

SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BURTON MARY ELIZABETH

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE SPORTS AUTHORITY, INC., 1050 WEST HAMPDEN AVENUE

(Street)

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/ [TSA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/03/2006

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 or Price		
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		555 A \$ 6.25	17,468	D
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		1,850 A \$ 6.55	19,318	D
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		1,850 A \$ 8.38	21,168	D
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		466 A \$ 9.97	21,634	D
	05/03/2006		M		6,000 A	27,634	D

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Common Stock						\$ 32.38		
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M	2,775	A	\$ 33.87	30,409	D
Common Stock	05/03/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>	30,409	D	\$ 37.25	0	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)

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 (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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.25	05/03/2006		M	555	08/04/2003 06/01/2010	Common Stock	555
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.55	05/03/2006		M	1,850	08/04/2003 03/28/2011	Common Stock	1,850
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 8.38	05/03/2006		M	1,850	08/04/2003 06/27/2011	Common Stock	1,850
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9.97	05/03/2006		M	466	08/04/2003 11/09/2009	Common Stock	466
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 32.38	05/03/2006		M	6,000	08/29/2004 08/29/2013	Common Stock	6,000

buy)

Stock

Options (Right to buy)	\$ 33.87	05/03/2006	M	2,775	08/04/2003	05/30/2012	Common Stock	2,775
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURTON MARY ELIZABETH C/O THE SPORTS AUTHORITY, INC. 1050 WEST HAMPDEN AVENUE ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110	X			

## Signatures

Nesa E. Hassanein,  
Attorney-In-Fact

05/03/2006

    \*\*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) 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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