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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 May 5, 2018

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

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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

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

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 June 7, 2018, were 18,945,849 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	May 5, 2018	February 3, 2018
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 115,827	\$ 73,544
Inventories, net	229,109	253,201
Other current assets	18,840	20,029
Total current assets	<u>363,776</u>	<u>346,774</u>
Property and equipment	256,549	258,010
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	149,417	148,312
Property and equipment, net	<u>107,132</u>	<u>109,698</u>
Other assets, net	4,341	5,374
Total Assets	<u>\$ 475,249</u>	<u>\$ 461,846</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' INVESTMENT		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 83,406	\$ 93,435
Accrued payroll expenses	7,286	10,424
Deferred rent	5,666	5,909
Short-term capital lease obligations	641	663
Other accrued expenses	10,254	5,136
Total current liabilities	<u>107,253</u>	<u>115,567</u>
Deferred rent	20,224	20,291
Other liabilities	6,089	6,392
Total liabilities	<u>133,566</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, 38,946,439 and 38,862,929 shares issued at May 5, 2018 and February 3, 2018, respectively	389	389
Paid-in capital	182,630	180,536
Retained earnings	752,765	731,901
Treasury stock, at cost; 19,950,590 and 19,910,291 shares repurchased at May 5, 2018 and February 3, 2018, respectively	(594,101)	(593,230)
Total stockholders' investment	<u>341,683</u>	<u>319,596</u>
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Investment	<u>\$ 475,249</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)

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	May 5, 2018	April 29, 2017
Net sales	<u>\$274,707</u>	<u>\$275,688</u>
Cost of goods sold	<u>177,934</u>	<u>177,470</u>
Gross margin	96,773	98,218
Store operating, selling and administrative expenses	61,904	58,337
Depreciation and amortization	<u>6,248</u>	<u>5,713</u>
Operating income	28,621	34,168
Interest expense, net	<u>57</u>	<u>66</u>
Income before provision for income taxes	28,564	34,102
Provision for income taxes	<u>7,055</u>	<u>13,192</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 21,509</u>	<u>\$ 20,910</u>
Basic earnings per share	<u>\$ 1.13</u>	<u>\$ 0.98</u>
Diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ 1.12</u>	<u>\$ 0.97</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding:		
Basic	<u>18,970</u>	<u>21,316</u>
Diluted	<u>19,143</u>	<u>21,466</u>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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

	Thirteen Weeks	
	Ended	
	May 5, 2018	April 29, 2017
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 21,509	\$ 20,910
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	6,248	5,713
Stock-based compensation	1,736	1,703
Other non-cash adjustments to net income	161	96
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Inventories, net	25,087	31,342
Prepaid expenses and other	5,034	9,592
Accounts payable	(10,222)	(7,123)
Other assets and liabilities	(2,530)	4,637
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>47,023</u>	<u>66,870</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(4,095)	(7,796)
Other, net	28	(80)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(4,067)</u>	<u>(7,876)</u>
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Cash used for stock repurchases	(455)	(21,636)
Net payments on capital lease obligations	(160)	(146)
Proceeds from options exercised and purchase of shares under the employee stock purchase plan	358	387
Other, net	(416)	(701)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(673)</u>	<u>(22,096)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	42,283	36,898
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	73,544	38,958
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$115,827</u>	<u>\$ 75,856</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 May 5, 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.

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.

Layaways: We offer a retail store program giving customers the option of paying a down payment 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.

Customer Orders: 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.

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 \$1.5 million at May 5, 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 \$5.2 million at May 5, 2018. 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.

All deferred revenue is short-term in nature and is included in accounts payable on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

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 \$0.2 million at May 5, 2018.

