HIBBETT SPORTS INC

Form 4

March 17, 2016

FORM 4

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

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SAUNDERS THOMAS A

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(State)

2700 MILAN COURT

(City)

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35211

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

HIBBETT SPORTS INC [HIBB]

Symbol

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ 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 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4. Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration (Month/Day/Year)

Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)

7. Title and Amount

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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title

Amou or Numb of

Shares

Stock

Options, right to buy $\frac{(1)}{2}$ \$ 35.07 03/15/2016 A $\frac{8,641}{2}$ 03/15/2016 $\frac{(3)}{2}$ 03/15/2026 $\frac{(3)}{2}$ Common Stock 8,64

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SAUNDERS THOMAS A 2700 MILAN COURT X BIRMINGHAM, AL 35211

Signatures

/s/ Thomas A Saunders III 03/17/2016

**Signature of Reporting 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) Annual equity award to Directors under the 2012 Non-Employee Director Equity Plan (NEDEP); Under NEDEP, Directors can choose form(s) of equity. Reporting person chose annual equity award in the form of stock options.
- (2) The Board of Directors of the Issuer adopted an annual grant value of equity to each independent Director of \$100,000. Grant based on Issuer's stock price at date of grant of \$35.07.
- (3) Stock options granted under the Non-Employee Director Equity Plan (NEDEP) vest immediately upon grant and expire on the 10th anniversary from the date of grant.

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