

HIBBETT SPORTS INC
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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)
03/17/2012

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
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share ⁽¹⁾ | 03/17/2012 | | M | | 15,000 | A | \$ 0 (2) |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 03/17/2012 | | F | | 4,868 | D | \$ 0 |

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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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 03/17/2012 | | M | 15,000 | ⁽¹⁾ / ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 15,000 |

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 Newsome 03/20/2012

⁽¹⁾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 upon achievement of
- (1) performance criteria. Grant date 3/17/2009; vest date 3/17/2012; performance certified achieved by the Compensation Committee on 3/8/2012. No expiration date as service and performance criteria have been achieved.
- (2) Each RSU is the economic equivalent of one share of company common stock. The reporting person has settled the RSUs for stock.

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