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ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 24, 2003

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

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DATE OF REPORT: APRIL 23, 2003

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ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS, INC.  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

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Ohio  
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(STATE OR OTHER  
JURISDICTION OF  
INCORPORATION OR  
ORGANIZATION)

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0-21026  
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(COMMISSION FILE NO.)

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31-1364046  
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(IRS EMPLOYER  
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

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39 East Canal Street  
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764  
(740) 753-1951  
(ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER  
INCLUDING AREA CODE OF REGISTRANT'S  
PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

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Not Applicable  
(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

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ITEM 7. EXHIBITS.

(c) EXHIBITS.

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99	Press Release, dated April 23, 2003, entitled "Rocky Shoes & Boots, Inc. Reports First Quarter Results."

### ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On April 23, 2003, Rocky Shoes & Boots, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release regarding its consolidated financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. A copy of the Company's press release is furnished as an exhibit to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The information contained in this report on Form 8-K is being furnished pursuant to Item 12 under Item 9 of Form 8-K as directed by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Release No. 34-47583.

The information contained or incorporated by reference in this Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements, including certain plans, expectations, goals, and projections, which are subject to numerous assumptions, risks, and uncertainties. A number of factors, including but not limited to those set forth under the heading "Business Risks" included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002, and other factors described from time to time in the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, could cause actual conditions, events, or results to differ significantly from those described in the forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this Form 8-K are based on information available at the time of the report. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement.

### 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.

ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS, INC.

Date: April 24, 2003

By: /s/ James E. McDonald

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James E. McDonald, Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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