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

	Thirteen Weeks	
	Ended	
	May 5, 2018	April 29, 2017
Footwear	\$158,587	\$157,570
Apparel	64,364	63,876
Equipment	51,756	54,242
Total	\$274,707	\$275,688

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 changes 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 May 5, 2018 was (in thousands):

	As	ASU	Excluding
	Reported	2014-09	ASU
		Effect	2014-09
		(1)	Effect
Inventories, net	\$229,109	\$ (242)	\$ 229,351
Other current assets	\$ 18,840	\$ 20	\$ 18,820
Accounts payable	\$ 83,406	\$ 81	\$ 83,325
Other accrued expenses	\$ 10,254	\$ (140)	\$ 10,394

(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 quarter ended May 5, 2018 was (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	As Reported	Excluding	
		ASU 2014-09 Effect	ASU 2014-09 Effect
Net sales	\$274,707	\$ (178)	\$ 274,885
Cost of goods sold	\$177,934	\$ 22	\$ 177,912
Gross margin	\$ 96,773	\$ (200)	\$ 96,973
Store operating, selling and administrative expenses	\$ 61,904	\$ (36)	\$ 61,940
Income before provision for income taxes	\$ 28,564	\$ (164)	\$ 28,728
Provision for income taxes	\$ 7,055	\$ (41)	\$ 7,096
Net income	\$ 21,509	\$ (123)	\$ 21,632
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.12	\$ (0.01)	\$ 1.13

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 model (ROU) 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 expect to adopt ASU 2016-02 in our fiscal year beginning February 3, 2019 (Fiscal 2020), using the modified retrospective transition approach. Our lease accounting software has been upgraded with ASU 2016-02 functionality.

While we continue to assess the effect of adoption of ASU 2016-02 and the available practical expedients, we anticipate its implementation will result in recognition of approximately \$155.0 million to \$185.0 million in net ROU assets and approximately \$180.0 million to \$210.0 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 May 5, 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 May 5, 2018 and February 3, 2018 (in thousands):

	May 5, 2018			February 3, 2018		
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level I	Level II	Level III
	I	II	III	I	II	III
Short-term investments	\$ 463	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 463	\$ -	\$ -
Long-term investments	2,421	-	-	2,418	-	-
Total investments	\$2,884	\$ -	\$ -	\$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 May 5, 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 May 5, 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 thirteen-week period ended May 5, 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 weeks ended May 5, 2018 and April 29, 2017 were as follows (in thousands):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	May 5, 2018	April 29, 2017
Stock-based compensation expense		
by type:		
Stock options	\$ 160	\$ 173
Restricted stock unit awards, including performance-based	1,524	1,491
Employee stock purchases	29	33
Director deferred compensation	23	6
Total stock-based compensation expense	1,736	1,703
Income tax benefit recognized	393	614
Stock-based compensation expense, net of income tax	<u>\$ 1,343</u>	<u>\$ 1,089</u>

In the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018 and April 29, 2017, we granted the following equity awards:

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	May 5, 2018	April 29, 2017
Stock options	19,994	20,372
Restricted stock unit awards	169,572	108,429
Performance-based restricted stock unit awards	44,700	54,900
Deferred stock units	979	201

At May 5, 2018, the total compensation costs related to nonvested restricted stock unit awards not yet recognized was \$8.5 million and the weighted-average period over which such awards are expected to be recognized was 3.2 years. The total compensation costs related to nonvested stock options to be recognized was \$25,000 and the period over which the award is expected to be recognized was 0.4 years at May 5, 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 thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018 and April 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 thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018 and April 29, 2017 was \$7.15 and \$8.47 per share, respectively.

Our employee purchases of common stock, 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	
	May 5, 2018	April 29, 2017
Shares purchased	6,554	5,464
Average price per share	\$ 17.34	\$ 25.08
Weighted average fair value at grant date	\$ 4.53	\$ 5.60

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	
	May 5, 2018	April 29, 2017
Weighted-average shares used in basic computations	18,970	21,316
Dilutive equity awards	173	150
Weighted-average shares used in diluted computations	<u>19,143</u>	<u>21,466</u>

For the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018, we excluded 225,534 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 April 29, 2017, we excluded 203,757 options from the computation of diluted weighted-average common shares and common share equivalents outstanding because of their anti-dilutive effect.

We excluded 94,800 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 May 5, 2018. Assuming the performance-criteria had been achieved as of May 5, 2018, the incremental dilutive impact would have been 51,795 shares.

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 May 5, 2018, we repurchased 40,299 shares of our common stock at a cost of \$0.9 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 April 29, 2017, we repurchased 748,134 shares of our common stock at a cost of \$22.3 million, including 23,690 shares acquired from holders of restricted stock unit awards to satisfy tax withholding requirements of \$0.7 million.

