Date: 3/3/14 Opponent: Brooklyn Nets (LOSS: 96-80)

Scouted: **Joakim Noah** - Chicago Bulls

Final stats: 10 pts (5/8), 6 rebs, 1 assts (although I had him for 2), 2 stls, 6 TOs {-13 diff, BEST of starters}

Previous game stats: 13 pts (4/10), 12 rebs, 14 assts - vs Knicks (WIN)

Matchup: defended by Mason Plumlee (later Blatche); guarded Paul Pierce (later Teletovic/Kirilenko).

{Kevin Garnett DNP}

Summary: After triple-double the day before, Noah’s play-making was very poor (as was Bulls’). Chicago had 20 turnovers halfway thru 3rd qtr (25 total). Nets had a season-high 16 steals by start of 4th qtr.

Positioning: Noah began the game playing High-Low, later moving to Left Elbow. He ran most of his pick-n-rolls in the 2nd qtr. In 2nd half, he stayed Up High while also working the RIGHT Elbow. For the majority of the game, Noah was positioned on the same sideline as the benches (possibly to give Thibodeau a better viewing angle from bench?). Bulls racked up most their turnovers in the 3rd, as their primary passer (Noah) was taken out of rhythm.

Scouting Report: \* MUST TAKE AWAY NOAH’S LEFT ON ALL MOVES TO BASKET. PLAY HIM LIKE LEFTY \* Nets (w/ Plumlee) did good job of taking away Noah’s LEFT on drives from high post. Tibs used cross-match, where Joakim guarded a perimeter (Pierce/Teletovic/Kirilenko), most the game. This hurt Jo’s flow and overall comfort-level transitioning from defense to offense (Boozer is not able to guard 4s on perimeter).

Bulls scored on **40%** of plays that began with Noah pick-n-rolls (6 out of 15), and none in the 4th qtr.

Of those 6, only 3 scores came directly from PnR: 2 in 2nd qtr (Augustin FTs; Dunleavy 3ptr), 1 in 3rd qtr (Noah rolling to basket).

Of the 9 non-scores, only 2 resulted in turnovers.

Positioning in offensive sets

Up High: 23 (Scores: 6 / Turnovers: 6)

Left Elbow: 11 (Scores: 2 / Turnovers: 3)

Right Elbow: 7 (Scores: 1 / Turnovers: 1 (+2 bad shots: Augustin J, Noah runner))

PnR: Up High-7; Left Elbow-7; Right Elbow-3; High Post-1

**1st qtr** Primarily played HIGH-LOW w/ Boozer sealing inside

Possessions: 14 (touches 10)

Positioning:

Up High – 8 (2 feeding Boozer low, both TOs; 2 no-touch; 1 two-man game w/ Hinrich; 1 dive & put-back)

Left Elbow – 1 (no score) \* by Bulls bench

Right Wing – 1 (out of bounds play, no score)

High Post – 1 (PnR w/ Dunleavy, no score)

PnR: 1 (w/ Dunleavy – no score) Post-ups: 0

EXITS GAME (Gibson IN) – 4:20 MARK 1ST qtr (score: 22-10)

RE-ENTERS GAME – (Gibson OUT) – 9:53 MARK 2nd qtr (score: 32-21)…..{playing PF w/ Mohammed}

**2nd qtr** Primarily LEFT ELBOW running two-man game (hand-offs / PnRs)

Possessions: 16 (touches: 14)

Positioning:

Left Elbow (by Bulls bench) – 6 (3 PnR w/ Butler; 1 post up, 1 no touch; 1 post feed to Boozer, TO

Up High – 6 (including last 4 poss. of qtr), scoring on 3 of them

Right Elbow – 2 (1 turnover; 1 Dunleavy 3ptr)

PnR: 7 (on 6 possessions):

3 w/ Augustin 3 scores: 1 Up-High (Nazr baseline score; ), 1 Right Elbow (Dunleavy 3ptr off Noah asst), 1 Left Elbow (DJ gets 2 FTs)

3 w/ Butler - 2 scores: (3) Left Elbow (1-Butler hits J; 2- Noah makes J on L elbow; 3-ball swung, Butler misses J)

2 w/Hinrich - 1 score: (Noah post-up, Right block)

Post-ups: 3 (on 2 possessions): 1 score (Right block, turning Left, lefty hook) on play starting Up High PnR w/ Hinrich

*5 of last 6 plays in 2nd qtr – Noah played UP HIGH*

\* late 2nd qtr: Noah loses offensive rebound to Pierce \*

HALFTIME SCORE 50-42 Noah: 8 pts (4/6), 2 rebs, 1 assts {2 jumpers, 1 post-up hook, 1 put-back}

**3rd qtr**

Possessions: 9 (touches: 9)

Positioning

Up High: 4 (1st 3 ended in turnovers; last 1 Noah lefty score inside)

Right Elbow: 2 (back-to-back late in qtr, same set, Boozer missed baseline J both times)

Left Elbow: 2 (2nd play of half, Boozer miss; Hinrich ignores screen, no touch)

Top of Key: 1 (only time Noah set-up below 3pt line up top, Butler stripped, TO)

PnR: 2 (Hinrich ; Dunleavy Post-ups: 0

{Following timeout, w/ score 49-59, Bulls use Fullcourt Press w/ Noah denying in-bounds downcourt. *Only time in game*}

EXITS GAME (Gibson IN) - 3:10 mark 3rd qtr (score: 51-67)

**4th qtr**

Possessions: 12 (touches: 10)

Positioning

Up High: 5 (3 PnR w/ Augustin, NO SCORES; 1 Butler J, Noah assist; 1 no-touch)

Right Elbow: 3 (1st ended in Noah post-up, TO; next 2 were during aggressive/frustrated stretch for Noah, see below)

Left Elbow: 2 (1 turnover; 1 forced foul)

Left Baseline: 1

FT Line: 1 (floating, ends in post-up on Right block, TO)

PnR: 6 (on 5 poss.) 5-Augustin; 1-Hinrich; 1-Butler

Post-ups: 1 (Right block, help defender reach…Turnover – bad spacing)

\* midway thru 4th, score 80-71, Noah turned up aggression: 1-dribbling ball downcourt getting Augustin 3ptr; 2-driving off Right Elbow and throwing up bad shot off backcourt

EXITS GAME (Tibs throws in towel) – score: 90-73

Noah (2nd half totals): 2 pts (1/2), 4 rebs, 1 assts