

Essay form the bold pastor #14 - Jeremy Lin -sanity -

A Taiwanese-American NBA player, Jeremy Lin, is generating a buzz. He astonishingly scored 89 points in the first 3 games since his first appearance in the starting line-up this year. In the following game, his total points earned went up to 109 and by the end of his 5th game, the number again rose to 136. Each of those numbers broke NBA records. Moreover, he assisted over 20 points in all of the first 6 games since he first appeared on court as a starting member, which had never been achieved before in the NBA history. With all of those accomplishments, it is no surprise that the media is now calling his play "Lin-sanity".

Lin is a Christian and a good youngster. He would spend Friday nights with his family back in high school. Definitely not "eccentric" like myself... However, his career as a professional player was off to a harsh start as people around him all knew well. He did not get drafted regardless of his glorious career during Ivy League. Although he joined his hometown team, Golden State Warriors, he seldom played in his rookie season and was ultimately thrown out. Then he got a contract with Houston Rockets only to be waived on a Christmas Eve. Overwhelmed with fear and anxiety, Lin was repeating to himself a verse in the bible.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." **Romans 8:28**

And he finally had an awakening. Lin said, "Until the last season, I had always cared about how I should play to get people's approval. But it's different now. I trust God and leave everything up to him. I have no fears or anxiety. And what people and media say about me became meaningless. To God be the glory!"

Being a Christian does not make you a "good person" or guarantee you a smooth ride in life. Those who, after believing in God, keep turning to him when faced with hardships in everyday life, keep trust in him, and as result, are given peace are Christians. Let's believe in God and live freely.

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