

SOKOLOFF JONATHAN 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 \*  
 SOKOLOFF JONATHAN 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)  
 04/20/2006

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

11111 SANTA MONICA BLVD, STE 2000

(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

LOS ANGELES, CA 90025

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,574 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 300 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | 1998 Children's Trust fbo Emma Sokoloff               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 150 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I  | 1998 Children's Trust fbo Zachary                     |

|              |            |  |                  |        |   |      |        |  |  |  |
|--------------|------------|--|------------------|--------|---|------|--------|--|--|--|
| Common Stock |            |  |                  |        |   |      |        |  |  | Sokoloff Leonard Green & Partners, L.P.  |
| Common Stock |            |  |                  |        |   |      |        |  |  | LGP Management, Inc.                     |
| Common Stock | 04/20/2006 |  | G <sup>(4)</sup> | 16,000 | D | \$ 0 | 91,776 |  |  | The Sokoloff Family Trust dated 12/16/98 |

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) | 8. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable      Expiration Date                    | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares                       |
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   |  |   |  |
| 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 |
| SOKOLOFF JONATHAN D<br>11111 SANTA MONICA BLVD<br>STE 2000<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 90025 | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Nesa E. Hassanein,  
Attorney-In-Fact

04/24/2006

\_\_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) Amount of securities beneficially owned at End of Month include shares of Common Stock owned and Restricted Stock Units subject to varying vesting terms.
- (4) 3,000 and 13,000 shares gifted by charitable contribution to Temple Emmanuel and Harvard-Westlake School, respectively.
- (2) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month are owned by the 1998 Children's Trust with Jonathan D. Sokoloff & Sheryl D. Sokoloff as Trustees and Emma Sokoloff as beneficiary.
- (3) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month are owned by the 1998 Children's Trust with Jonathan D. Sokoloff & Sheryl D. Sokoloff as Trustees and Zachary Sokoloff as beneficiary.
- (5) The amounts beneficially owned as reflected on this Form 4 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 general partner of Leonard Green & Partners L.P.

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