

SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/
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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 *
MORTON JOHN 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)
04/15/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chairman, President & CEO

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

(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
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ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/15/2005		A	(A) Amount 74,766 (1)	(D) Price \$ 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. 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. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				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

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 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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