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(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended August 4, 2018

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER:

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HIBBETT

S P O R T S

HIBBETT SPORTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

20-8159608

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2700 Milan Court, Birmingham, Alabama 35211

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

205-942-4292

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NONE

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes X

No _____

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes X

No _____

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer _____

Accelerated filer X

Non-accelerated filer _____

Smaller reporting company _____

Emerging growth company _____

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. _____

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes _____

No X

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, outstanding as of September 7, 2018, were 18,556,227 shares.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Financial Statements.

HIBBETT SPORTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(in thousands, except share and per share information)

ASSETS	August 4, 2018	February 3, 2018
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 119,591	\$ 73,544
Inventories, net	248,135	253,201
Other current assets	21,013	20,029
Total current assets	<u>388,739</u>	<u>346,774</u>
Property and equipment	257,638	258,010
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	153,218	148,312
Property and equipment, net	<u>104,420</u>	<u>109,698</u>
Other assets, net	4,820	5,374
Total Assets	<u>\$ 497,979</u>	<u>\$ 461,846</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' INVESTMENT		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 112,759	\$ 93,435
Accrued payroll expenses	10,226	10,424
Deferred rent	6,004	5,909
Capital lease obligations	643	663
Other accrued expenses	9,660	5,136
Total current liabilities	<u>139,292</u>	<u>115,567</u>
Deferred rent	19,368	20,291
Other liabilities	5,768	6,392
Total liabilities	<u>164,428</u>	<u>142,250</u>
Stockholders' Investment:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued	-	-
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 80,000,000 shares authorized, 38,954,203 and 38,862,929 shares issued at August 4, 2018 and February 3, 2018, respectively	389	389
Paid-in capital	183,697	180,536
Retained earnings	751,543	731,901
Treasury stock, at cost; 20,286,892 and 19,910,291 shares repurchased at August 4, 2018 and February 3, 2018, respectively	(602,078)	(593,230)
Total stockholders' investment	<u>333,551</u>	<u>319,596</u>
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Investment	<u>\$ 497,979</u>	<u>\$ 461,846</u>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

HIBBETT SPORTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(in thousands, except per share information)

	<u>Thirteen Weeks Ended</u>		<u>Twenty-Six Weeks Ended</u>	
	<u>August 4, 2018</u>	<u>July 29, 2017</u>	<u>August 4, 2018</u>	<u>July 29, 2017</u>
Net sales	\$ 211,123	\$ 187,958	\$ 485,830	\$ 463,646
Cost of goods sold	144,772	133,550	322,706	311,020
Gross margin	66,351	54,408	163,124	152,626
Store operating, selling and administrative expenses	61,965	53,556	123,869	111,893
Depreciation and amortization	6,271	6,014	12,519	11,726
Operating (loss) income	(1,885)	(5,162)	26,736	29,007
Interest (income) expense, net	(167)	56	(111)	124
(Loss) income before provision for income taxes	(1,718)	(5,218)	26,847	28,883
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	(496)	(2,042)	6,560	11,150
Net (loss) income	<u>\$ (1,222)</u>	<u>\$ (3,176)</u>	<u>\$ 20,287</u>	<u>\$ 17,733</u>
Basic (loss) earnings per share	<u>\$ (0.06)</u>	<u>\$ (0.15)</u>	<u>\$ 1.07</u>	<u>\$ 0.84</u>
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	<u>\$ (0.06)</u>	<u>\$ (0.15)</u>	<u>\$ 1.06</u>	<u>\$ 0.84</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	<u>18,823</u>	<u>20,781</u>	<u>18,896</u>	<u>21,049</u>
Diluted	<u>18,823</u>	<u>20,781</u>	<u>19,079</u>	<u>21,124</u>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

HIBBETT SPORTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(in thousands)

	Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 20,287	\$ 17,733
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	12,519	11,726
Stock-based compensation	2,653	2,349
Other non-cash adjustments to net income:	415	122
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Inventories, net	6,060	4,270
Prepaid expenses and other	(118)	(3,622)
Accounts payable	19,131	21,835
Other assets and liabilities	1,580	2,772
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>62,527</u>	<u>57,185</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(7,993)	(14,375)
Other, net	172	56
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(7,821)</u>	<u>(14,319)</u>
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Cash used for stock repurchases	(8,432)	(28,541)
Net payments on capital lease obligations	(319)	(294)
Proceeds from options exercised and purchase of shares under the employee stock purchase plan	508	480
Other, net	(416)	(709)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(8,659)</u>	<u>(29,064)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	46,047	13,802
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	73,544	38,958
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 119,591</u>	<u>\$ 52,760</u>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

HIBBETT SPORTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Basis of Presentation and Accounting Policies

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Hibbett Sports, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (including the condensed consolidated balance sheet as of February 3, 2018, which has been derived from audited financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information and are presented in accordance with the requirements of Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. References to "we," "our," "us" and the "Company" refer to Hibbett Sports, Inc. and its subsidiaries as well as its predecessors.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018 filed on March 30, 2018. In our opinion, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included herein contain all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position as of August 4, 2018 and the results of our operations and cash flows for the periods presented.

There were no material changes in our significant accounting policies as disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 30, 2018, except as set forth below:

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* when control of the merchandise is transferred to our customer. Sales are recorded net of expected returns at the time the customer takes possession of the merchandise. Net sales exclude sales taxes because we are a pass-through conduit for collecting and remitting these taxes.

Retail Store Sales: For merchandise sold in our stores, revenue is recognized at the point of sale when tender is accepted and the customer takes possession of the merchandise.

Retail Store Orders: Retail store customers may order merchandise available in other Hibbett retail store locations for pickup in the selling store at a later date. Customers make a deposit with the remaining balance due at pickup. These deposits are recorded as deferred revenue until the transaction is completed and the customer takes possession of the merchandise. Retail store customers may also order merchandise to be shipped to home. Payment is received in full at the time of order and recorded as deferred revenue until delivery.

