PATTERSON DENTAL CO Form 8-K 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 0-20572 41-0886515

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer

of Incorporation) Identification No.)

1031 Mendota Heights Road

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 COMPAN	NY .
Date: August 20, 2003	Ву:	/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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