As of May 5, 2018, we had approximately \$203.6 million remaining under the Program for stock repurchases.

8. Commitments and Contingencies

Lease Commitments.

We have entered into capital leases for certain property. At May 5, 2018, total capital lease obligations were \$2.8 million, of which \$0.6 million was included in short-term capital lease obligations and \$2.2 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 May 5, 2018, we opened seven stores and closed 18 stores, thus decreasing our lease commitments by a net of 11 retail stores. The stores we opened have initial lease termination dates between May 2023 and May 2028.

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 May 5, 2018 and February 3, 2018, there was \$1.2 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 May 5, 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 May 5, 2018, we had a liability of \$1.3 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 2015 or by most state taxing jurisdictions for years prior to Fiscal 2014.

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, 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 prospects 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.

Investor Access to Company Filings

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 coveted footwear, apparel and equipment 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 May 5, 2018, we operated a total of 1,068 retail stores in 35 states composed of 1,050 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 829 stores located in strip centers, 27 free-standing stores and 194 enclosed mall locations as of May 5, 2018.

Our current primary merchandising strategy is to provide 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 store 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 store sales data for the periods presented reflects sales for our traditional format Hibbett Sports and Sports Additions 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 store sales base until it has been open a full 12 months. During the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018, we included 1,016 stores in comparable store sales.

Executive Summary

Net sales for the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018, decreased 0.4% to \$274.7 million compared with \$275.7 million for the thirteen weeks ended April 29, 2017. This includes a \$1.8 million reduction due to the sale of our Team Division in December 2017. Comparable store sales decreased 0.3%, with strong performance in activewear offset by negative comparable store sales in other merchandise categories. E-commerce sales accounted for 7.0% of total sales for the period. Gross margin was 35.2% of net sales for the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018, compared with 35.6% for the thirteen weeks ended April 29, 2017. The decline in the gross margin percentage was mainly due to increased sales of clearance merchandise and freight associated with e-commerce sales. At the end of the first quarter of Fiscal 2019, aged inventory levels were significantly improved compared with the same period last year.

During the first quarter of Fiscal 2019, we opened seven new stores and closed 18 underperforming stores, bringing the store base to 1,068 in 35 states as of May 5, 2018. In addition, we expanded four high-performing stores. We ended the first quarter of Fiscal 2019 with \$115.8 million of available cash and cash equivalents on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet and full availability under our credit facilities. We also acquired 40,299 shares of our common stock for a total expenditure of \$0.9 million during the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 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 May 5, 2018.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q for the period ended May 5, 2018, for information regarding recent accounting pronouncements.

Results of Operations

Summarized Unaudited Information

	<u>Thirteen Weeks Ended</u>	
	<u>May 5,</u>	<u>April 29,</u>
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Statements of Operations		
Net sales decrease	-0.4%	-2.3%
Comparable store sales decrease	-0.3% ¹	-4.9% ²
Gross margin (as a % to net sales)	35.2%	35.6%
Store operating, selling and administrative expenses (as a % to net sales)	22.5%	21.2%
Depreciation and amortization (as a % to net sales)	2.3%	2.1%
Provision for income taxes (as a % to net sales)	2.6%	4.8%
Net income (as a % to net sales)	7.8%	7.6%
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.12	\$ 0.97
Weighted-average dilutive shares (in thousands)	19,143	21,466
Balance Sheets		
Ending cash and cash equivalents (in thousands)	\$ 115,827	\$ 75,856
Average inventory per store	\$ 214,521	\$ 230,461
Store Information		
Beginning of period	1,079	1,078
New stores opened	7	13
Stores closed	(18)	(9)
End of period	<u>1,068</u>	<u>1,082</u>
Stores remodeled, expanded or relocated	5	5
Estimated square footage at end of period (in thousands)	6,094	6,158
Share Repurchase Activity		
Shares purchased	40,299	748,134
Cost (in thousands)	\$ 871	\$ 22,337

1) Represents the decrease in comparable store sales from the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018, to the thirteen weeks ended May 6, 2017.

2) As originally reported for the first quarter ended April 29, 2017. The comparable store sales decrease was 4.8% adjusted for the week shift due to the 53rd week in Fiscal 2018.

