

Kirk Hinrich & Ben Wallace

NBA All-Defensive First Team



Kirk Hinrich

- 23rd in steals/game (1.30)
- 8th in steals/game among guards averaging 36.0+ mpg
- His tenacious perimeter defense has helped Chicago post the best defensive FG % in the League over the last three seasons (1st in NBA in 2004-05, 1st in NBA in 2005-06 and 2nd in 2006-07)

Ben Wallace

- One of only three players in the NBA this year to rank in the top 20 in per game averages of rebounds, steals and blocked shots
- 7th in rebounds/game (10.7)
- 9th in blocks/game (2.07)
- 17th in steals/game (1.45)
- He is the only center in the Top 20 in steals/game and one of only two in the Top 30 (Carmelo ranks 25th)
- Played important role in Chicago holding opponents to the second best opponent FG% this season (.438)
- This year marks his seventh straight season with 100+ blocked shots and 100+ steals - only the fifth player in NBA history to have posted such numbers in seven straight seasons or more, joining Hakeem Olajuwon (12 times), Julius Erving (seven times), Sam Lacey (seven times) and David Robinson (seven times).
- Named to the NBA First All-Defensive team in each of the last five seasons, including NBA Defensive Player of the Year four times (2002, 2003, 2005, 2006)