SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol

SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/

(Check all applicable)

[TSA]

05/03/2006

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle)

(Zin)

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

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

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

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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) | Code (Instr. 8) | (A) or | | 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) | | |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | | Code V M | Amount 555 | (D) | Price \$ 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 <u>(1)</u> | 30,409 | D | \$ 37.25 0 | D |

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Securities | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8 II S () |
|---|---|---|---|--|------------|-------|--|--------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | 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 | \$ 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

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



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).
- 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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