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Spotlight on Jeremy Lin

It seems like only yesterday that **Jeremy Lin** was wearing a Palo Alto High basketball uniform and leading the Vikings to the 2006 CIF Division II State Championship in his senior year. Now, he's leading Harvard to its best start (7-2) in 25 years in another senior year. This past week, Lin was at his typical best against some of the top teams in the country. On Sunday, he scored a career-high 30 points and grabbed nine rebounds in a 79-73 loss to No. 12 UConn. Then, in the Crimson's 74-67 upset at Boston College on Wednesday night -- the second straight season Harvard has beaten BC -- Lin contributed 25 points. So in two games against New England's annual NCAA tournament participants, Lin scored 55 points and shot 64 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free-throw line. Raising the level of his game since high school, Lin boasts an all-around repertoire rarely on display. Last season Lin was the only player in the nation to rank among the top 10 players in his conference in points, rebounds, assists, steals, blocks, field-goal percentage, free-throw percentage and 3-point percentage. This year he is merely second in the Ivy League in scoring (18.6 points), 10th in rebounding (5.3), fifth in field-goal percentage (51.6 percent), third in assists (4.6), second in steals (2.4), sixth in blocked shots (1.2) and continues to grab the attention of the nation's basketball fans.



Palo Alto High grad Jeremy Lin, a senior at Harvard, is grabbing the attention of the national basketball media this week after he scored a career-high 30 points and grabbed nine rebounds in a 79-73 loss to No. 12 UConn on Sunday before adding 25 points Wednesday in a 74-67 upset of Boston College. Photo by Kyle Terada.

OF LOCAL NOTE . . . Gunn High graduate **Tara Levens**, a sophomore swimmer at the University of Chicago, recently was named the University Athletic Association (D-III) Athlete of the Week after posting three NCAA Division III provisional qualifying times to help the Maroons win the eight-team Phoenix Fall Classic. She finished the 100-yard backstroke in the leadoff leg of the 400 medley relay in 57.77 seconds, and posted qualifiers in the 200 back (2:06.95) and 100 fly (58.29) . . . The Palo Alto Lightning TC will send two runners to the National Junior Olympics Cross-Country Championships in Reno on Saturday after both qualified at the Region 16 meet, also in Reno. Heading for the nationals will be Palo Alto residents **Kent Slaney** and **Claudia Denoue**. Slaney was second in his race and Denoue was ninth in her event. Both competed in their respective Bantam divisions over a 3,000-meter course. The top 20 finishers in each age-group race qualified for nationals . . . Online registration for the 2010 Menlo-Atherton Little League season will open Monday. Boys and girls between the ages of 5 1/2 and 16 (by April 30, 2010) are eligible to participate. The league has six levels of baseball. Registration can be done online at www.m-all.org . . . Gunn High junior **Cisca Harriss** won the girls' 146-pound division at the Peninsula Invitational wrestling tournament at Half Moon Bay last weekend. She won all three of her matches by pin . . . Palo Alto Babe Ruth baseball has openings for team managers/head baseball coaches for the Spring 2010 season. Palo Alto Babe Ruth is a competitive baseball league for 13-15 year olds residing in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley and selected areas of Redwood City. Interested parties should contact Palo Alto Babe Ruth: pabr.baseball@gmail.com. League details can be found at www.pababerruth.org.

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