

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)  
09/16/2005

\_\_\_\_ 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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |                        |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------------|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |                        |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 12,000  | A  | \$ 6                                       | 246,260 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 57,800  | A  | \$ 14                                      | 304,060 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 69,800  | D  | \$ 32.7499                                 | 234,260 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
| Common Stock                    | 09/19/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 2,200   | A  | \$ 14                                      | 236,460 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
|                                 | 09/19/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 2,200   | D  | \$ 32.525                                  | 234,260 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |

Common  
Stock

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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 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                     |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 6   | 09/16/2005                           |  | M                              | 12,000  | (4)  | 07/03/2010  | Common Stock | 12,000                     |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 14  | 09/16/2005                           |  | M                              | 57,800  | (5)  | 12/17/2007  | Common Stock | 57,800                     |

|                              |       |            |   |       |            |            |              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|---|-------|------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 14 | 09/19/2005 | M | 2,200 | <u>(5)</u> | 12/17/2007 | Common Stock | 2,200 |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|---|-------|------------|------------|--------------|-------|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| MORTON JOHN D<br>C/O THE SPORTS AUTHORITY, INC.<br>1050 WEST HAMPDEN AVENUE<br>ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110 |               |           | Chairman, President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

Nesa E. Hassanein,  
Attorney-In-Fact

09/19/2005

\*\*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).
- (5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month are at varying exercise prices and vesting terms as previously reported.
- (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.
- (4) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month are at varying exercise prices and vesting terms as previously reported.
- (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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