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# JEREMY LIN

"... WAS UNDERESTIMATED AND OVERLOOKED, DISREGARDED BY COLLEGE COACHES, IGNORED IN THE NBA DRAFT, AND WAIVED TWICE IN TWO WEEKS." He faced challenges along the way. Here is an interview with International media about his struggles:

"I would say most of the discriminations happened in college. When I played, there would be racist remarks whether from other players or the fans. But when I got to NBA, all those disappeared."

**Q: How did you deal with it?**

"At first, I just got really angry and I wouldn't talk to anybody. One of my assistant coaches is Bradley. He also went through a lot of racism since he is an African-American. So he talked to me through and make me try to use it as motivation but not play out of anger."

"Sometimes some coach would say 'You can't let that Oriental kid do that.' Sometimes it was just out of line. Some coach would ask me 'What's the difference between Chinese people and Japanese people?' Just like that."

Lin became the first Taiwanese American to join the NBA. For a history of Asian Americans in the NBA, scan the QR code.

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