Thirteen Weeks Ended May 5, 2018 Compared to Thirteen Weeks Ended April 29, 2017

Net sales. Net sales decreased \$1.0 million, or 0.4%, to \$274.7 million for the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018 from \$275.7 million for the comparable period in the prior year. Furthermore:

- We opened seven Hibbett Sports stores and closed 18 underperforming stores. In addition, we expanded four high-performing stores and remodeled or relocated one store.
- A reduction of \$1.8 million was realized due to the sale of our Team Division in December 2017.
- Comparable store sales decreased 0.3% mainly due to weakness in licensed products, accessories and equipment partially offset by positive results in activewear, footwear and cleats.
- Footwear experienced a low single-digit increase, driven by strength in basketball and lifestyle.
- Branded apparel experienced a high single-digit increase due to strong sell-through of fresh merchandise from our key vendors.
- Licensed experienced a double-digit decline, driven by weakness in college, MLB and NBA.
- Accessories experienced a double-digit decline due to weakness in hydration, socks and sunglasses.
- Equipment experienced a mid-single-digit decline, driven by weakness in football, softball and soccer, partially offset by strength in baseball due to changes in bat regulations.

Gross margin. Cost of goods sold includes the cost of inventory, logistics expenses and store occupancy costs. Gross margin was \$96.8 million, or 35.2% of net sales, in the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018, compared with \$98.2 million, or 35.6% of net sales, in the same period of the prior fiscal year. Furthermore:

- Product margin decreased 51 basis points as a percentage of net sales primarily due to higher levels of clearance sales (mostly online) and freight costs associated with e-commerce sales. Improvement in aged inventory levels benefited gross margin by 29 basis points as a percentage of net sales.
- Logistics expenses increased 11 basis points as a percentage of net sales primarily due to higher payroll costs and repair and maintenance expenses.
- Store occupancy expense decreased 22 basis points as a percentage of net sales primarily due to negotiated rent savings and leverage from e-commerce sales.

Store operating, selling and administrative expenses. Store operating, selling and administrative expenses were \$61.9 million, or 22.5% of net sales, for the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018, compared to \$58.3 million, or 21.2% of net sales, for the comparable period a year ago. Furthermore:

- Store labor costs increased 56 basis points as a percentage of net sales primarily due to wage increases and higher benefit costs related to health care.
- Administrative labor costs increased 29 basis points as a percentage of net sales due to additions to our e-commerce team, wage increases and higher costs related to health care.
- Data processing costs increased 13 basis points as a percentage of net sales due to an increase in operational costs for the e-commerce business, including website hosting, order and payment processing, and call center costs.
- Net advertising costs increased 12 basis points as a percentage of net sales mainly due to increased marketing investments used to drive traffic to our website and physical stores.
- Credit card fees decreased 10 basis points as a percentage of net sales mainly due to the implementation of EMV chip technology and a corresponding decline in credit card chargebacks. This implementation will anniversary in the second quarter.

Depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization increased 20 basis points as a percentage of net sales for the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018. This increase was mainly due to the timing and capitalization of POS and omni-channel enhancements 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 (loss) was 24.7% and 38.7% for the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018 and April 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. Due to the low interest rates currently available, we are using excess cash on deposit to offset bank fees versus investing such funds in an equity market or in interest-bearing deposits.

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

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	May 5, 2018	April 29, 2017
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 47,023	\$ 66,870
Net cash used in investing activities	(4,067)	(7,876)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(673)</u>	<u>(22,096)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 42,283</u>	<u>\$ 36,898</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 \$47.0 million for the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018 compared with net cash provided by operating activities of \$66.9 million for the thirteen weeks ended April 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 (\$21.5 million), depreciation and amortization (\$6.2 million), a decrease in net inventories (\$25.1 million) and an increase in accounts payable (\$10.2 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 thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018 totaled \$4.1 million compared with net cash used in investing activities of \$7.9 million in the thirteen weeks ended April 29, 2017. Capital expenditures used \$4.1 million of cash in the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018 versus \$7.8 million of cash in the thirteen weeks ended April 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. We opened seven new stores and relocated, expanded or remodeled five existing stores during the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018 as compared to opening 13 new stores and remodeling, relocating or expanding five existing stores during the thirteen weeks ended April 29, 2017.

