

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Form 8-K

August 26, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

August 26, 2004

Date of report

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Minnesota
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

0-20572
(Commission File Number)

41-0886515
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

1031 Mendota Heights Road

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55120

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(651) 686-1600

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On August 26, 2004, the registrant publicly announced financial results for the first quarter ended July 31, 2004. For further information, please refer to the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 which is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) EXHIBITS

Exhibit 99.1 Press release announcing its 2005 first quarter financial results, dated August 26, 2004.

SIGNATURES

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 hereunto duly authorized.

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Date: August 26, 2004

By: /s/ R. Stephen Armstrong

R. Stephen Armstrong
Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
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