

A hot start for the men's lacrosse team as the season picks up speed

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second half to come back and top the Panthers. Sophomore midfielder Kyle Smith was in awe after the exhilarating win.

"I have never been a part of a sporting event like that," said Smith. "The way we were able to battle back and never give up shows what type of team we have."

Following the win, the team headed back to campus for a week of hard practices to prepare for their next game against Birmingham-Southern College. The game did not go as planned for the Quakers.

After an early 3-0 lead for BSC and a slow start for the Quakers, the team knew they were facing a formidable opponent. Stifling a late surge from the Quakers, Birmingham-Southern was able to hold on for a 12-10 win.

Although the team suffered the loss, they know they have the potential to be a great team.

"Even though we couldn't pull out a win, our end goals are still intact," said senior captain Chris Sisk. "This is just a minor road bump in a long season."

Following the loss to BSC, the team pulled out two convincing victories over spring break. A nine-goal win over Berry College, 12-3, followed by an 18-3 win over visiting Cazenovia College. The team had bought in to the coach's game-plan.

But, it did not happen overnight.

Over the past two years the team has seen a major

overhaul, which started with the hiring of head coach Tom Carmean.

Carmean has been able to implement his own brand of lacrosse over the past season, which has proved very successful.

This season Carmean brought in 16 newcomers to the team.

"Plain and simple: Carmean knows lacrosse," Ashkraft said of the second-year coach. "He is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to lacrosse."

But there is much more involved than running, stick tricks or goalies blocking 80-100 m.p.h. shots on goal.

To prepare for the season, players had off-season workouts throughout the fall and winter. The goal for the workouts was to strengthen players for their tough schedule in 2012.

"The workouts were definitely difficult," said Sisk. "The coaches were constantly pushing us to get better. It will all pay off when the season starts."

With a record of 4-2, the team looks to keep battling forward and to keep improving. Every day, they look to get better and compete with one another to prepare for their games in the always tough Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Picked in the preseason to finish in seventh place, the Quakers look to continue their winning ways en route to finishing the season at the top of the standings.

The Quakers next game is Saturday, March 17, at home against Randolph College at 1 p.m. at Appenzeller Field.



Sophomore **Chase Clausen** makes a strong offensive move en route to one of his four goals against Cazenovia. The Quakers went on to win the match 18-3.

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Jeremy Lin, reviving the Knicks & NBA and making history

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May the Best Man Lin. Lincredible. Lin Your Face. The headlines are at it again ... Linsanity, that is.

Fans from all across the nation chant his name, #17 New York Knicks jersey sales are off the charts, and Madison Square Garden is buzzing with the new sensation in town.

"MVP, MVP, MVP," roared the crowd at MSG on Feb. 6, where the Knicks beat the Utah Jazz, as they gave a standing ovation to the one and only Jeremy Lin who scored 28 points.

However, not too long ago, the basketball phenomenon and point guard for the NY Knicks, was virtually unknown and did not have a team or position to call his own.

After graduating from Harvard with an economics degree in 2010, Lin went undrafted in that spring's NBA Draft. However, he was later able to sign a two-year deal worth close to \$500,000 with his hometown team, the Golden State Warriors. After a year, the Warriors waived Lin in order to free salary cap space for other potentially stronger players, according to ESPN.

In 2011, Lin was taken in by the Houston Rockets, but also waived shortly afterwards.

Fast forward to the 2012 season.

With several Knicks players injured and the team in need of back-up players, Jeremy Lin was in luck. After joining the Knicks, it was one particular game that would unexpectedly change Lin's career and story into a triumphant Linderella tale.

On Feb. 4, as the Knicks were in need of a lead against the New Jersey Nets, the desperate Coach Mike D'Antoni gave Lin a chance to play.

It was not long before everyone realized they were in for a surprise.

"Jeremy Lin knocks it down, career high 15 (points)!" said one broadcaster, shortly after

Lin entered the game. "Perhaps the unlikely Knick to be the hero. What a story tonight at the Garden." And it certainly was a story. It became history.

The Knicks beat the Nets that evening by a final score of 99-92, with Lin ultimately scoring 25 points. In the following games, Lin became a starter and led the underscoring and once-reeling Knicks to a seven-game winning streak that "saved the season," according to the New York Times.

On Feb. 10, in a pre-game interview for the much anticipated rivalry game between the Knicks and the LA Lakers, Kobe Bryant gave a cold shoulder to Linsanity.

When asked about Jeremy Lin, Bryant flatly stated, "I have no idea what you guys are talking about, but I'll take a look at it tonight."

The Lakers' star certainly had a chance to witness Lin's talent after the Lakers were defeated 92-85. Lin scored a new career-high that day with 38 points, outscoring Bryant who fell short with 34 points.

Looking back, Bryant formed a new opinion of the young guard.

"The biggest thing to me is how everybody missed it," said Bryant, according to the Associated Press, before the All-Star Game. "I hear this stuff, 'It came out of nowhere.' ... You can't play that well and just come out of nowhere."

"You have to sacrifice a lot to be the best because it takes a lot of time, effort and patience," Guilford College Head Coach of Women's Basketball Stephanie Flamini added.

Jeremy Lin has garnered the attention of fans not only in the U.S. but in the world, especially in Taiwan and China.

"I like him a lot," said Timothy Chang, a Taiwanese-American and junior in the Early College at Guilford. "Graduating from Harvard, his emphasis on teamwork, his humility, and the fact that he beat Kobe Bryant — now that's pretty impressive."

"My mom has been following the

basketball games more closely to watch the Jeremy Lin sensation," added Lily Huang, also a Taiwanese-American and Early College student. "My family usually never watches sports on TV."

Aside from fans, Lin has also received noteworthy attention from players, basketball legends, and other superstars — or shall I say, "super-fans."

Bryant's fellow Lakers teammate, Metta World Peace, rushed out of the Lakers players' lounge yelling, "Linsanity!" when Lin made the unexpected game winning three-pointer against the Toronto Raptors with less than a second left in the game, according to the LA Times.



Newly acquired point-guard **Jeremy Lin** has been the needed spark for the Knicks as Linsanity has taken New York City by storm. In 29 games, Lin has posted averages of 14.7 points per game and 6.3 assists per game. He did all this while shooting 45 percent from the field.

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