

SPORTS AUTHORITY INC /DE/  
Form SC 13G/A  
December 15, 2004

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. 3)\***

**The Sports Authority, Inc.**

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(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**84917U 10 9**

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(CUSIP Number)

**December 10, 2004**

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Rule 13d-1(c)

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Green Equity Investors, L.P.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

0

SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

0

EACH

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON

0

WITH:

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.0%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

PN

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Leonard Green & Associates, L.P.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 0

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH: 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.0%

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

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SHARES 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 3,404

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EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

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WITH: 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

3,404

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,404

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

Less than 0.01% beneficial ownership

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

PN



1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

LGP Management, Inc.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) ..

(b) ..

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 3,404

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH: 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

3,404

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,404

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

Less than 0.01% beneficial ownership

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

CO

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Jonathan D. Sokoloff

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) ..

(b) ..

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States of America

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 108,236

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH: 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

108,236

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

108,236

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

Less than 0.01% beneficial ownership

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

**Item 1(a). Name of Issuer**

The Sports Authority, Inc. (the **Issuer** )

**Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices**

1050 West Hampden Avenue  
Englewood, Colorado 80110

**Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing**

(A) Green Equity Investors, L.P. ( **GEI** ) and Leonard Green & Associates, L.P. ( **LGA** )

LGA is the general partner of GEI.

(B) Leonard Green & Partners, L.P. ( **LGP** ) and LGP Management, Inc. ( **LGPM** )

LGP is the record owner of 3,404 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the **Common Stock** ). LGP is the management company of GEI. LGPM is the general partner of LGP. As a result of its relationship with LGP, LGPM may be deemed to have shared voting and investment power with respect to the Common Stock beneficially owned by LGP. LGPM, however, disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock owned by LGP.

(C) Jonathan D. Sokoloff

Jonathan D. Sokoloff has indirect beneficial ownership of 108,236 shares of Common Stock, 104,832 of which are held in the Sokoloff Family Trust and 3,404 of which are held by LGP. 450 shares of Common Stock, which are held in trusts created for his children, are excluded from this statement. Mr. Sokoloff, directly (whether through ownership interest or position) or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, may be deemed to control LGP and/or LGPM. Mr. Sokoloff is a partner of LGA and LGP. As such, Mr. Sokoloff may be deemed to have shared voting and investment power with respect to all Common Stock beneficially owned by LGP. Mr. Sokoloff, however, disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by LGP.

**Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office, or, if None, Residence**

(A), (B) and (C)

11111 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 2000  
Los Angeles, California 90025

**Item 2(c). Citizenship**

(A) and (B) Delaware

(C) United States of America

**Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities**

This statement relates to the Issuer's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

**Item 2(e). CUSIP Number**

84917U 10 9

**Item 3.** Not Applicable.

**Item 4. Ownership**

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

(A) 0

(B) 3,404

LGPM expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of Common Stock beneficially owned by LGP.

(C) 108,236

Mr. Sokoloff expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of Common Stock beneficially owned by LGP.

The number of shares reported as beneficially owned in (A), (B) and (C) above are as of December 10, 2004.

(b) Percent of Class:

(A) 0.0%

(B) Less than 0.01%

(C) Less than 0.01%

Percentages (A), (B), and (C) were calculated based on 25,845,023 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of November 23, 2004, as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended October 30, 2004, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on December 9, 2004 (File No. 001-31746).

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

(A) 0

(B) 0

(C) 0

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

(A) 0

(B) 3,404

(C) 108,236

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

(A) 0

(B) 0

(C) 0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

(A) 0

(B) 3,404

(C) 108,236

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following .

On December 10, 2004, GEI disposed of its shares of Common Stock by way of an in-kind pro-rata distribution to its members. As a result, GEI no longer owns any shares of Common Stock. Jonathan D. Sokoloff received 65,282 shares of Common Stock as a result of exempt pro rata distributions by partnerships.

**Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person**

Not Applicable.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person**

Not Applicable.

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group**

Not Applicable.

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group**

Not Applicable.

**Item 10. Certification**

Not Applicable.

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 1                  | Joint Filing Agreement, dated February 11, 2003 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit No. 1 to Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2003). |
| 2                  | Power of Attorney, dated February 11, 2003 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit No. 2 to Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2003).      |



**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated as of December 15, 2004

**Green Equity Investors, L.P.**  
**By: Leonard Green & Associates, L.P.,**  
**its General Partner**

By: /s/ JONATHAN D. SOKOLOFF

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Name: Jonathan D. Sokoloff  
Title: General Partner

**Leonard Green & Associates, L.P.**

By: /s/ JONATHAN D. SOKOLOFF

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Name: Jonathan D. Sokoloff  
Title: General Partner

**Leonard Green & Partners, L.P.**  
**By: LGP Management, Inc., its General Partner**

By: /s/ JONATHAN D. SOKOLOFF

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Name: Jonathan D. Sokoloff  
Title: Vice President

**LGP Management, Inc.**

By: /s/ JONATHAN D. SOKOLOFF

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Name: Jonathan D. Sokoloff  
Title: Vice President

/s/ JONATHAN D. SOKOLOFF

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Jonathan D. Sokoloff

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