

HIBBETT SPORTS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
NEWSOME MICHAEL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
451 INDUSTRIAL LANE  
(Street)  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35211  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HIBBETT SPORTS INC [HIBB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/08/2012

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)  
Executive Chairman

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. De
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit (1)	\$ 0	03/08/2012	A	15,000					(1)	(1)	Common Stock	15,000
Restricted Stock Unit (2)	\$ 0	03/08/2012	A	12,600					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	12,600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEWSOME MICHAEL J 451 INDUSTRIAL LANE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35211	X		Executive Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael J.  
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03/12/2012

\*\*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).  
Performance-based RSU award under Amended 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. Three year cliff vest from date of grant 3/17/2009.
- (1) Performance certified achieved by Compensation Committee on 3/8/2012. Reporting person has met retirement eligibility; the units will convert to common stock upon the earlier of the third anniversary of the date of grant of 3/17/2009 or upon retirement.  
Performance-based RSU award under Amended 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. Performance certified achieved by Compensation Committee on 3/8/2012. Reporting person has met retirement eligibility; the units will convert to common stock upon the earlier of the fifth anniversary of the date of grant of 3/16/2011 or upon retirement.

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