Layaways: We offer a retail store program giving customers the option of paying a deposit and placing merchandise on layaway. The customer may make further payments in installments, but the full purchase price must be received by us within 30 days. The payments are recorded as deferred revenue until the transaction is completed and the customer takes possession of the merchandise.

Digital Channel Sales: For merchandise shipped to home, customer payment is received when the order ships. Revenue is deferred until control passes to the customer at delivery. Shipping and handling costs billed to customers are included in net sales.

Hibbett Rewards Program: We offer a customer loyalty rewards program. Upon registration and in accordance with the terms of the program, customers earn points on retail store and online purchases. Points convert into reward certificates at defined thresholds and may be redeemed in our retail stores or online. The short-term future performance obligation liability is estimated at each reporting period based on historical conversion and redemption patterns. The liability is included in other accrued expenses on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet and was \$1.7 million at August 4, 2018.

Gift Cards: Proceeds received from the issuance of our non-expiring gift cards are initially recorded as deferred revenue. At the time the cards are redeemed and the customer takes possession of the merchandise, revenue is recognized. The liability is included in accounts payable on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet and was \$5.0 million at August 4, 2018. During the quarter ended August 4, 2018, \$0.6 million of gift card deferred revenue from prior periods was realized. Gift card breakage income is recognized in net sales in proportion to the redemption pattern of rights exercised by the customer and was not material in any period presented.

Returned Sales: The liability for return sales is estimated at each reporting period based on historical return patterns and is recognized at the transaction price. The liability is included in accounts payable on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet. We also recognize a return asset and a corresponding adjustment to cost of goods sold for our right to recover the merchandise returned by the customer. This right to recover asset is included in net inventory on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet at the former carrying value of the merchandise less any expected recovery costs which was \$0.9 million at August 4, 2018.

Revenues disaggregated by major product categories are as follows (in thousands):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017
	Footwear	\$ 119,062	\$ 100,425	\$ 277,650
Apparel	55,896	52,095	120,260	115,971
Equipment	36,165	35,438	87,920	89,680
Total	\$ 211,123	\$ 187,958	\$ 485,830	\$ 463,646

2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Standards that were adopted

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued a new standard related to revenue recognition. Under ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606), revenue is recognized when a customer obtains control of promised goods or services in an amount that reflects the consideration the entity expects to receive for those goods or services. The standard requires disclosure of the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. On February 4, 2018, we adopted ASU 2014-09 using the modified retrospective transition method. Results for reporting periods beginning after February 3, 2018 are presented under Topic 606, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with our historic accounting under Topic 605.

In preparation for implementation of the standard, we identified the revenue streams that would be affected. We then designed and implemented processes and internal controls to appropriately recognize and present the associated financial information. Based on these efforts, we determined that the adoption of ASU 2014-09 changed the recognition and presentation of:

- The stand-alone benefit received by customers through the Hibbett Rewards customer loyalty program recorded as a separate performance obligation,
- Gift card breakage income recognized in net sales in proportion to the customer redemption pattern, and
- The liability for net sales returns recognized on a gross basis including a right to recover asset measured at the former carrying value of the inventory less any expected recovery costs.

We applied ASU 2014-09 only to contracts that were not completed prior to Fiscal 2019. The cumulative effect of initially applying ASU 2014-09 was a \$0.6 million decrease to the opening balance of retained earnings as of February 4, 2018. We expect the adoption to be immaterial to our financial position, results of operations and cash flows on an ongoing basis.

The effect of the adoption of ASU 2014-09 on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of August 4, 2018 was (in thousands):

	As Reported	ASU 2014-09 Effect (1)	Excluding ASU 2014-09 Effect
Inventories, net	\$ 248,135	\$ 375	\$ 247,760
Other current assets	\$ 21,013	\$ 447	\$ 20,566
Accounts payable	\$ 112,759	\$ 569	\$ 112,190
Other accrued expenses	\$ 9,660	\$ 392	\$ 9,268

(1) Does not include the cumulative effect of initially adopting ASU 2014-09 to our consolidated balance sheet as adjusted as of February 4, 2018.

The effect of the adoption of ASU 2014-09 on our unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations for the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018 was (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	As Reported	ASU 2014-09 Effect	Excluding ASU 2014-09 Effect
Net sales	\$ 211,123	\$ (346)	\$ 211,469
Cost of goods sold	\$ 144,772	\$ (344)	\$ 145,116
Gross margin	\$ 66,351	\$ (2)	\$ 66,353
Store operating, selling and administrative expenses	\$ 61,965	\$ (27)	\$ 61,992
Loss before provision for income taxes	\$ (1,718)	\$ 25	\$ (1,743)
Benefit for income taxes	\$ (496)	\$ (7)	\$ (489)
Net loss	\$ (1,222)	\$ 18	\$ (1,240)
Diluted loss per share	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.07)

The effect of the adoption of ASU 2014-09 on our unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations for the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 was (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	As Reported	ASU 2014-09 Effect	Excluding ASU 2014-09 Effect
Net sales	\$ 485,830	\$ (524)	\$ 486,354
Cost of goods sold	\$ 322,706	\$ (322)	\$ 323,028
Gross margin	\$ 163,124	\$ (202)	\$ 163,326
Store operating, selling and administrative expenses	\$ 123,869	\$ (63)	\$ 123,932
Income before provision for income taxes	\$ 26,847	\$ (139)	\$ 26,986
Provision for income taxes	\$ 6,560	\$ (34)	\$ 6,594
Net income	\$ 20,287	\$ (105)	\$ 20,392
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.06	\$ -	\$ 1.06

Standards that are not yet adopted

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02 – *Leases*, which requires lessees to recognize leases on the balance sheet and disclose key information about leasing arrangements. The new standard establishes a right-of-use (ROU) model that requires a lessee to recognize a ROU asset and lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with a term longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern and classification of expense recognition in the income statement. We will adopt ASU 2016-02 in our fiscal year beginning February 3, 2019 (Fiscal 2020), and expect to utilize the adoption date transition method set forth in ASU 2018-11. Our lease accounting software has been upgraded with ASU 2016-02 functionality. As provided in ASU 2016-02, we do not plan to utilize hindsight upon adoption but intend to elect the practical expedient package. The Company continues to evaluate the provisions of the standard.

