

ROSS STORES INC  
Form 8-K  
August 18, 2004

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**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**

**Date of Report: August 18, 2004**

**Commission file number 0-14678**

**ROSS STORES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**94-1390387**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**4440 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**94588-3050**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code**

**(925) 965-4400**

**Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report**

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**Item 7. Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	August 18, 2004 Press Release by Ross Stores, Inc.*

\*Pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K, Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On August 18, 2004, the Company issued a press release regarding the Company's sales and earnings results for its second fiscal quarter ended July 31, 2004. The full text of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**ROSS STORES, INC.**  
Registrant

Date: August 18, 2004

/s/ J. CALL

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**John G. Call**  
**Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Principal**  
**Accounting Officer and Corporate Secretary**