HE'S BACK WITH THE BULLS FRANCHISE

Q: Why did you choose a written release rather than a news conference to announce your return?

A: I did not want to wake up a sleeping giant (of criticism), even though I hear that most fans are in favor of the deal. It's great that I'm coming back, and it's going to be wonderful. I could have waited longer and had a press conference. But I signed when I signed to enable John Paxson to get his job done and keep him from having to hold other players in limbo. I wanted to be fair with John because he is my friend and I want nothing but the best for him.

Q: What about the criticism you've received for those controversial incidents during your first stint with the Bulls, the run-ins with Krause and the 1.8-seconds game?

A: Hey, believe me, I knew what I was getting into when I signed to come back and play for the Bulls. I know there are people who'll never forgive me no matter how many times I apologize. I had to play through that during my whole career there, and I can still deal with it.

There are people who just want to look at the negatives. Some people I can never satisfy no matter how much good I do.

Q: How have you been spending the summer since making the decision to re-sign with the Bulls?

A: I've been down here in Florida most of the time, working out in the mornings, playing ball. I live down here most of the summer since I bought a home in Fort Lauderdale.

Q: Did you always keep your home here in Chicago?

A: Yes, I did. So I won't have to worry about buying a new home. My family had grown since I last played there. My wife [Larsa] and I have two very active sons [Scotty and Preston]. They keep me busy. But the house in Chicago is still big enough for our purposes.

Q: When do you plan to report to the Bulls and start working out with them?

A: I plan to come to Chicago about the 15th of September [2003]. Then you will start seeing me working out at he Berto Center on a regular basis.

Q: Did the resignation of Krause make the Bulls a more attractive team for you to play for?

A: Without question. Doesn't it make things better for [the media] also?

These are only a few questions asked by Lacy Banks, Staff Reporter of the <u>Chicago Suntimes</u>. For the complete interview go to http://www.suntimes.com. Interview posted on Thursday, August 14, 2003.