

PATTERSON DENTAL CO  
Form 8-K  
November 20, 2003

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

November 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**

**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 second quarter and six months financial results, dated November 20, 2003.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On November 20, 2003, the registrant publicly announced financial results for the second quarter and six months ended October 25, 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: November 20, 2003

By:

/s/ R. Stephen Armstrong

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R. Stephen Armstrong

Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief  
Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal  
Accounting Officer)

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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