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Shaquille O'Neal wants a new nickname: the 'Green Monster'?

Shaquille O'Neal, the newest member of the Boston Celtics, has announced that he's looking for a new nickname. If you think he's just 'Shaq,' you haven't been paying attention.

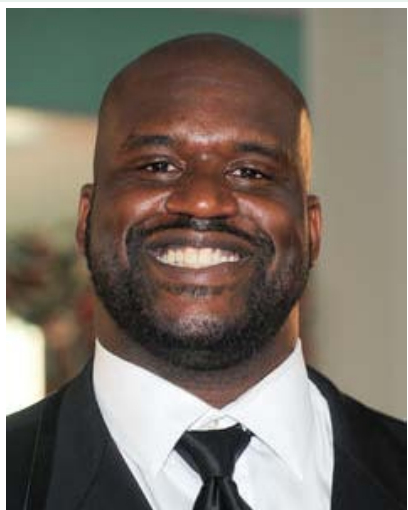


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Boston

There's no shortage of accomplishments in Shaquille O'Neal's basketball legacy. Likewise, the 7-foot-1, 325-pound center has seen no shortage of nicknames.



Shaquille O'Neal, newly of the Boston Celtics, is in the market for a new nicknames. There have been some great ones in the history of sports (and O'Neal has a few of them).

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The 15-time all-star has toured five teams over his 18-year career. All the while, fans and sportscasters have called the iconic NBA center, rapper and actor such names as "The Diesel," "The Big Aristotle," and "The Big Shaqtus." A University of Phoenix MBA degree-holder, "Dr. Shaq" is a former number one draft pick turned rookie of the year. A 38-year-old father of six, "Shaq Daddy" has been crowned most valuable player. "Wilt Chamberneezy" has won four NBA titles and an Olympic gold medal and he inspired the term "Hack-a-Shaq" to describe when teams purposely foul an opponent's poor free-throw shooters.

And, as "Shaqovic" brings his reverse pivot move dubbed "Black Tornado" to his [new home with the Celtics](#), he's searching for yet another name to substitute the more than a dozen he has already.

But, while Mr. O'Neal, perhaps Boston's new "Green Monster," may boast more than most athletes, nicknames are a long held tradition in the sports world.

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