

ROSS STORES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 03, 2005

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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**

**Date of report (date of earliest event reported):**  
**March 3, 2005**

**ROSS STORES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**0-14678**  
(Commission  
File No.)

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

**4440 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton, California, 94588-3050**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**  
**(925) 965-4400**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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 March 3, 2005, the Company issued a press release regarding the expected adjustment of its lease accounting as a result of recent clarification by the SEC, and the possible effect on earnings for fiscal 2004 and the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004. The full text of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) **Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	March 3, 2005 Press Release by Ross Stores, Inc.*

\*Pursuant to Item 2.02 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.

**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.

Date: March 3, 2005

**ROSS STORES, INC.**  
Registrant

By: */s/ J. CALL*

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