

SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/
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FORM 4

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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 *
LEONARD GREEN PARTNERS LP

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/06/2005		J ⁽¹⁾	3,404 D \$ 0	3,500 ⁽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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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
LEONARD GREEN PARTNERS LP C/O THE SPORTS AUTHORITY, INC. 1050 WEST HAMPDEN AVENUE ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110	X			

Signatures

Nesa E. Hassanein,
Attorney-In-Fact
Date: 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).
- (3) Special one-time merger grant of stock options vesting 100% on the first anniversary of the date of grant, subject to earlier vesting upon a Change of Control. The amounts beneficially owned as reflected on this Form are owned by Leonard Green & Partners L.P. ("LGP") as director compensation for the services of Jonathan Sokoloff, a member of the Board of Directors of The Sports Authority, Inc. and a partner of Leonard Green & Partners L.P.
- (1) 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.
- (2) Of the total Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s), restricted shares are subject to future vesting as previously reported. The amounts beneficially owned as reflected on this Form 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 partner of Leonard Green & Partners, L.P.

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