

## NBA Picks: Celtics at Cavaliers - October 27, 2009

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NBA Picks - Celtics at Cavaliers: The NBA begins its 2009 NBA Picks season Tuesday night with a Eastern Conference blockbuster opener between the Boston Celtics and Cleveland Cavaliers with tip-off set for 7:35 pm ET at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland. This is a much anticipated opener between these two teams, each high on the Bodog.com 2010 NBA title watch list. The Cavaliers are listed on the Bodog NBA board at 10-to-3 odds favorites to win the championship while the Celtics are listed at 4-1.

NBA Picks oddsmakers at Bodog.com have installed the Cavaliers as 5-chalk favorites versus the Celtics for tonight's game with a 184 total.

The biggest question the Cavaliers must answer on beginning the season is - how effective will the addition of veteran post man Shaquille O'Neil be? Will Shaq compliment LeBron James, the leagues best player. One thing Shaq has been fortunate in acquiring during his long career is championships - something LeBron is still looking for. Let's see if some chemistry can develop here between these two mega-stars.

Celtics backers should be overjoyed that forward Kevin Garnett will be returning to the fold healthy and hungry for another championship.

The Cavaliers are coming off a year (2008-09) where they went 66-16 SU and 49-33 ATS. The Celtics finished last season with a 62-20 record SU and were 43-39 ATS.

In their last five games the Cavaliers have played host to the Celtics, they have won all five SU and are 5-0 ATS. Cleveland is 8-1 ATS in its last nine games when playing Boston at home or on the road.

Free NBA Picks: It will be raucous in Cleveland tonight. Look for the Cavaliers to enjoy a nice opening night by winning SU and getting by -5 ATS.

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