

Shaq Retires

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Shaquille O'Neal announced his retirement Wednesday afternoon.

O'Neal, who played with the Boston Celtics this past season, played 19 seasons in the National Basketball Association. He won four world championships (three with the Los Angeles Lakers and one with the Miami Heat), and he is ranked fifth all-time on the NBA's scoring list with 28,596 points.

O'Neal, who only shot 45% from the free-throw line in his career, played for Boston, the Lakers, the Orlando Magic, the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Phoenix Suns. He was named the NBA's Most Valuable Player in 2000, and he was an NBA Finals MVP three times (2000-02).

O'Neal, who was named Rookie of the Year in 1993, was an all-star 15 times in his 19-year career. A nagging Achilles injury, among other ailments the last few years, led to his retirement. O'Neal only played in 37 games for the Celtics this season and averaged 9.2 points-per-game.