

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.
Form 8-K
February 24, 2005

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

February 24, 2005

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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 - .. 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 February 24, 2005, Patterson Companies, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter of fiscal year 2005 ended January 29, 2005. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) EXHIBITS

99 Press release of Patterson Companies, Inc., dated February 24, 2005.

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: February 24, 2005

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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