

Press Release

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EL SEGUNDO, Calif., Oct. 8 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (Nasdaq: [BGFV - News](#)), the leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, today announced that it has filed a shelf registration statement registering for resale 6,171,074 shares of its common stock held by Green Equity Investors, L.P. (GEI), pursuant to GEI's registration rights with Big 5. Big 5 will not receive any of the net proceeds of the offering.

- (Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20020715/BIG5LOGO>)

A copy of the prospectus relating to the offering may be obtained from Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation, 2525 East El Segundo Boulevard, El Segundo, California, 90245, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, but has not yet become effective. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

About Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation

Big 5 is the leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, operating 282 stores in 10 states under the "Big 5 Sporting Goods" name. Big 5 provides a full-line product offering of over 25,000 stock keeping units in a traditional sporting goods store format that averages 11,000 square feet. Big 5's product mix includes athletic shoes, apparel and accessories, as well as a broad selection of outdoor and athletic equipment for team sports, fitness, camping, hunting, fishing, tennis, golf, snowboarding and in-line skating.