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Source: Icon Sportswire/Getty Sadly, bullying is part of the lives of many children - even for a child who would continue to play basketball at Texas Christian University. Where I came from, you had to have thick skin. It didn't matter who you were. You were going to meet someone mean. You should have taken it. I just shrugged it off. It's nothing but words. Of course, words can hurt. But when you went through and saw things, real experience, words can do nothing for you, Jaylen Fisher told Star-Telegram, an interview where he opened up about what he wanted to live with albinism. The talented sophomore from Tennessee wasn't open to the media the first year, but in his second year, he's fair game. He's a rising star in a team that has been leading in assists and averaging 11 points per game, but would rather talk about what makes him different and embraces him. Fisher didn't realize he wasn't like anyone else until he started hanging out with other kids. After people repeatedly asked him about his skin, he decided to ask his mother. This is exactly how God made you, was her answer. And with that, Fisher found strength in his uniqueness. In addition to limiting the amount of melanin in a person's skin, albinism can also make your skin more sensitive to sun exposure and cause possible vision problems. But the 6'2 guard says that the only symptoms he has are his pale skin and white hair, so despite being black, some people assume he is white. He remembers during the AAU game when a player on the opposing team made a comment about him being an albino and it just made him want to go even harder once the ball was tipped out. The Tennessee native knows that with his talents come a great platform to draw attention to his condition, and he knows how hard it will be to just play the ball, but he gets it. How can you miss a black guy who is blonde? For those who have ever hated that they are not like everyone else, listen to Jaylen Fisher. Fisher is a sophomore point guard at TCU that was raised in Bolton, Tennessee, about 30 miles from Memphis. He is an albino, a condition that affects one in 20,000 people. I first found out about it when I was with other kids, Fisher said. The question doesn't stand out until the question has been asked repeatedly, and that's when I thought: Wait - I'm kind of different. Albinism is a hereditary genetic disease that reduces the amount of pigment produced in the skin, hair and/or eyes, according to the National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation. People with albinism are expected to have a normal life. Vision problems are usually associated with albinism, and people with the condition are more sensitive to sun exposure. Fisher said that the only he has his white skin and hair. By the time he was a freshman in high school, he admitted he just didn't look like their peers. At first glance, many people think he's white. Then they hear me talking, Fisher said. I really don't know how I came to be at peace with it. I was so nervous when I went to school. ... I didn't want to be the center of attention. I would just do what I do. Making the transition easier is the fact that Fisher has been an outstanding basketball player since he was a boy. The guys who could have laughed at him didn't laugh when he lit them on the court. Before the AAU game in Arkansas, he heard an opponent say, They have an albino - he can't play! I heard it and thought: I fixin to kill this guy, he said. It's just a chip on my shoulder. Fisher is the highest-rated rookie ever to sign with TCU. He's basically been a starter since he arrived. I want to lie down, Fisher said, but how can you miss a black guy who's blonde? WWE toilet kiosk wrestler Heath Slater found himself in an awkward position on a flight the day before New Year's Eve. Slater was on his way to Miami on Monday night. At one point during the flight, Slater, 34, got up to use the toilet where he was trapped after the door lock got stuck. The crew members on the flight had to break out the wrestler by turning away the bathroom door and then forcibly unlatching the lock with a screwdriver. Fellow WWE wrestler Curtis Axel, who was traveling with Slater to the event, filmed crew members trying to help save Slater from the tiny dresser. Don't let him go. He's an evil animal, Axel said when a flight attendant asked Slater to help unstuck the hinges of the door. At one point, Axel jokingly accused his friend of deliberately staying and ordered him to stop playing and open the door. Finally the crew broke up the door. The video shows Slater leaning against the sink and shaking his head. I locked it up and then I went to unlock it and the pen came off and I was like, Oh, you have to joke me, the wrestler explained in the video as soon as he was rescued. He