While we continue to assess the effect of adoption of ASU 2016-02, we anticipate its implementation will result in recognition of approximately \$150.0 million to \$180.0 million in net ROU assets and approximately \$170.0 million to \$200.0 million in lease liabilities. We do not expect a significant change in our leasing strategy between now and adoption.

We continuously monitor and review all current accounting pronouncements and standards from the FASB of U.S. GAAP for applicability to our operations. As of August 4, 2018, there were no other new pronouncements or interpretations that had or were expected to have a significant impact on our operations.

3. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

We utilize a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

Level I – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level II – Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level I.

Level III – Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The table below segregates all financial assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (at least annually) into the most appropriate level within the fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used to determine the fair value as of August 4, 2018 and February 3, 2018 (in thousands):

	August 4, 2018			February 3, 2018		
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level I	Level II	Level III
Short-term investments	\$ 462	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 463	\$ -	\$ -
Long-term investments	2,362	-	-	2,418	-	-
Total investments	\$ 2,824	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,881	\$ -	\$ -

Short-term investments are reported in other current assets on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets. Long-term investments are reported in other assets on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets.

4. Debt

At August 4, 2018, we had two unsecured credit facilities; one which allows for borrowings up to \$30.0 million with an interest rate agreed upon between the lender and us at the time a loan is made and one which allows for borrowings up to \$30.0 million with an interest rate at one month LIBOR plus 2.0%. Both facilities expire in April 2019. Under the provisions of both facilities, we do not pay commitment fees nor are we subject to covenant requirements. At August 4, 2018, a total of \$60.0 million was available to us from these facilities.

At February 3, 2018, we had two unsecured credit facilities, which were renewable in March and April 2018, respectively. The March facility allowed for borrowings up to \$30.0 million with an interest rate agreed upon between the lender and us at the time a loan is made. The April facility allowed for borrowings up to \$30.0 million at a rate of one month LIBOR plus 2.5%. Under the provisions of both facilities, we did not pay commitment fees nor were we subject to covenant requirements.

We did not incur any borrowings against our credit facilities during the twenty-six-week period ended August 4, 2018. There were seven days during the 53 weeks ended February 3, 2018, where we incurred borrowings against our credit facilities for an average and maximum borrowing of \$4.1 million and \$4.9 million, respectively, and an average interest rate of 2.78%.

5. Stock-Based Compensation

The compensation costs that have been charged against income for the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 and July 29, 2017 were as follows (in thousands):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017
Stock-based compensation expense by type:				
Stock options	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 177	\$ 172
Restricted stock units	849	618	2,372	2,109
Employee stock purchases	28	23	57	56
Director deferred compensation	23	6	47	12
Total stock-based compensation expense	917	647	2,653	2,349
Income tax benefit recognized	225	228	593	844
Stock-based compensation expense, net of income tax	\$ 692	\$ 419	\$ 2,060	\$ 1,505

In the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 and July 29, 2017, we granted the following equity awards:

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017
Stock options	-	-	19,994	20,372
Restricted stock unit awards	-	-	145,180	108,429
Performance-based restricted stock unit awards	-	-	24,392	54,900
Deferred stock units	1,023	286	2,002	487

At August 4, 2018, the total compensation costs related to nonvested restricted stock unit awards not yet recognized was \$7.3 million and the weighted-average period over which such awards are expected to be recognized was 3.0 years. The total compensation costs related to nonvested stock options to be recognized was \$8,100 and the period over which the award is expected to be recognized was 0.1 years at August 4, 2018.

Under the 2012 Non-Employee Director Equity Plan (2012 Plan), a total of 4,435 and 3,361 shares of our common stock were awarded during the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 and July 29, 2017, respectively, as part of the annual equity award to directors in the first quarter. The weighted-average grant date fair value of stock options granted during the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 was \$7.15. The weighted-average grant date fair value of stock options granted during the twenty-six weeks ended July 29, 2017 was \$8.47 per share.

The number of shares purchased, the average price per share and the weighted-average grant date fair value of shares purchased through our employee stock purchase plan were as follows:

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017
Shares purchased	5,777	5,281	12,331	10,745
Average price per share	\$ 19.47	\$ 17.64	\$ 18.34	\$ 21.42
Weighted average fair value at grant date	\$ 5.35	\$ 6.26	\$ 4.91	\$ 5.24

6. Earnings Per Share

The computation of basic earnings per share (EPS) is based on the number of weighted average common shares outstanding during the period. The computation of diluted EPS is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding plus the incremental shares that would be outstanding assuming exercise of dilutive stock options and issuance of restricted stock. The number of incremental shares is calculated by applying the treasury stock method. The following table sets forth the weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017
Weighted-average shares used in basic computations	18,823	20,781	18,896	21,049
Dilutive equity awards	-	-	183	75
Weighted-average shares used in diluted computations	<u>18,823</u>	<u>20,781</u>	<u>19,079</u>	<u>21,124</u>

For the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018, we excluded 227,356 options from the computation of diluted weighted-average common shares and common share equivalents outstanding because of their anti-dilutive effect. For the thirteen weeks ended July 29, 2017, we excluded 269,658 options from the computation of diluted weighted-average common shares and common share equivalents outstanding because of their anti-dilutive effect.

During periods of net income, we exclude nonvested stock awards granted to certain employees from the computation of diluted weighted-average common shares and common share equivalents outstanding because they are subject to certain performance-based annual vesting conditions which had not been achieved by period end. During periods of net loss, no effect is given for nonvested stock awards.

7. Stock Repurchase Activity

In November 2015, the Board of Directors (Board) authorized a Stock Repurchase Program (Program) of \$300.0 million to repurchase our common stock through February 2, 2019. The Program replaced an existing program and authorizes repurchases of our common stock in open market or negotiated transactions, with the amount and timing of repurchases dependent on market conditions and at the discretion of our management. In addition to the Program, we also acquire shares of our common stock from holders of restricted stock unit awards to satisfy tax withholding requirements due at vesting. Shares acquired from holders of restricted stock unit awards to satisfy tax withholding requirements do not reduce the Program authorization.

