[Claps hands together] Over the next couple of weeks we’ll be talking about the upcoming NBA season and which teams will have good seasons and which ones wont. We will be picking division, conference, and league winners as well as tracking player and individual statistics. The question we’re going to try and answer in this unit is who will win the NBA championship and why will they win it? What makes one team better than the rest? [question is written on the board]Today I will be making an argument about why the Chicago Bulls will win the NBA championship. They will, so listen up.

 The first reason the Chicago Bulls will win the NBA championship is because there are just no other teams that are good enough. Specifically, there’s just one other team who has a good chance of winning the NBA championship- the Cleveland Cavaliers. While the Cavs have added LeBron, that’s it. LeBron can’t play defense, nor can anyone else on the Cavs, and LeBron is the Cavs only real offensive threat. Their other big addition, Kevin Love, is a poor outside shooter. He’s great at rebounding though, so the Bulls will have their hands full containing LeBron and Love.

 The second reason the Bulls will win the NBA championship is because of the additions they made in the offseason. Pay attention to these names, because these are players we’ll focus on in the coming weeks. The Bulls have reigning defensive player of the year Joakim Noah who’s a force down low and will thwart the efforts of those trying to get an easy bucket. The bulls have a player who plays a similar style, Taj Gibson who will come off the bench. The Bulls have also added Pau Gasol, which will allow the Bulls to dominate the post [player names are written on the board and pointed to as I talk about them].

 Lastly, the Bulls have an embarrassment of talent on their bench compared to any other team in the league. Taj Gibson will bring great defense late in the game, and Nikola Mirotic and Doug McDermott have proven to be invaluable in close games.

 To review, the Chicago Bulls will win the NBA championship because of a lack of competition, the acquisitions they’ve made in the offseason, and the depth of their bench. Though teams in the West might be deeper than the Bulls, the lack of quality teams and parity in the West will ultimately hurt them and prove that Chicago is the best team in the NBA.