UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): August 28, 2019



Daktronics, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

South Dakota (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 0-23246 (Commission

(Commission File Number)

Daktronics Drive

46-0306862 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

201 Daktronics Drive Brookings, SD 57006

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, and Zip Code)

(605) 692-0200

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, No Par Value	DAKT	NASDAQ Global Select Market
Preferred Stock Purchase Rights	DAKT	NASDAQ Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Section 2 - Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On August 28, 2019 Daktronics Inc. (the "Registrant") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the three months ended August 3, 2019 of fiscal 2020. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished in this report, including the exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into Daktronics' filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 and shall not be deemed "filed" with the SEC for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits:

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished as part of this Report:

99.1 Press Release dated August 28, 2019 issued by Registrant regarding first quarter fiscal 2020 results.

SIGNATURE

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.

DAKTRONICS, INC.

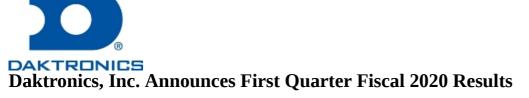
<u>By: /s/ Sheila M. Anderson</u> Sheila M. Anderson, Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 28, 2019

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Brookings, S.D., August 28, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Daktronics, Inc. (NASDAQ - DAKT) today reported fiscal 2020 first quarter net sales of \$180.3 million, operating income of \$7.6 million, and net income of \$7.0 million, or \$0.16 per diluted share, compared to net sales of \$154.2 million, operating income of \$4.0 million, and net income of \$4.6 million, or \$0.10 per diluted share, for the first quarter of fiscal 2019. Fiscal 2020 first quarter orders were \$187.5 million, compared to \$159.6 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2019. Product order backlog at the end of the fiscal 2020 first quarter was \$207 million, compared to \$177 million a year earlier and \$202 million at the end of the fourth quarter of fiscal 2019.⁽¹⁾

Fiscal 2020 is a 53-week year and fiscal 2019 was a 52-week year. The extra week of fiscal 2020 fell within the first quarter, resulting in a 14-week quarter versus a 13-week quarter comparison. Sales, orders and other results of operations were impacted due to the additional week of operations.

Cash used in operating activities in the first three months of fiscal 2020 was \$18.2 million, compared with cash used in operating activities of \$10.3 million in the same period last year. Cash flow from operating activities fluctuated due to a rise in accounts receivable, contract assets, and inventories corresponding with the seasonality of our business. Free cash flow, defined as cash provided from or used in operating activities less net investment in property and equipment, was a negative \$24.0 million for the first three months of fiscal 2020, as compared to a negative free cash flow of \$14.9 million for the same period of fiscal 2019. Net investment in property and equipment was \$5.8 million for the first three months of fiscal 2020, as compared to \$4.6 million for the first three months of fiscal 2019. Cash, restricted cash, and marketable securities at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2020 were \$33.0 million, which compares to \$43.3 million at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2019.

Orders for the first quarter of fiscal 2020 increased 17.5 percent as compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2019. Orders increased in the Commercial, Live Events, and International business units, and decreased in the High School Park and Recreation business unit. Orders were relatively flat in the Transportation business unit. For comparison, orders paced at \$13.4 million per week during the first quarter of fiscal 2020 as compared to \$12.3 million during the same time last year. Live Event orders increased due to an increase in the number of projects for professional sports, arenas, and college and universities venues. The volatility of order timing for large projects and global accounts varies according to the needs of the customer and is the primary cause of the change in order volume in the Commercial, High School Park and Recreation, and International business units.

Net sales increased by 16.9 percent in the first quarter of fiscal 2020 as compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2019. Net sales increased in the Commercial, Live Events, High School Park and Recreation, and Transportation business units, and decreased in the International business unit. For comparison, sales revenue paced at \$12.9 million per week during the first quarter of fiscal 2020 as compared to \$11.9 million during the same time last year. The change in sales also correlates to the increase in order levels as well as the timing of converting orders and backlog into sales. Our first quarter is historically one of the busiest quarters as we produce, deliver, and install during the summer construction season.

