

中国最有名的打篮球运动员是姚明。他在中国和美国打篮球打得很成功。在他的最后 NBA 球季 他是最高的球员。他一九八零年九月十二号在上海出生。他的父母都很高，爸爸是六英尺七英寸，妈妈是六英尺三英寸。他在九岁的时候去一个运动学校开始打篮球。他十七岁的时候参加了 上海大鲨鱼职业篮球队。

他打得很好可是在他第二个球季他的脚受伤。来美国以前，从一九九七年到二零零二年他在中国打篮球。

姚明在美国打篮球时是在休斯敦。他的篮球队在美国叫 “火箭队”，那个球队不是好队。可是姚明个人很成功。赢得了很多奖项。他八次被选进 “NBA 明星队”。他从二零零二年到二零零五年很完满， 可是从二零零六年到他的退休打得不是很好。因为他的脚和脚踝常常受伤，所以他有二百五十场球赛没有参加。姚明在二零一一年宣布他的退休。

姚明现在很忙。他在上海交通大学学财经。他和他的妻子有一个三岁的女儿叫姚沁蕾。姚明仍很受人注意，有很多广告代言。他也在二零零九年买了上海大鲨鱼队， 所以姚明在篮球场

上成功地画了一个圆以后，现在又回到他开始的地方。他也有一个葡萄酒的企业，一瓶葡萄酒是一千七百七十五人民币。今年他也有时间参加上海的立法机关。他对林书豪的成功特别关心注意。他说林书豪有像海洋一样的力量。

Vocab:

有名 – yǒu míng – well know/famous
成功 – chéng gōng – success
大鲨鱼 – dà shā yú – big shark
球季 – qiú jì – season
受伤 – shòu shāng – injury
休斯敦 – xiū sī dūn – Houston
奖项 – jiǎng xiàng – award
完满 – wán mǎn – award
退休 – tuì xiū – retirement
财经 – cái jīng – finance
妻子 – qī zi – wife
广告代言 – guǎng gào dài yán – advertisements
受人注意 – shòu rén zhùyì – popularity
葡萄酒 – pú táo jǐu – wine

Yao Ming

China's most well known athlete is Yao Ming. He has had success in both China and America playing basketball. He was the tallest player in the NBA during his last season. He was born in Shanghai in 1980. His parents were both very tall, his father is six feet seven inches and his mother was six foot three. When he was nine he went to a sports to start playing basketball. When he was 17 he joined the Shanghai Sharks basketball team. He played very well however in his second season he

injured his foot. He played basketball in China from 1997 to 2002 before coming to America.

In America Yao Ming played in Houston. His team in America was the Houston Rockets, this team isn't that good. However, Yao Ming managed to become very successful. He won many awards and was on the NBA All Star team eight times. From 2002 to 2005 he was very successful, however, from 2006 to his retirement he didn't play as well. This is because his feet and ankles were often injured and he missed 250 games during this time. In 2011 he announced his retirement.

Yao Ming today is very busy. He is studying finance at Shanghai Jiaotong University. He and his wife have a three-year-old daughter called Yao Qin Lei. Yao Ming is still well known and has lots of corporate endorsements. In 2007 he bought the Shanghai Sharks so in a way he has gone full circle. He also has a wine company; one bottle of his wine costs 1775 RMB. This year he also had time to participate in the Shanghai legislature. He is particularly interested in Jeremy Lin's success. He said Jeremy has the strength of an ocean.