During the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018, we repurchased 336,302 shares of our common stock at a cost of \$8.0 million. During the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018, we repurchased 376,601 shares of our common stock at a cost of \$8.8 million, including 18,765 shares acquired from holders of restricted stock unit awards to satisfy tax withholding requirements of \$0.4 million.

During the thirteen weeks ended July 29, 2017, we repurchased 282,609 shares of our common stock at a cost of \$6.9 million, including 509 shares acquired from holders of restricted stock unit awards to satisfy tax withholding requirements of \$7,800. During the twenty-six weeks ended July 29, 2017, we repurchased 1,030,743 shares of our common stock at a cost of \$29.3 million, including 24,199 shares acquired from holders of restricted stock unit awards to satisfy tax withholding requirements of \$0.7 million.

As of August 4, 2018, we had approximately \$195.7 million remaining under the Program for stock repurchases. Subsequent to August 4, 2018, we have repurchased 122,500 shares of our common stock at a cost of \$2.4 million through September 7, 2018.

8. Commitments and Contingencies

Lease Commitments.

We have entered into capital leases for certain property. At August 4, 2018, total capital lease obligations were \$2.6 million, of which \$0.6 million was included in short-term capital lease obligations and \$2.0 million was included in other liabilities on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet. At February 3, 2018, total capital lease obligations were \$3.2 million, of which \$0.7 million was included in short-term capital lease obligations and \$2.5 million was included in other liabilities on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

During the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018, we opened six stores and closed 15 stores, thus decreasing our lease commitments by a net of nine retail stores. The stores we opened have initial lease termination dates between July 2025 and February 2029.

Annual Bonuses and Equity Incentive Awards.

Specified officers and corporate employees of our Company are eligible to receive annual bonuses, based on measures of Company operating performance. At August 4, 2018 and February 3, 2018, there was \$1.6 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, of annual bonus related expenses included in accrued payroll expenses on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets.

In addition, the Compensation Committee of the Board has placed performance criteria on awards of restricted stock units (PSUs) to our "named executive officers" as determined in accordance with Item 402(a) of Regulation S-K. The performance criteria are tied to performance targets with respect to future return on invested capital and earnings before interest and taxes over a specified period of time. These PSUs are expensed under the provisions of ASC Topic 718, *Compensation – Stock Compensation*, and are evaluated each quarter to determine the probability that the performance conditions set within will be met.

Legal Proceedings and Other Contingencies.

If we believe that a loss is both probable and estimable for a particular matter, the loss is accrued in accordance with the requirements of ASC Topic 450, *Contingencies*. No material amounts were accrued at August 4, 2018 or February 3, 2018 pertaining to legal proceedings or other contingencies.

9. Income Taxes

Our effective tax rate is based on expected annual income, statutory tax rates and tax planning opportunities available in the various jurisdictions in which we operate. For interim financial reporting, we estimate the annual effective tax rate based on expected taxable income for the full year and record a quarterly income tax provision (benefit) in accordance with the anticipated annual effective rate and adjust for discrete items. We update the estimates of the taxable income throughout the year as new information becomes available, including year-to-date financial results. This process often results in a change to our expected effective tax rate for the year. When this occurs, we adjust the income tax provision (benefit) during the quarter in which the change in estimate occurs so that the year-to-date provision reflects the expected annual effective tax rate.

We apply the provisions of ASC Subtopic 740-10 in accounting for uncertainty in income taxes. In accordance with ASC Subtopic 740-10, we recognize a tax benefit associated with an uncertain tax position when, in our judgment, it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority. For a tax position that meets the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold, we initially and subsequently measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that we judge to have a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement with a taxing authority. Our liability associated with unrecognized tax benefits is adjusted periodically due to changing circumstances, such as the progress of tax audits, case law developments and new or emerging legislation. Such adjustments are recognized entirely in the period in which they are identified. Our effective tax rate includes the net impact of changes in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits and subsequent adjustments as considered appropriate by management.

At August 4, 2018, we had a liability of \$1.2 million associated with unrecognized tax benefits. We file income tax returns in the U.S. federal and various state jurisdictions. Generally, we are not subject to changes in income taxes by the U.S. federal taxing jurisdiction for years prior to Fiscal 2016 or by most state taxing jurisdictions for years prior to Fiscal 2015.

ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Important Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains "forward-looking statements" as that term is used in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements address future events, developments and results. They include statements preceded by, followed by or including words such as "believe," "anticipate," "could," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "will," "estimate" or other similar expressions. For example, our forward-looking statements include statements regarding:

- our expectations concerning store growth, product margin, the remodeling, relocation or expansion of selected existing stores, and growth in our e-commerce business;
- our expectations concerning cash needs and capital expenditures, including our intentions and ability to fund our new stores and other future capital expenditures and working capital requirements;
- our ability and plans to renew our revolving credit facilities;
- our estimates and assumptions as they relate to preferable tax and financial accounting methods, accruals, inventory valuations, long-lived assets, store closures, carrying amount and liquidity of financial instruments, fair value of options and other stock-based compensation, economic and useful lives of depreciable assets and leases, income tax liabilities, deferred taxes and uncertain tax positions;
- our assessment of the materiality and impact on our business of recent accounting pronouncements adopted by the Financial Accounting Standards Board;
- our assumptions as they relate to pending legal actions and other contingencies; and
- seasonality and the effect of inflation.

You should assume that the information appearing in this report is accurate only as of the date it was issued. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and intentions may have changed since that date. For a discussion of the risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could affect our future events, developments or results, you should carefully consider the risk factors described from time to time in our other documents and reports, including the factors described under "Risk Factors," "Business" and "Properties" in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 30, 2018. You should also read such information in conjunction with our unaudited condensed financial statements and related notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this report.

