

MORTON JOHN D
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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 *
 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)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chairman, President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O THE SPORTS AUTHORITY,
 INC., 1050 WEST HAMPDEN
 AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 09/25/2005

(Street)
 ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110

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

(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	09/25/2005		F	V Amount D \$ 1,644 D 30.88	232,616 ⁽¹⁾	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 Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.97					08/09/2002 08/09/2011	Common Stock 28,000	
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
09/27/2005

**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) 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.
- (1) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) consists of awards of restricted stock at varying vesting terms that were granted under the 1994 Management Equity Plan and the 2003 Long Term Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (2) 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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