We estimate the cash outlay for capital expenditures in the fiscal year ending February 2, 2019 will be approximately \$20.0 million to \$25.0 million, which relates to expenditures for:

- continued enhancements to our omni-channel capability (including our new mobile app);
- information system infrastructure, projects, upgrades 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, upgrades 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 \$0.7 million in the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018 compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$22.1 million in the prior year period. During the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018, we repurchased \$0.9 million of our common stock, including \$0.4 million from holders of restricted stock unit awards to satisfy tax withholding requirements. During the thirteen weeks ended April 29, 2017, we repurchased \$22.3 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 May 5, 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 May 5, 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 May 5, 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 May 5, 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 May 5, 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 May 5, 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 May 5, 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)
February 4, 2018 to March 3, 2018	5,400	\$ 21.98	5,400	\$ 203,973
March 4, 2018 to April 7, 2018	34,588	\$ 21.49	16,134	\$ 203,637
April 8, 2018 to May 5, 2018	311	\$ 27.90	-	\$ 203,637
Total	40,299	\$ 21.61	21,534	\$ 203,637

(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: June 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>
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Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws

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| 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. |

Form of Stock Certificate

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| 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. |
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Material Agreements

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| 10.1 | Promissory Note – Regions Bank Line of Credit; incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 27, 2018. |
| 10.2 | * Executive Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement |

Certifications

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| 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 |

Interactive Data Files

The following financial information from the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended May 5, 2018, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) and submitted electronically herewith: (i) the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at May 5, 2018 and February 3, 2018; (ii) the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018 and April 29, 2017; (iii) the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2018 and April 29, 2017; and (iv) the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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| 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 |

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HIBBETT SPORTS, INC.
EXECUTIVE RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT

NOTE: This document incorporates the accompanying Grant Letter, and together they constitute a single Agreement which governs the terms and conditions of your Award in accordance with the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan.

THIS AGREEMENT (Agreement) is effective as of the Grant Date specified in the accompanying Grant Letter, by and between the Participant and Hibbett Sporting Goods, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries (Company)).

- A. The Company maintains the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (EIP or Plan).
- B. The Participant has been selected by the committee administering the EIP (Committee) to receive a Restricted Stock Unit Award under the Plan.
- C. Key terms and important conditions of the Award are set forth in the cover letter (Grant Letter) which was delivered to the Participant at the same time as this document. This Agreement contains general provisions relating to the Award.

IT IS AGREED, by and between the Company and the Participant, as follows:

- 1. Terms of Award. The following terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings set forth in this paragraph 1:
 - (a) The Participant is the individual named in the Grant Letter.
 - (b) The Grant Date is the date of the Grant Letter.
 - (c) The Units means an award denominated in shares of the Company's Stock as specified in the Grant Letter.
 - (d) The Restricted Period shall begin on the Grant Date and extend, with respect to successive installments of Units (if any), until the dates and/or events specified in the Grant Letter (including Schedule A).

Other terms used in this Agreement are defined pursuant to paragraph 8 or elsewhere in this Agreement.

- 2. Award. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Participant is hereby granted the number of Units set forth in paragraph 1.
- 3. Settlement of Awards. The Company shall deliver to the Participant one share of Stock (or cash equal to the Fair Market Value of one share of Stock) for each vested Unit, as determined in accordance with the provisions of Grant Letter and this Agreement. The Units payable to the Participant in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph 3 shall be paid solely in shares of Stock, solely in cash based on the Fair Market Value of the Stock (determined as of the first business day next following the last day of the Restricted Period), or in a combination of the two, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, except that cash shall be distributed in lieu of any fractional share of Stock.

4. Time of Payment. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, payment of Units vested in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 will be delivered as soon as practicable after the end of the Restricted Period; provided that any cash payment or delivery of shares shall occur no later than the end of the calendar year during which the Restricted Period ends. To the extent required by Section 409A of the Code, in the event the Participant is a "specified employee" as provided in Section 409A(a)(2)(i) on the Date of Termination (as defined below), any amounts payable hereunder shall be paid no earlier than the first business day after the six month anniversary of the Date of Termination. Whether the Participant is a specified employee and whether an amount payable to the Participant hereunder is subject to Section 409A of the Code shall be determined by the Company.