Our forward-looking statements could be wrong in light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions. The future events, developments or results described in this report could turn out to be materially different. We have no obligation to publicly update or revise our forward-looking statements after the date of this Quarterly Report and you should not expect us to do so. Investors should also be aware that while we do, from time to time, communicate with securities analysts and others, we do not, by policy, selectively disclose to them any material non-public information with any statement or report issued by any analyst regardless of the content of the statement or report. We do not, by policy, confirm forecasts or projections issued by others. Thus, to the extent that reports issued by securities analysts contain any projections, forecasts or opinions, such reports are not our responsibility.

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We make available free of charge on our website, www.hibbett.com under the heading "Investor Relations," copies of our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Securities Exchange Act) as well as all Forms 3, 4 and 5 filed by our executive officers and directors, as soon as the filings are made publicly available by the Securities and Exchange Commission on its EDGAR database at www.sec.gov. In addition to accessing copies of our reports online, you may request a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018, at no charge, by writing to: Investor Relations, Hibbett Sports, Inc., 2700 Milan Court, Birmingham, Alabama 35211.

General Overview

Hibbett Sports, Inc. is a leading athletic-inspired fashion retailer primarily located in small and mid-sized communities across the country. Founded in 1945, Hibbett stores have a history of convenient locations, personalized customer service and access to apparel, equipment and coveted footwear from top brands like Nike, Under Armour and Adidas. Consumers can browse styles, find new releases or shop looks by visiting their nearest store or by visiting www.hibbett.com. Follow us @HibbettSports. We became a public company in October 1996. As of August 4, 2018, we operated a total of 1,059 retail stores in 35 states comprised of 1,041 Hibbett Sports stores and 18 Sports Additions athletic shoe stores.

The Hibbett Sports store is our primary retail format and is an approximately 5,000 square foot store located primarily in strip centers which are usually near a major chain retailer such as a Wal-Mart store. Our Hibbett Sports store base consisted of 820 stores located in strip centers, 27 free-standing stores and 212 enclosed mall locations as of August 4, 2018.

Our primary strategy is to provide underserved markets a broad assortment of quality brand name footwear, apparel, accessories and athletic equipment at competitive prices in a conveniently located full-service environment. At the end of the second quarter of Fiscal 2018, we successfully launched our e-commerce website. We will continue to grow our online business aggressively, while continuing to enhance our stores to improve the overall customer experience. We believe that the breadth and depth of our brand name merchandise consistently exceeds the product selection carried by most of our competitors, particularly in our smaller markets. Many of these brand name products are highly technical and require expert sales assistance. We continuously educate our sales staff on new products and trends through coordinated efforts with our vendors.

Due to the 53rd week in Fiscal 2018, each quarter in Fiscal 2019 starts one week later than the same quarter in Fiscal 2018. The charts below present comparable sales and net sales for Fiscal 2018 as originally reported and as adjusted to represent the same thirteen-week period as the Fiscal 2019 quarters:

	Fiscal 2018				
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Full Year
Comparable store sales change (originally reported)	-4.9%	-11.7%	-1.3%	1.6%	-3.8%
Comparable store sales change (adjusted for week shift)	-4.8%	-11.0%	0.3%	1.0%	-3.6%
Impact of week shift	0.1%	0.7%	1.6%	-0.6%	0.2%

	Fiscal 2018				
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Full Year
Net sales (originally reported)	\$ 275.7	\$ 188.0	\$ 237.8	\$ 266.7	\$ 968.2
Net sales (adjusted for one week)	\$ 275.2	\$ 206.0	\$ 220.6	\$ 265.8	\$ 967.6
Impact of week shift	\$ (0.5)	\$ 18.0	\$ (17.2)	\$ (0.9)	\$ (0.6)

Comparable sales data for the periods presented reflects sales for our retail stores open throughout the period and the corresponding period of the prior fiscal year, and e-commerce sales. If a store remodel, relocation or expansion results in the store being closed for a significant period of time, its sales are removed from the comparable sales base until it has been open a full 12 months. During the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018, we included 1,014 and 1,001 stores in comparable sales, respectively.

Executive Summary

Net sales for the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018, increased 12.3% to \$211.1 million compared with \$188.0 million for the thirteen weeks ended July 29, 2017. This includes a \$1.7 million reduction due to the sale of our Team Division in December 2017. For the third quarter ending on November 3, 2018, the sale of our Team Division will result in a \$2.4 million negative impact to sales. Comparable store sales increased 4.1% for the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018, with strong performance in branded apparel, footwear, and cleats. E-commerce sales continue to accelerate, and accounted for 8.0% of total sales for the period compared to 7.0% of total sales for the first quarter ended May 5, 2018. Gross margin was 31.4% of net sales for the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018, compared with 28.9% for the thirteen weeks ended July 29, 2017. The increase in the gross margin percentage was mainly due to fewer clearance markdowns and leverage of logistics and store occupancy expenses associated with higher net sales. At the end of the second quarter of Fiscal 2019, aged inventory levels were significantly improved compared with the same period last year.

Net sales for the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018, increased 4.8% to \$485.8 million compared with \$463.6 million for the twenty-six weeks ended July 29, 2017. This includes a \$3.4 million reduction due to the sale of our Team Division in December 2017. Comparable store sales increased 1.7%, with strong performance in branded apparel, footwear, and cleats. E-commerce sales accounted for 7.4% of total sales for the period. Gross margin was 33.6% of net sales for the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018, compared with 32.9% for the twenty-six weeks ended July 29, 2017. The increase in the gross margin percentage was mainly due to fewer clearance markdowns and leverage of store occupancy expenses associated with higher net sales.

During the second quarter of Fiscal 2019, we opened six new stores and closed 15 underperforming stores, bringing the store base to 1,059 in 35 states as of August 4, 2018. In addition, we expanded, relocated or remodeled three stores. We ended the second quarter of Fiscal 2019 with \$119.6 million of available cash and cash equivalents on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet and full availability under our credit facilities. We also acquired 336,302 shares of our common stock for a total expenditure of \$8.0 million during the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP. The preparation of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements requires the use of estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the periods presented. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions. Our critical and significant accounting policies and estimates are described more fully in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018, as filed on March 30, 2018. There have been no changes in our accounting policies in the current period that had a material impact on our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements with the exception of the adoption of ASU 2014-09 as discussed in Notes 1 and 2 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q for the period ended August 4, 2018.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q for the period ended August 4, 2018, for information regarding recent accounting pronouncements.

