



Jeremy Lin: Smart, Skilled, Successful

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Jeremy Lin is all over the media. You can see him on TV and the Internet, and in newspapers. He has become an overnight sensation. If you have not heard of him yet, you soon will.

Jeremy Lin is a point guard for the N.B.A. team, the New York Knicks. He was born in California, U.S.A., but his parents were born in Taiwan. When Lin was a child, his father taught him how to play basketball. Lin continued playing basketball through high school and college before finally making his way into the N.B.A. He didn't only focus on his athletics though.

Lin was an excellent student. While he loved playing basketball, he made sure to work as hard in the classroom as he did on the basketball court. His effort paid off, as he was able to attend Harvard University, one of the world's best universities, because he had the grades to go along with his basketball skills.

Lin has continued to work hard. He worked his way onto an N.B.A. team, but he didn't get much playing time. He ended up on another team, where he was also a part-time player. Eventually, he got his chance to start. He made sure to make the most of his opportunity, and helped his team end a losing streak, and start a winning streak.

Jeremy Lin had a dream to play professional basketball. He worked hard to achieve that dream. His efforts both on and off the basketball court have helped him. He succeeded because he worked at improving himself not only as a basketball player, but as a person.

Recent Statistics (from www.nba.com)

Feb. 15: Knicks vs. Kings – Lin: 10 points, 13 assists, 5 rebounds

Feb. 14: Knicks vs. Raptors – Lin: 27 points, 11 assists, 2 rebounds

Feb. 11: Knicks vs. Timberwolves – Lin: 20 points, 8 assists, 6 rebounds