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Jeremy Lin

Three-pointers were shot one after another. The court exploded with exclamations and applause. Some audience was waving a board showing 'Jeremy Lin'. His crazy performance in court caught my attention, and I began to love him because of his life experience and his spirit of not giving up.

Born in 1988 on August 23rd in the San Francisco Bay Area, the basketball player, who started playing basketball at 5, spent his childhood on delving into the techniques of basketball. When he was 14, he became Northern California Basketball Player of the Year as a senior in high school. After receiving no athletic scholarship offers, he attended Harvard University at 18, where he was three-time all-conference player in the ivy league. Undrafted out of college, he signed with his hometown Golden State Warriors in 2020. Then, he started his NBA basketball life.

Determined to realise his dream, he went into NBA. However, his NBA life didn't start with success, and his path wasn't as easy as you think. He was waived by both Warriors and the Houston Rockets because they thought Asian weren't good enough. After that, Jeremy played sparingly for the Knicks, and he again spent time in the development alliance. In 2012, he did something that changed his basketball life. With his leadership, he led the team on a seven-game winning streak. He also helped the Knicks make the 2012 playoffs. It also catapulted him to international fame.

He put all his efforts in practising his skills in order to make himself valuable, and he showed people that Asians can do well. Many teams wanted to employ him because of his ability. He has played for six teams in seven years. He experienced some success in Houston and Charlotte. However, the nightmare for athletes happened on Lin. He battled injuries in the ensuing seasons. Luckily he didn't give up, and he still trains every day. He has never been lazy or loafed on the job. His effort and spirit really impressed me a lot.

He is the first Asian American to win an NBA title. Making this achievement isn't an easy job. He cherishes the time on the court, but not the money. His perseverance impressed me and he has become my role model. I can say he is also a legend. I shall admire him forever.