

Four years on varsity, Kuehn sets high goals for final season

Trista Kuehn uses experience to prepare for her future college lacrosse career

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Trista Kuehn has been the Mason varsity girls' lacrosse team's starting goalie for the past four years. Though she had to fight to earn the spot playing goalie her freshman year, it was something that she seemed destined to do.

"When I went to my first lacrosse practice in third grade they asked who would want to try goalie," Kuehn said. "My parents instantaneously raised their hand volunteering me to play since we new nothing about lacrosse as a family. So, I consider it destiny that I became a goalie."

While Kuehn did not know much about playing goalie at the start, this spring she will earn her fourth year letterman, an accomplishment that Kuehn said she is very proud of.

"My freshman year I came in and competed all spring for the spot [of goalie] all spring," Kuehn said. "After winning the spot, it gave me a lot of confidence to keep working and improving into the next years."

Along with being a four year letterman, Kuehn was selected this year as an Under Armour All American.

"Playing in the All-American game was awesome," Kuehn said. "To be able to play and compete with the best players in the country was sweet and also a big learning point."

In addition to playing in the All-American game,

Kuehn set high goals for her team in her senior season.

"Our goal is to make it to the state final four," Kuehn said. "As a team this is what motivates us day to day."

While Kuehn has set goals for her senior season, she also has her future planned out after high school, and will be playing on the first girls' lacrosse team at Coastal Carolina.

"I will part of Coastal Carolina's first season of girls' lacrosse," Kuehn stated. "In my time there, I look be a huge part in the beginning of the program and start tradition that will continue for years."

While Trista will move on to the collegiate level, she said she hopes she will always be remembered here in Mason as the "Rage in the Cage," and wants to leave a lasting impact in her last

year of varsity lacrosse.

"Being a four year varsity letterwoman has been amazing," Kuehn said. "To be able to win the spot as a freshman and then maintain the starting spot for the next three years is amazing,"

While Kuehn is proud of her accomplishment, she said she is focusing the most on the team's success this season.

"This year as a team we set big goals," Kuehn said. "Our goal is to be the first Mason team to reach the final four in Division I."



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SPORTS COLUMN

With New York Knicks player Jeremy Lin's recent regular season ending injury, "Linsanity" popularity will dwindle.



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Linsanity, oh Linsanity. Remember when that was the biggest thing on not just TV or the internet, but anything you could get your hands on? Thanks to back page headlines and People Magazine,

Jeremy Lin became a worldwide phenomenon. Lin's story needs a movie, that's how special it was. But was he as good as promoted? Did everyone freak out like a typical New Yorker would?

Of course all the Tabloids thought he was that good, or is that their job? Or is it just because they over exemplify everything?

It's a mix of all three, plus the fact that he broke very exclusive ethnic barriers in the process. But was it worth it Jeremy?

You can ask him that, but you'd be kidding yourself. It wasn't his fault, he is just too likeable. He just came in, played really good, and withstood some racist ESPN headlines. You can blame the Tabloids and the world for that. Like good media should, they found the hottest thing, which is their job of course, and transformed it into a well crafted gem that seemed unbreakable, but it turned out to not be the fairytale ending the Big Apple was hoping for. That's the other part of journalism; you can be eliminated from the news faster than I can click the backspace key.

Who's Jeremy Lin?

Lin's recent injury, which is regular season ending, can be described as the end of his storied run. He could technically return for the playoffs, but you get the point, he won't be the same if he did. His small, quiet and under the radar injury is exactly like his life right now. It's sad, because he's slowly deteriorating

from everyday life and from the NY tabs. They have some new toys to play with: "Tebow-Mania" and the clutch "Melo"? Who's Jeremy Lin again?

But back to before, did he deserve all the attention? Was he really that good?

No he wasn't and still isn't. The Knicks probably will get knocked out in the first round of the playoffs, if they even make it, and Lin's numbers overall, as a whole, don't impress. Turnovers anyone? He had some great games but looking at the painting from afar, it isn't completely finished. New York sent Lin to another planet, he's on top of the world, or was.

But don't throw a hissy fit when you read this, his story and what he did in the beginning of the Knicks' "MSG Craze" is something that is once in a life time, but would it be as special or magnified in the matter it was if it wasn't in the Big Apple?

Absolutely not.