5. Vesting and Forfeiture of Units.

(a) Units shall vest, and the Participant shall be entitled to settlement on Units, when the Restricted Period has ended. Except in the situations described below, if the Participant's Date of Termination occurs during the Restricted Period, then Units shall be forfeited.

(b) Units shall vest prior to the end of the Restricted Period, in the following situations:

(i) Unless otherwise determined by the Committee in the Grant Letter, if the Participant's Date of Termination occurs by reason of the Participant's death, or Disability, then the Units vest as of the Participant's Date of Termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Award is conditioned on the achievement of one or more performance objectives set forth in the Grant Letter, then the Participant shall become vested under this paragraph 5(b)(i) only upon Committee certification that the performance objectives have been achieved.

(ii) Unless otherwise determined by the Committee in the Grant Letter, if the Participant's Date of Termination occurs by reason of the Participant's Retirement, then the Units vest upon the Committee's certification of the achievement of one or more performance objectives set forth in the Grant Letter; provided that the Participant remains employed through the end of the fiscal year during which the performance objectives are measured.

(iii) If (x) a Change in Control occurs prior to the end of the Restricted Period, (y) the Participant's Date of Termination does not occur before the Change in Control date, and (z) the Committee determines to accelerate such vesting, then the Units vest as of the date of the Change in Control.

(c) The Participant shall forfeit all unvested Units as of the date on which the Committee determines the Participant materially violated (A) the provisions of paragraph 10 below or (B) any non-competition agreement which the Participant may have entered into with the Company.

6. Withholding. All deliveries and distributions under this Agreement are subject to withholding of all applicable taxes. The Company is entitled to (a) withhold and deduct from future wages of the Participant (or from other amounts due to Participant) or make other arrangements for the collection of all legally required amounts necessary to satisfy such withholding or (b) require the Participant promptly to remit such amounts to the Company.

Subject to such rules and limitations as may be established by the Committee from time to time, the withholding obligations described in this Section 6 may be satisfied through the surrender of shares of Stock which the Participant already owns, or to which the Participant is otherwise entitled under the Plan, including shares of Stock to be settled under this Agreement.

7. Transferability. Units may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered until the expiration of the Restricted Period or, if earlier, until the Participant is vested in the Units. Transfers at death are governed by paragraph 9(c) below.

8. Definitions. For purposes of this Agreement, the terms used in this Agreement shall have the following meanings:

(a) Change in Control. The term Change in Control shall mean (a) the sale, lease, exchange or other transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (in one transaction or in a series of related transactions) to a corporation that is not controlled by the Company, (b) the approval by the shareholders of the Company of any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company, (c) a successful tender offer for the Common Stock of the Company, after which the tendering party holds more than 30% of the issued and outstanding Common Stock of the Company, or (d) a merger, consolidation, share exchange, or other transaction to which the Company is a party pursuant to which the holders of all of the shares of the Company outstanding prior to such transaction do not hold, directly or indirectly, at least 50% of the outstanding shares of the surviving company after the transaction.

(b) Date of Termination. The Participant's Date of Termination shall be the day immediately prior to the first day on which the Participant is not employed by the Company or any Subsidiary, regardless of the reason for the termination of employment; provided that a termination of employment shall not be deemed to occur by reason of a transfer of the Participant between the Company and a Subsidiary or between two Subsidiaries; and further provided that the Participant's employment shall not be considered terminated while the Participant is on a leave of absence approved by the Participant's employer.

(c) Disability. The Participant shall be considered to have a Disability if he or she satisfies the definition contained in Section 409A(a)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code and any applicable guidance issued thereunder.

(d) Retirement. Retirement of the Participant shall mean, with the approval of the Committee, the occurrence of the Participant's Date of Termination on or after the date the Participant attains age sixty-five (65), following at least five (5) years of service.

(e) Plan Definitions. Except where the context clearly implies or indicates the contrary, a word, term, or phrase used in the Plan is similarly used in this Agreement.

9. Binding Effect: Heirs and Successors.

(a) The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be effective upon delivery to the Participant, with or without execution by the Participant.

(b) This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the Company and its successors and assigns, and upon any person acquiring, whether by

merger, consolidation, purchase of assets or otherwise, all or substantially all of the Company's assets and business.

