

LEONARD GREEN PARTNERS LP

Form 4

November 14, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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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)
09/14/2005

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)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/14/2005		J ⁽¹⁾	2,000 D \$ 0	4,904 ⁽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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr.
				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
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 11/09/2005

__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 Leonard Green & Associates, L.P. to a partner for no consideration.
- (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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