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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hilt James A

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

HIBBETT SPORTS INC [HIBB]

(Check all applicable)

1 EXPRESS DRIVE

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

03/27/2018

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

(City) (State) (Zip) 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)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(9-02)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 of Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

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

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

and 5)

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

orNumb

6,55

Amou

of Shares

Stock

Option, right to buy (1)

\$ 22.55 03/27/2018

6,556 A (2)

 $03/27/2018^{(3)}$ $03/27/2028^{(3)}$

Common

Stock

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hilt James A

X 1 EXPRESS DRIVE

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

Signatures

/s/ Elaine V

Rodgers, POA 03/29/2018

**Signature of Reporting Date

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- 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).
- 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 equity award in the form of stock options.
- The Board of Directors of the Issuer adopted an annual grant value of equity to each independent Director of \$100,000, pro-rated for (2) partial year of service. Reporting person was appointed effective August 2017 and received a pro-rated annual grant valued at \$48,787. Grant based on Issuer stock price at date of grant of \$22.55.
- (3) Stock options granted under the NEDEP vest immediately upon grant and expire on the 10th anniversary from the date of grant.

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