Results of Operations

Summarized Unaudited Information

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017
Statements of Operations				
Net sales increase (decrease)	12.3%	-9.2%	4.8%	-5.2%
Comparable sales increase (decrease)	4.1% ¹	-11.7% ²	1.7% ¹	-7.7% ²
Gross margin (as a % to net sales)	31.4%	28.9%	33.6%	32.9%
Store operating, selling and administrative expenses (as a % to net sales)	29.4%	28.5%	25.5%	24.1%
Depreciation and amortization (as a % to net sales)	3.0%	3.2%	2.6%	2.5%
(Benefit) provision for income taxes (as a % to net sales)	-0.2%	-1.1%	1.4%	2.4%
Net (loss) income (as a % to net sales)	-0.6%	-1.7%	4.2%	3.8%
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.15)	\$ 1.06	\$ 0.84
Weighted-average dilutive shares (in thousands)	18,823	20,781	19,079	21,124
Balance Sheets				
Ending cash and cash equivalents (in thousands)	\$ 119,591	\$ 52,760		
Average inventory per store	\$ 234,311	\$ 255,954		
Store Information				
Beginning of period	1,068	1,082	1,079	1,078
New stores opened	6	6	13	19
Stores closed	(15)	(8)	(33)	(17)
End of period	<u>1,059</u>	<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,059</u>	<u>1,080</u>
Stores remodeled, expanded or relocated	3	5	8	10
Estimated square footage at end of period (in thousands)	6,048	6,147		
Share Repurchase Activity				
Shares purchased	336,302	282,609	376,601	1,030,743
Cost (in thousands)	\$ 7,978	\$ 6,913	\$ 8,848	\$ 29,251

1) Represents the increase in comparable sales for the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018, compared to the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended August 5, 2017.

2) As originally reported for the second quarter ended July 29, 2017. The comparable sales decrease was 11.0% and 7.5% for the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended July 29, 2017, adjusted for the week shift due to the 53rd week in Fiscal 2018.

Thirteen Weeks Ended August 4, 2018 Compared to Thirteen Weeks Ended July 29, 2017

Net sales. Net sales increased \$23.1 million, or 12.3%, to \$211.1 million for the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018 from \$188.0 million for the comparable period in the prior year. Furthermore:

- We opened six Hibbett Sports stores and closed 15 underperforming stores. In addition, we expanded two high-performing stores and relocated one store.
- A reduction of \$1.7 million was realized due to the sale of our Team Division in December 2017. A negative impact of \$2.4 million will be realized in the third quarter ending November 3, 2018.
- Comparable store sales increased 4.1% mainly due strength in branded apparel, footwear and cleats partially offset by weakness in licensed products, equipment, and accessories.

- Footwear experienced a mid-single digit increase, driven by strength in lifestyle product.
- Branded apparel experienced a low double digit increase, and has been positive for three consecutive quarters. Strength was driven by double digit increases in men's and kids, and a mid-single digit increase in women's. Trend relevant sportswear with strong connectivity to footwear was a primary driver of the increase.
- Licensed products experienced a high single digit decline, with the core fan apparel and headwear business remaining very challenging. Some improvement has been experienced due to investments in items having a strong connection to footwear.
- Accessories experienced a mid-single digit decline with weak performance in socks, sunglasses and hydration. This was partially offset by gains in backpacks and footwear cleaner.
- Equipment experienced a mid-single digit decline due to weakness in football, softball and fitness.

Gross margin. Cost of goods sold includes the cost of inventory, logistics expenses and store occupancy costs. Gross margin was \$66.4 million, or 31.4% of net sales, in the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018, compared with \$54.4 million, or 28.9% of net sales, in the same period of the prior fiscal year. Furthermore:

- Product margin increased 80 basis points as a percentage of net sales primarily due to an improvement in aged inventory levels. We expect the trend to continue to improve due to the lower aged inventory levels.
- Logistics expenses decreased 23 basis points as a percentage of net sales primarily due to leverage gained from higher net sales.
- Store occupancy expense decreased 146 basis points as a percentage of net sales primarily due to leverage gained from higher net sales.

Store operating, selling and administrative expenses. Store operating, selling and administrative expenses were \$62.0 million, or 29.4% of net sales, for the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018, compared to \$53.6 million, or 28.5% of net sales, for the comparable period a year ago. Furthermore:

- Benefit costs increased 31 basis points as a percentage of net sales primarily due to increased health care costs.
- Advertising costs increased 93 basis points due to additional direct mail initiatives to drive store traffic, and advertising related to e-commerce.
- Data processing costs increased 74 basis points as a percentage of net sales mainly due to order processing, customer care, and other variable costs related to e-commerce.
- Salaries cost decreased 44 basis points as a percentage of net sales mainly due to leverage gained as a result of higher net sales.
- Other various costs decreased as a percentage of net sales due to leverage gained from higher net sales.

Depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization decreased 23 basis points as a percentage of net sales for the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018. This decrease was mainly due to leverage gained from higher net sales.

Provision for income taxes. The combined federal, state and local effective income tax rate as a percentage of pre-tax income (loss) was 28.9% and 39.1% for the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018 and July 29, 2017, respectively. The decrease in rate was primarily due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which lowered the statutory federal income tax rate from 35% to 21%.

Twenty-Six Weeks Ended August 4, 2018 Compared to Twenty-Six Weeks Ended July 29, 2017

Net sales. Net sales increased \$22.2 million, or 4.8%, to \$485.8 million for the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 from \$463.6 million for the comparable period in the prior year. Furthermore:

- We opened 13 Hibbett Sports stores and closed 33 underperforming stores. In addition, we expanded six high-performing stores and remodeled or relocated two stores.
- A reduction of \$3.4 million was realized due to the sale of our Team Division in December 2017.
- Comparable store sales increased 1.7% mainly due to strength in branded apparel, footwear and cleats partially offset by weakness in licensed products, equipment, and accessories.
- Footwear experienced a low single digit increase, driven by strength in lifestyle partially offset by weakness in performance running.

