

PATTERSON DENTAL CO
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August 20, 2003

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 20, 2003

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

PATTERSON DENTAL COMPANY

(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)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release announcing its 2004 first quarter financial results, dated August 20, 2003.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On August 20, 2003, the registrant publicly announced financial results for the first quarter ended July 26, 2003. For further information, please refer to the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 which is incorporated by reference herein.

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 DENTAL COMPANY

Date: August 20, 2003

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

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