

WATERS GREGORY A  
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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 \*  
WATERS GREGORY A

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)  
05/03/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP Store Ops & COO

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		8,000	A	\$ 13.97
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		8,000	A	\$ 15.63
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		20,000	A	\$ 20
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		25,000	A	\$ 29.88
	05/03/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>		111,112	D	0

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Common Stock \$ 37.25

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.97	05/03/2006		M	8,000	05/03/2006 08/09/2011	Common Stock	8,000	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.63	05/03/2006		M	8,000	05/03/2006 04/07/2008	Common Stock	8,000	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20	05/03/2006		M	20,000	05/03/2006 12/18/2012	Common Stock	20,000	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.88	05/03/2006		M	25,000	04/07/2005 08/22/2013	Common Stock	25,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WATERS GREGORY A C/O THE SPORTS AUTHORITY, INC. 1050 WEST HAMPDEN AVENUE			EVP Store Ops & COO	

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110

## Signatures

Nesa E. Hassanein,  
Attorney-In-Fact

05/03/2003

        \*\*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) Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 22, 2006, among The Sports Authority, Inc., Slap Shot Holdings Corp., and SAS Acquisition Corp.

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