- Branded apparel experienced a high single digit increase, with broad-based strength across men's, women's and kids.
- Licensed products experienced a double digit decline, with weakness in college, MLB and NBA.
- Accessories experienced a high single digit decline mainly due to weakness in socks and hydration.
- Equipment experienced a mid-single digit decline due to weakness in football, softball, basketball and fitness.

Gross margin. Cost of goods sold includes the cost of inventory, logistics expenses and store occupancy costs. Gross margin was \$163.1 million, or 33.6% of net sales, in the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018, compared with \$152.6 million, or 32.9% of net sales, in the same period of the prior fiscal year. Furthermore:

- Product margin was relatively flat decreasing one basis point as a percentage of net sales.
- Logistics expenses were relatively flat decreasing one basis point as a percentage of net sales.
- Store occupancy expense decreased 65 basis points as a percentage of net sales primarily due to leverage gained from higher net sales.

Store operating, selling and administrative expenses. Store operating, selling and administrative expenses were \$123.9 million, or 25.5% of net sales, for the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018, compared to \$111.9 million, or 24.1% of net sales, for the comparable period a year ago. Furthermore:

- Benefit costs increased 38 basis points as a percentage of net sales primarily due to increased health care costs.
- Advertising costs increased 80 basis points due to additional direct mail initiatives to drive store traffic and advertising related to e-commerce.
- Data processing costs increased 84 basis points as a percentage of net sales mainly due to order processing, customer care and other variable costs related to e-commerce.
- Professional fees decreased 29 basis points as a percentage of sales mainly due to reduced consulting and development costs associated with the e-commerce website.

Depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization increased five basis points as a percentage of net sales for the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018. This increase was mainly due to capitalization of costs associated with the new mobile app, other IT related projects and the acceleration of depreciation for stores likely to close.

Provision for income taxes. The combined federal, state and local effective income tax rate as a percentage of pre-tax income was 24.4% and 38.6% for the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 and July 29, 2017, respectively. The decrease in rate was primarily due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which lowered the statutory federal income tax rate from 35% to 21%.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our capital requirements relate primarily to new store openings, stock repurchases, facilities and systems to support company growth and working capital requirements. Our working capital requirements are somewhat seasonal in nature and typically reach their peak near the end of the third and the beginning of the fourth quarters of our fiscal year. Historically, we have funded our cash requirements primarily through our cash flow from operations and occasionally from borrowings under our revolving credit facilities. We are using excess cash to invest in interest bearing securities and money market accounts, as well as to offset bank fees.

Our unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 4, 2018	July 29, 2017
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 62,527	\$ 57,185
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,821)	(14,319)
Net cash used in financing activities	(8,659)	(29,064)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 46,047</u>	<u>\$ 13,802</u>

Operating Activities.

We use cash flow from operations to increase inventory in advance of peak selling seasons, such as spring sports, back-to-school and winter holidays. Inventory levels are reduced following peak selling seasons and this inventory reduction, combined with proportionately higher net income, typically produces a positive cash flow.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$62.5 million for the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 compared with net cash provided by operating activities of \$57.2 million for the twenty-six weeks ended July 29, 2017. Operating activities consist primarily of net income, adjusted for certain non-cash items and changes in operating assets and liabilities. Adjustments to net income for non-cash items include depreciation and amortization, deferred income taxes and stock-based compensation. The primary drivers of operating activities were net income (\$20.3 million), depreciation and amortization (\$12.5 million), a decrease in net inventories (\$6.1 million) and an increase in accounts payable (\$19.1 million). The decrease in net inventories was primarily due to the liquidation of excess and aged inventory through clearance sales and returns to vendors. The increase in accounts payable was primarily due to the timing of inventory receipts compared to the prior year. Accounts payable and net inventories fluctuate between quarters due to the seasonality of purchases.

Investing Activities.

Net cash used in investing activities in the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 totaled \$7.8 million compared with net cash used in investing activities of \$14.3 million in the twenty-six weeks ended July 29, 2017. Capital expenditures used \$8.0 million of cash in the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 versus \$14.4 million of cash in the twenty-six weeks ended July 29, 2017. Capital expenditures were used mainly to open new stores, remodel, expand or relocate existing stores, and to invest in our new mobile app and other omni-channel initiatives. We opened 13 new stores and relocated, expanded or remodeled eight existing stores during the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 as compared to opening 19 new stores and remodeling, relocating or expanding 10 existing stores during the twenty-six weeks ended July 29, 2017.

We estimate the cash outlay for capital expenditures in the fiscal year ending February 2, 2019 will be approximately \$18.0 million to \$22.0 million, which relates to expenditures for:

- continued enhancements to our omni-channel capability (including our new mobile app);
- information system infrastructure, projects, and security;
- the opening of new stores, the remodeling, relocation or expansion of selected existing stores; and
- other departmental needs.

Of the total budgeted dollars for capital expenditures for Fiscal 2019, we anticipate that approximately 39% will be related to information technology, consisting primarily of expenditures for projects, infrastructure and various system enhancements, and security. Approximately 36% will be related to the opening new stores, store expansions and relocations and store remodels. The remaining 25% relates primarily to specific department expenditures and includes facility upgrades, transportation equipment, automobiles, fixtures and security equipment for our stores.

Financing Activities.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$8.7 million in the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$29.1 million in the prior year period. During the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018, we repurchased \$8.8 million of our common stock, including \$0.4 million from holders of restricted stock unit awards to satisfy tax withholding requirements. During the twenty-six weeks ended July 29, 2017, we repurchased \$29.3 million of our common stock, including \$0.7 million from holders of restricted stock unit awards to satisfy tax withholding requirements. See Note 7 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, "*Stock Repurchase Activity*".

