## 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 (Date of earliest event reported) July 3, 2002

Daktronics, Inc.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Dakota
----(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-23246 ------(Commission File Number) 46-0306862

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

331 32nd Avenue Brookings, South Dakota

57006

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (605) 697-4000

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: not applicable.

# Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountants

At a meeting held on June 25, 2002, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the engagement of Ernst & Young LLP as its independent auditors for the fiscal year ending May 3, 2003 to replace the firm McGladrey & Pullen LLP, who were dismissed as auditors of the Company effective July 1, 2002. The audit committee of the Board of Directors recommended the change in auditors on June 25, 2002.

The reports of McGladrey & Pullen LLP on the Company's financial statements for the past two fiscal years did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles.

In connection with the audits of the Company's financial statements for each of the two fiscal years ended April 27, 2002 and April 28, 2001 and in the subsequent interim period, there were no disagreements with McGladrey & Pullen LLP on any matters of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope and procedures which, if not resolved to the satisfaction of McGladrey & Pullen LLP would have caused McGladrey & Pullen LLP to make reference to the matter in their report. The Company has requested McGladrey & Pullen LLP to furnish it with a letter addressed to the Commission stating whether it agrees with the above statements. A copy of that letter, dated July 3, 2002 is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to this Form 8-K.

- Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
  - (c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 16.1: McGladrey & Pullen LLP letter dated July 3, 2002

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirement 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.

DAKTRONICS, INC.

By /s/ William R. Retterath
----Its Chief Financial Officer

Dated: July 3, 2002 William R. Retterath,
Chief Financial Officer

Printed name and title

Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, D.C. 20549

## Gentlemen:

We were previously the independent accountants for Daktronics, Inc., and on June 7, 2002 we reported on the consolidated financial statements of Daktronics, Inc. and subsidiaries as of and for the two years ended April 27, 2002. On July 1, 2002, we were dismissed as independent accountants of Daktronics, Inc. We have read Daktronics, Inc's statements included under Item 4 of its Form 8-K for July 3, 2002, and we agree with such statements.

/s/ McGLADREY & PULLEN, LLP

Sioux Falls, South Dakota July 3, 2002