

ROSS STORES INC  
Form 8-K  
November 16, 2004

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**Form 8-K**

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

**Date of report (date of earliest event reported):**  
November 16, 2004

**ROSS STORES, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-14678**  
(Commission File No.)

**94-1390387**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**4440 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton, California, 94588-3050**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**  
**(925) 965-4400**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On November 16, 2004, the Company issued a press release regarding the Company's sales and earnings results for its third fiscal quarter ended October 30, 2004. The full text of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(c) Exhibits.**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                                    |
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| 99.1               | November 16, 2004 Press Release by Ross Stores, Inc.* |

\*Pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K, Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