At August 4, 2018, we had two unsecured credit facilities; one which allows for borrowings up to \$30.0 million with an interest rate agreed upon between the lender and us at the time a loan is made and one which allows for borrowings up to \$30.0 million with an interest rate at one month LIBOR plus 2.0%. Both facilities expire in April 2019. Under the provisions of both facilities, we do not pay commitment fees nor are we subject to covenant requirements. At August 4, 2018, a total of \$60.0 million was available to us from these facilities.

Based on our current operating plans, store plans, plans for the repurchase of our common stock and budgeted capital expenditures, we believe that we can fund our cash needs for the foreseeable future through cash generated from operations and, if necessary, through periodic future borrowings against our credit facilities.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements.

We have not provided any financial guarantees as of August 4, 2018. All merchandise purchase obligations are cancelable. We have not created, and are not party to, any special-purpose or off-balance sheet entities for the purpose of raising capital, incurring debt or operating our business. We do not have any arrangements or relationships with entities that are not included in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Quarterly and Seasonal Fluctuations

We experience seasonal fluctuations in our net sales and results of operations. We typically experience higher net sales in early spring due to spring sports and annual tax refunds, late summer due to back-to-school shopping and winter due to holiday shopping. In addition, our quarterly results of operations may fluctuate significantly as a result of a variety of factors, including weather fluctuations, the timing of high demand footwear launches, demand for merchandise driven by local interest in sporting events, back-to-school sales and the timing of sales tax holidays and annual income tax refunds.

Although our operations are influenced by general economic conditions, we do not believe that, historically, inflation has had a material impact on our results of operations as we are generally able to pass along inflationary increases in costs to our customers.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Investment and Credit Availability Risk

We manage cash and cash equivalents in various institutions at levels beyond federally insured limits per institution, and we purchase investments not guaranteed by the FDIC. Accordingly, there is a risk that we will not recover the full principal of our investments or that their liquidity may be diminished. In an attempt to mitigate this risk, our investment policy emphasizes preservation of principal and liquidity.

We also have financial institutions that are committed to provide loans under our revolving credit facilities. There is a risk that these institutions cannot deliver against these obligations. For a further discussion of this risk and risks related to our deposits, see "Risk Factors" in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018.

Interest Rate Risk

Our exposure to market risks results primarily from fluctuations in interest rates. There have been no material changes to our exposure to market risks from those disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 30, 2018.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

Our management, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act) as of August 4, 2018. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were designed and functioning effectively to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed in our Securities Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

We have not identified any changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period ended August 4, 2018, that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings.

We are a party to various legal proceedings incidental to our business. Where we are able to reasonably estimate an amount of probable loss in these matters based on known facts, we have accrued that amount as a current liability on our balance sheet. We are not able to reasonably estimate the possible loss or range of loss in excess of the amount accrued for these proceedings based on the information currently available to us, including, among others, (i) uncertainties as to the outcome of pending proceedings (including motions and appeals) and (ii) uncertainties as to the likelihood of settlement and the outcome of any negotiations with respect thereto. We do not believe that any of these matters will, individually or in the aggregate, have a material effect on our business or financial condition. We cannot give assurance, however, that one or more of these proceedings will not have a material effect on our results of operations for the period in which they are resolved. No material amounts were accrued at August 4, 2018 or February 3, 2018.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors.

We operate in an environment that involves a number of risks and uncertainties which are described in our Form 10-K for the year ended February 3, 2018. If any of the risks described in our Fiscal 2018 Form 10-K were to actually occur, our business, operating results and financial results could be adversely affected. There were no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

The following table presents our stock repurchase activity for the thirteen weeks ended August 4, 2018 (1):

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that may yet be Purchased Under the Programs (in thousands)
May 6, 2018 to June 2, 2018	15,000	\$26.37	15,000	\$203,241
June 3, 2018 to July 7, 2018	317,400	\$23.61	317,400	\$195,749
July 8, 2018 to August 4, 2018	3,902	\$22.94	3,902	\$195,659
Total	<u>336,302</u>	\$23.72	<u>336,302</u>	\$195,659

(1) In November 2015, the Board authorized a Stock Repurchase Program (Program) of \$300.0 million to repurchase our common stock through February 2, 2019 that replaced an existing authorization. See Note 7 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, "*Stock Repurchase Activity*".

ITEM 6. Exhibits.

The exhibits listed on the Exhibit Index immediately preceding such exhibits, which is incorporated herein by reference, are filed or furnished as part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HIBBETT SPORTS, INC.

Date: September 13, 2018

By: /s/ Scott J. Bowman
Scott J. Bowman
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Exhibit Index

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
	<u>Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws</u>
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant ; incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 31, 2012.
3.2	Bylaws of the Registrant , as amended; incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Registrant's Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 31, 2012.
	<u>Form of Stock Certificate</u>
4.1	Form of Stock Certificate ; attached as Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 26, 2007.
	<u>Material Agreements</u>
	NONE
	<u>Certifications</u>
31.1	* Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer
31.2	* Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Financial Officer
32.1	* Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
	<u>Interactive Data Files</u>
	The following financial information from the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended August 4, 2018, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) and submitted electronically herewith: (i) the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at August 4, 2018 and February 3, 2018; (ii) the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 and July 29, 2017; (iii) the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the twenty-six weeks ended August 4, 2018 and July 29, 2017; and (iv) the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.
101.INS	* XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
	* Filed Within

Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer

I, Jeffrey O. Rosenthal, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Hibbett Sports, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: September 13, 2018

/s/ Jeffrey O. Rosenthal
Jeffrey O. Rosenthal
Chief Executive Officer and President
(Principal Executive Officer)

Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Financial Officer

I, Scott J. Bowman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Hibbett Sports, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: September 13, 2018

/s/ Scott J. Bowman
Scott J. Bowman
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Hibbett Sports, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the "Company") for the period ended August 4, 2018, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), we, Jeffrey O. Rosenthal, Chief Executive Officer, and Scott J. Bowman, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, to the best of each of our knowledge, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: September 13, 2018

/s/ Jeffrey O. Rosenthal
Jeffrey O. Rosenthal
Chief Executive Officer and President
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: September 13, 2018

/s/ Scott J. Bowman
Scott J. Bowman
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

