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■ Chicago's 58 wins are its most since the 1997-98 season, when the Bulls finished 62-20.

■ Chicago is on pace to win 60 games for the sixth time in franchise history. Chicago's projected 61 wins would also be the most ever by a first-year head coach in franchise history (topping Phil Jackson's 55 wins in 1989-90).

■ With a projected 61 wins, Chicago will have improved 20 games from its 41-41 season in 2009-10, marking the fourth-best single-season turnaround in franchise history.

■ Between them, Carlos Boozer and Joakim Noah have missed 57 games this year. Chicago is 38-15 (.717) when Boozer and/or Noah miss a game.

■ Chicago's 114-81 victory over Atlanta (on March 22) marked the first time the Bulls won two straight games by 30 or more points (defeated Sacramento on March 21, 132-92) since Jan. 10-11, 1995.

■ With a road record of 23-15, Chicago is assured of its first winning road record for a single season since 1997-98.

■ Chicago is 16-4 (.800) following a loss this season.

■ Versus the top four seeds in the East (excluding Chicago) and the West, the Bulls hold an overall record of 12-6 (.667).



■ At 24-10, Chicago is one of eight teams in the NBA that owns a winning record against teams that are .500 or better (records as of April 7).

• CHICAGO 24-10 (.706)

- L.A. Lakers 29-13 (.690)
- Boston 22-13 (.629)
- San Antonio 25-17 (.595)
- Dallas 24-17 (.585)
- Oklahoma City 21-17 (.553)
- Denver 21-18 (.538)
- New Orleans 23-20 (.535)

■ Chicago is 50-7 this year when it holds its opponent under its scoring average.

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■ Chicago has held its opponent to 85 points or less this year an NBA-best 28 times (26-2), including a league-high 12 games (12-0) under 80 points.

■ Chicago is 43-2 this year when it holds opponent to 95 points or less.

■ Chicago is one of two teams, along with Boston, in the NBA this year that has not lost more than two games in a row.

■ With a home record of 35-5 (.875), Chicago is tied with San Antonio (35-5) for the best home record in the NBA this year. This is Chicago's best single-season start at the UC since 1997-98, when the Bulls began the year 36-4.

■ Chicago recorded five win streaks of five games or more.

■ The Bulls rank first in opponent field goal percentage (.430), first in opponent three-point field goal percentage (.326), first in opponent rebounds per game (38.6), first in rebound margin (plus-5.6), first in point differential (plus-7.3), second in opponent points per game (91.3), second in opponent assists per game (19.0), second in the NBA in rebounds per game (44.2) and sixth in blocks per game (5.68).

■ For the first time since 1997-98, Chicago has posted a winning record every month this season: Oct./Nov.= 9-6, Dec.= 12-4, Jan.= 12-4, Feb.= 8-3, March= 13-3 and April= 4-0.



■ After starting the season 10-8, the Bulls are 47-12 over their last 59 contests.

■ Chicago's start of 58-20 is the team's best start to a season since 1997-98 when the Bulls began the year 60-18.

■ Clinched the Central Division on March 9; the first time the Bulls won the division since 1997-98.

■ This season, Chicago will play in an NBA-high 23 back-to-back sets (tied with Atlanta and Milwaukee). Chicago is 15-7 in the first game of back-to-backs this year, and 16-5 on the second night of back-to-backs (31-12 overall, .721).