(c) If any rights exercisable by the Participant or benefits deliverable to the Participant under this Agreement have not been exercised or delivered, respectively, at the time of the Participant's death, such rights shall be exercisable by the Designated Beneficiary, and such benefits shall be delivered to the Designated Beneficiary, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Plan. The "Designated Beneficiary" shall be the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by the Participant in a writing filed with the Committee in such form and at such time as the Committee shall require. If a deceased Participant fails to designate a beneficiary, or if the Designated Beneficiary does not survive the Participant, any rights that would have been exercisable by the Participant and any benefits distributable to the Participant shall be exercised by or distributed to the legal representative of the estate of the Participant. If a deceased Participant designates a beneficiary and the Designated Beneficiary survives the Participant but dies before the Designated Beneficiary's exercise of all rights under this Agreement or before the complete distribution of benefits to the Designated Beneficiary under this Agreement, then any rights that would have been exercisable by the Designated Beneficiary shall be exercised by the legal representative of the estate of the Designated Beneficiary, and any benefits distributable to the Designated Beneficiary shall be distributed to the legal representative of the estate of the Designated Beneficiary.

10. Disclosure of Information. The Participant recognizes and acknowledges that the Company's trade secrets, confidential information, and proprietary information, including customer and vendor lists and computer data and programs (collectively "Confidential Information"), are valuable, special and unique assets of the Company's business, access to and knowledge of which are essential to the performance of the Participant's duties. The Participant will not, before or after his Date of Termination, in whole or in part, disclose such Confidential Information to any person or entity or make such Confidential Information public for any purpose whatsoever, nor shall the Participant make use of such Confidential Information for the Participant's own purposes or for the benefit of any person or entity other than the Company under any circumstances before or after the Participant's Date of Termination; provided that this prohibition shall not apply after the Participant's Date of Termination to Confidential Information that has become publicly known through no action of the Participant. The Participant shall consider and treat as the Company's property all memoranda, books, records, papers, letters, computer data or programs, or customer lists, including any copies thereof in human- or machine-readable form, in any way relating to the Company's business or affairs, financial or otherwise, whether created by the Participant or coming into his or her possession, and shall deliver the same to the Company on the Date of Termination or, on demand of the Company, at any earlier time.

11. Administration. The authority to manage and control the operation and administration of this Agreement shall be vested in the Committee, and the Committee shall have all powers with respect to this Agreement as it has with respect to the Plan. Any interpretation of the Agreement by the Committee and any decision made by it with respect to the Agreement is final and binding on all persons. Such powers or decision-making may be delegated, to the extent permitted by the Plan, to one or more of Committee members or any other person or persons selected by the Committee.

12. Plan Governs. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the terms of this Agreement shall wholly incorporate and be subject to the terms of the Plan, a copy of which may be obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the Company (or such other party

as the Company may designate); and this Agreement is subject to all interpretations, amendments, rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee from time to time pursuant to the Plan.

13. No Implied Rights.

(a) The award of Units will not confer on the Participant any right with respect to continuance of employment or other service with the Company or any Subsidiary, nor will it interfere in any way with any right the Company or any Subsidiary would otherwise have to terminate or modify the terms of such Participant's employment or other service at any time.

(b) The Participant shall not have any rights of a shareholder with respect to the Units until shares of Stock have been duly issued following settlement of the Award as provided herein.

14. Notices. Any written notices provided for in this Agreement or the Plan shall be in writing and shall be deemed sufficiently given if either hand delivered or if sent by fax or overnight courier, or by postage paid first class mail. Notices sent by mail shall be deemed received three business days after mailing but in no event later than the date of actual receipt. Notices shall be directed, if to the Participant, at the Participant's address indicated by the Company's records, or if to the Company, at the Company's principal executive office.

15. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended by written agreement of the Participant and the Company, without the consent of any other person.

16. Governing Law; Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Alabama without giving effect to the choice-of-law provisions thereof. The Circuit Court of the City of Birmingham and the United States District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Birmingham Division shall be the exclusive courts of jurisdiction and venue for any litigation, special proceeding or other proceeding as between the parties that may be brought, or arise out of, in connection with, or by reason of this Agreement. The parties hereby consent to the jurisdiction of such courts.

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: June 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: June 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 May 5, 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: June 13, 2018

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

Date: June 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.