didn't seem claustrophobic, but he wrote that the pint-sized toilet was getting so hot while he waited. Sports quiz When was the last time a TCU basketball team reached the elite eight of the NCAA Tournament? The Horned Frogs lost to Houston 103-68 in the Midwest Region finals. Sports on 01/11/2018 Print Headline: TCU guard just fine now in her own skin Albino model Joan Dion struggles to fit into society as she is not always accepted as a black and white community. She was born with albinism- a genetic disease that causes less pigment in the skin and eyes. Growing up, she was mocked and called Casper and Talc. She struggled to become a model and told BBC Minute: I'm not normal and I'm fine with that. The video was produced by Patrick Clahane and Olivia Le Podevin. Our Unfortunately, our site is currently unavailable in most European countries due to GDPR rules. I love Jaylen Fisher. I loved it from the first time I watched his game movie, shortly after the Frog made a late push to sign a talented point guard from Tennessee. I loved him even more as soon as I saw his suit for the Frogs, where he demonstrated a vision of the court far beyond his years and ball-handling skillset that not many true freshmen have in his back pocket. I loved him through wins and losses, terrific assists and freshmen mistakes, and perhaps most of all for the way he carried himself as a teammate despite not having an entire TCU post-season run with a broken wrist. But today I love him even more. On Thursday afternoon, Fish gave an exclusive interview to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Mac Engel, speaking for the first time about the fight against albinism and how he feels encouraged to use the college basketball platform giving him to help others embrace their differences. If you haven't been a fan before, you'll be after reading, I guarantee it. Where I came from, you had to have thick skin, he said. It doesn't matter who you are. You were going to meet someone mean. You should have taken it. I just shrugged it off. It's nothing but words. Of course, words can hurt. But when you've been through and seen things, real life experiences, words can do nothing for you. Have you ever heard of Chekin? It's embarrassing. It's a way of life in Memphis. It's people come at you saying: Boy, you're ugly. Or something like that. It's what gets people through the day. If you're angry about it, they'll keep doing it. They'll look at you and find you. If you fend for yourself, it won't fly too long. Fisher was protected for his first year on campus as TCU made it clear that the issue was closed to the media. And it makes sense - as a true freshman, inserted into the starting lineup almost from the moment he stepped foot on campus - Fish had a lot on his plate. But as his profile grew, so did his exposure, and with it the negativity and cruelty on social media. Eventually, the young man realized that he could use his voice to make a difference. Hug, he said. Everyone's different. There are worse things, he said. I am very blessed to even talk about it. While albinism is rare - only 1 in 20,000 people suffer - the willingness of fish to accept its differences is a message that everyone can appreciate. Almost all of us have experienced the sight at one time or another, either by ourselves or with someone we love. There's nothing worse than being on the other side of that look, wondering if you or your loved one is being judged, bullied, or targeted, and feeling helpless to anything about it. But imagine that feeling nationally, and having to deal with the cruel words of strangers on social media every time you log in. This is the position this young man has been in for years. Hopefully, Talking Up Fish can make the best kind of waves, and make a difference for kids struggling to accept their own differences, whatever they can be. Fisher seems ready to take on the fight, and become an inspiration to thousands. He will absolutely have the support of his frog fam every step of the way. Fisher begins to recognize that, as an athlete, he has a great platform to tell his story, a story that can be inspiring to others. He's ready for everyone to hear it now. I want to lie down, Fisher said, but how can you miss a black guy who's blonde? Meanwhile, Fisher is averaging 11.3 points per game and leads the team in assists, having started 11 of 13 games this season for #16 horned Frogs. He comes off a masterful game against Baylor, one in which he had 14 points, four assists and only two turnovers in 42 minutes, helping the Frogs defeat the Bears in Waco for the first time since 2002. He will then lead his team against the Kansas Jayhawks Saturday as TCU looks to get the signature home win. The sellout crowd will certainly be in their corner all night long. Long.

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