

PATTERSON DENTAL CO  
Form 8-K  
August 20, 2003

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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**

August 20, 2003

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

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**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)**

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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.



**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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