

ships at the Australian Institute of Sport in November.

Zoe, who has a scholarship with the Victorian Institute of Sport, finished third in the all-around competition, winning gold on the beam and bronze on the vault and floor apparatus.

"When I injured my leg I was in a leg brace for six weeks," Zoe said.

"It happened when I was doing a floor routine and was jumping

into a front layout and I heard this loud cracking noise. I could still walk on it, but I had pulled the tendon off the bone."

Zoe continued to train throughout her injury, resilience that may enable her to achieve her goal of competing in 2012 London Olympics.

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