

## Press Release

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# Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation Prices Initial Public Offering

EL SEGUNDO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 25, 2002--Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (Nasdaq:[BGFV](#) - News) today announced the initial public offering of 8,050,000 shares of its common stock at a price of \$13 per share. Of the shares being offered, 6,463,343 are being sold by the company and 1,586,657 are being sold by certain of the company's stockholders. Of the shares being sold by the company, 350,000 shares will be purchased directly by affiliates of Leonard Green & Partners, L.P. The shares will trade on The Nasdaq Stock Market's National Market under the symbol "BGFV". The offering was lead-managed by Credit Suisse First Boston and co-managed by U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray, Jefferies & Company, Inc. and Stephens Inc. The underwriters have an option to acquire up to 1,155,000 additional shares from the company and the selling stockholders for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any.

A copy of the prospectus relating to the offering may be obtained from Credit Suisse First Boston, Prospectus Department, Eleven Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010-3629 (Telephone Number 212-325-2580).

Big 5 Sporting Goods, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Big 5 Corp., is the leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, operating over 260 stores in 10 states under the name "Big 5 Sporting Goods."

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