SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/

Form 4 April 18, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MORTON JOHN D

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

[TSA]

(Check all applicable)

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2005

0.5

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

04/15/2005

below) Chairman, President & CEO

C/O THE SPORTS AUTHORITY. INC., 1050 WEST HAMPDEN

AVENUE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110

(City) (State) (Zip)

04/15/2005

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Price Amount (D)

Common Stock

74,766 (1)

\$0 $297,676^{(2)}$

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secui (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6					07/03/2001	07/03/2010	Common Stock	39,000	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.625					03/16/2002	03/16/2009	Common Stock	25,000	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.97					08/09/2002	08/09/2011	Common Stock	28,000	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14					12/17/2001	12/17/2007	Common Stock	60,000	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14					03/09/2002	03/09/2008	Common Stock	17,750	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.63					04/07/2001	04/07/2008	Common Stock	36,250	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20					12/18/2003	12/18/2012	Common Stock	75,000	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.88					08/22/2004	08/22/2013	Common Stock	49,000	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MORTON JOHN D C/O THE SPORTS AUTHORITY, INC. 1050 WEST HAMPDEN AVENUE ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110

Chairman, President & CEO

Signatures

Nesa E. Hassanein, Attorney-In-Fact

04/18/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The grant of 74,766 restricted stock units on April 15, 2005 vest over a period of 4 years beginning in 2007 only if certain predetermined performance targets are met in each year.
- (4) Non-qualified stock options vest 25% on each anniversary date of the date of grant over a period of four years, subject to early termination under certain circumstances, and to earlier vesting upon a Change of Control.
- Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) consists of awards of restricted stock at varying vesting (2) terms as previously reported that were granted under the 1994 Management Equity Plan and the 2003 Long Term Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (3) 20% on each annual anniversary of the date of grant over a period of 5 years, subject to early termination under certain circumstances, and to earlier vesting upon a Change of Control.

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