

ROSS STORES INC  
Form 8-K  
May 18, 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):**  
May 18, 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 May 18, 2005, the Company issued a press release regarding the Company's sales and earnings results for its first fiscal quarter ended April 30, 2005. 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<br/>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                               |
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| 99.1                   | May 18, 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: May 18, 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**