

WILDENBERG THOMAS

Form 4

May 05, 2006

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WILDENBERG THOMAS**

(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)  
Sr. V.P. - Finance

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 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		1,600	A	\$ 13.97	20,837	D
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		9,000	A	\$ 20	29,837	D
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		6,000	A	\$ 20.42	35,837	D
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M		10,500	A	\$ 29.88	46,337	D
	05/03/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>		46,337	D		0	D

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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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.97	05/03/2006		M	1,600	05/03/2006	08/09/2011	Common Stock	1,600
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20	05/03/2006		M	9,000	05/03/2006	12/18/2012	Common Stock	9,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20.42	05/03/2006		M	6,000	05/03/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/24/2012	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.88	05/03/2006		M	10,500	05/03/2006	08/22/2013	Common Stock	10,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WILDENBERG THOMAS C/O THE SPORTS AUTHORITY, INC. 1050 WEST HAMPDEN AVENUE	Sr. V.P. - Finance

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110

## 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).

(2) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month are at varying exercise prices and vesting terms as previously reported.

(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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