

SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SOKOLOFF JONATHAN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/  
[TSA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/06/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

11111 SANTA MONICA  
BLVD, STE 2000

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LOS ANGELES, CA 90025

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 39,550  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 300 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | 1998 Children's Trust fbo Emma Sokoloff               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 150 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | 1998 Children's Trust fbo Zachary                     |

|              |            |  |                  |       |   |                          |   |   |
|--------------|------------|--|------------------|-------|---|--------------------------|---|---|
| Common Stock |            |  |                  |       |   | 1,955,940 <sup>(3)</sup> | I | Sokoloff<br>Green Equity Investors, L.P. (GEI)          |
| Common Stock | 10/06/2005 |  | J <sup>(4)</sup> | 3,404 | D | \$ 0 3,500               | I | Leonard Green & Partners, L.P.                          |
| Common Stock | 10/06/2005 |  | J <sup>(5)</sup> | 33    | A | \$ 0 33                  | I | LGP Management, Inc.                                    |
| Common Stock | 10/06/2005 |  | J <sup>(6)</sup> | 944   | A | \$ 0 944                 | I | The Sokoloff Family Trust dated 12/16/98 <sup>(7)</sup> |

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)

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number 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. Priority of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 32.38   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/29/2004   | 08/29/2013  | Common Stock                                  | 6,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SOKOLOFF JONATHAN D  
11111 SANTA MONICA BLVD  
STE 2000  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90025

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## Signatures

Nesa E. Hassanein,  
Attorney-In-Fact

10/13/2005

\_\_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).
- (7) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month are owned by The Sokoloff Family Trust dated 12-16-98 with Jonathan Sokoloff as Trustee and a beneficiary.
- (1) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month are owned by the 1998 Children's Trust with Jonathan D. Sokoloff & Sheryl D. Sokoloff as Trustees and Emma Sokoloff as beneficiary.
- (2) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month are owned by the 1998 Children's Trust with Jonathan D. Sokoloff & Sheryl D. Sokoloff as Trustees and Zachary Sokoloff as beneficiary.
- (5) Transferred by LGP to LGP Management, Inc., the general partner of LGP, for no consideration. Reporting Person is a Director, Vice President and shareholder of LGP Management, Inc., and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these shares.  
  
Shares indirectly owned are for the benefit of Green Equity Investors, L.P. ("GEI"), a Delaware limited partnership, the general partner of which is Leonard Green & Associates, L.P. ("LGA"). The general partner of LGA is Jonathan Sokoloff. Mr. Sokoloff may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of The Sports Authority, Inc. Common Stock held by GEI since he, or entities controlled by him, is a general partner of LGA and also because he, whether through ownership interest or position, may be deemed to control LGA.
- (8) The amounts beneficially owned as reflected on this Form 4 are owned by Leonard Green & Partners, L.P. as director compensation for the services of Jonathan Sokoloff, a member of the Board of Directors of The Sports Authority, Inc. and a general partner of Leonard Green & Partners L.P.
- (4) Transferred by Leonard Green & Partners, L.P. ("LGP") to the Reporting Person for no consideration. Reporting Person is the managing partner of LGP.
- (6) Transferred by LGP to the partners of LGP for no consideration. Jonathan Sokoloff, a member of the Board of Directors of The Sports Authority, Inc. and a partner of LGP, received 933 of the 3,404 shares transferred.

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