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales was 25.2 percent for the first quarter of fiscal 2020 as compared to 24.8 percent a year earlier. Global trade factors caused approximately \$1.5 million in additional tariff expenses, or a 0.8% impact to gross profit during the first quarter of fiscal 2020 as compared to a nominal expense the same time last year. Operating expenses for the first quarter of fiscal 2020 were \$37.9 million, compared to \$34.2 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2019. Approximately \$2.7 million of this increase is due to the additional week during the first quarter of fiscal 2020. Operating income as a percent of sales for the quarter increased to 4.2 percent as compared to 2.6 percent during the first quarter of fiscal 2019. The effective tax rate for the first quarter of fiscal 2020 was 12.6 percent. During the first quarter of fiscal 2019 estimated tax credits exceeded estimated tax expense, resulting in an effective tax benefit of 13.1 percent.

Reece Kurtenbach, chairman, president and chief executive officer stated, "We are pleased with the strong start to the year in order and sales volumes. Our teams are focused on market development and deployment of our newly designed solutions to both new and existing customers. Our investments are yielding additional features in our control systems and broadening our lineup of displays contributing to increased orders."

Outlook

Kurtenbach added, "We remain optimistic about our long-term outlook. Our product and technology portfolios position us for growth and allows us to serve a growing global customer base. We continue to invest in new technologies and advanced manufacturing techniques to provide innovative solutions. While economic concerns linger and the global tariff and trade environment create headwinds in the near-term, our pipeline of project opportunities remains active and support growth. We are focused on these conditions and on carefully managing capacity and spend to drive profitability."

Webcast Information

The company will host a conference call and webcast to discuss its financial results today at 10:00 a.m. (CST). This call will be broadcast live at <u>http://investor.daktronics.com</u> and available for replay shortly after the event.

About Daktronics

Daktronics has strong leadership positions in, and is the world's largest supplier of, large-screen video displays, electronic scoreboards, LED text and graphics displays, and related control systems. The company excels in the control of display systems, including those that require integration of multiple complex displays showing real-time information, graphics, animation, and video. Daktronics designs, manufactures, markets and services display systems for customers around the world in four domestic business units: Live Events, Commercial, High School Park and Recreation, and Transportation, and one International business unit. For more information, visit the company's website at: www.daktronics.com, email the company at investor@daktronics.com, call (605) 692-0200 or toll-free (800) 843-5843 in the United States, or write to the company at 201 Daktronics Dr., P.O. Box 5128, Brookings, S.D. 57006-5128.

Safe Harbor Statement

Cautionary Notice: In addition to statements of historical fact, this news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is intended to enjoy the protection of that Act. These forward-looking statements reflect the Company's expectations or beliefs concerning future events. The Company cautions that these and similar statements involve risk and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations, including, but not limited to, changes in economic and market conditions, management of growth, timing and magnitude of future contracts and orders, fluctuations in margins, the introduction of new products and technology, the impact of adverse weather

conditions, increased regulation and other risks described in the company's SEC filings, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for its 2019 fiscal year. Forward-looking statements are made in the context of information available as of the date stated. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise such statements to reflect new circumstances or unanticipated events as they occur.

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(1) Backlog is not a measure defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), and our methodology for determining backlog may vary from the methodology used by other companies in determining their backlog amounts. For more information related to backlog, see Part I, Item 1. Business of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2019.

Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries **Consolidated Statements of Operations** (in thousands, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

(unduited)		Three Months Ended			
	A	August 3, 2019		July 28, 2018	
Net sales	\$	180,256	\$	154,188	
Cost of sales		134,751		115,941	
Gross profit		45,505		38,247	
Operating expenses:					
Selling		18,297		16,378	
General and administrative		9,093		8,537	
Product design and development		10,500		9,292	
		37,890		34,207	
Operating income		7,615		4,040	
Nonoperating income (expense):					
Interest income		269		197	
Interest expense		(35)		(39)	
Other income (expense), net		193		(154)	
Income before income taxes		8,042		4,044	
Income tax expense (benefit)		1,012		(530)	
Net income	\$	7,030	\$	4,574	
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic		45,089		44,638	
Diluted		45,261		44,831	
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$	0.16	\$	0.10	
Diluted	\$	0.16	\$	0.10	
Cash dividends declared per share	\$	0.05	\$	0.07	

Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands)

	August 3, 2019		A	April 27, 2019	
	(unaudited)				
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	20,762	\$	35,383	
Restricted cash		339		359	
Marketable securities		11,878		26,344	
Accounts receivable, net		96,218		65,487	
Inventories		85,458		78,832	
Contract assets		42,809		33,704	
Current maturities of long-term receivables		3,997		2,300	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		9,558		8,319	
Income tax receivables		1,038		1,087	
Property and equipment and other assets available for sale		1,844		1,858	
Total current assets		273,901		253,673	
Property and equipment, net		66,707		65,314	
Long-term receivables, less current maturities		2,163		1,214	
Goodwill		7,940		7,889	
Intangibles, net		4,568		4,906	
Investment in affiliates and other assets		15,361		5,052	
Deferred income taxes		11,189		11,168	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	381,829	\$	349,216	

Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets (continued)

(in thousands)

(in thousands)					
		August 3, 2019 (unaudited)		April 27, 2019	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Accounts payable	\$	57,001	\$	44,873	
Contract liabilities		53,421		47,178	
Accrued expenses		32,850		32,061	
Warranty obligations		9,650		9,492	
Income taxes payable		771		468	
Total current liabilities		153,693		134,072	
Long-term warranty obligations		15,800		14,978	
Long-term contract liabilities		10,140		10,053	
Other long-term obligations		8,732		1,339	
Long-term income taxes payable		727		578	
Deferred income taxes		544		533	
Total long-term liabilities		35,943		27,481	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		189,636		161,553	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:					
Common stock		58,478		57,699	
Additional paid-in capital		43,204		42,561	
Retained earnings		98,373		93,593	
Treasury stock, at cost		(3,021)		(1,834)	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(4,841)		(4,356)	
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		192,193		187,663	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	381,829	\$	349,216	

Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(in thousands) (unaudited)

(undefect)	Three M	onths	Ended
	August 3, 2019		July 28, 2018
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income	\$ 7,030	\$	4,574
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	4,383		4,488
Loss on sale of property, equipment and other assets	(26)		(69)
Share-based compensation	643		651
Equity in loss of affiliate	118		134
Provision for doubtful accounts	5		(29)
Deferred income taxes, net	(40)		(65)
Change in operating assets and liabilities	(30,331)		(19,944)
Net cash used in operating activities	(18,218)		(10,260)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchases of property and equipment	(5,856)		(4,727)
Proceeds from sales of property, equipment and other assets	73		106
Purchases of marketable securities			(1,986)
Proceeds from sales or maturities of marketable securities	14,510		9,181
Purchases of and loans to equity investment	(455)		(426)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired			(2,250)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	8,272		(102)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from exercise of stock options			57
Principal payments on long-term obligations	(1,221)		(458)
Dividends paid	(2,250)		(3,121)
Payments for common shares repurchased	(1,187)		_
Net cash used in financing activities	(4,658)		(3,522)
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EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	(37)		70
NET DECREASE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH	(14,641)		(13,814)
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH:			
Beginning of period	35,742		29,755
End of period	\$ 21,101	\$	15,941

Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Net Sales and Orders by Business Unit

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended						
	 August 3, July 28, 2019 2018		5	Dollar Change		Percent Change	
Net Sales:							
Commercial	\$ 44,035	\$	30,569	\$	13,466	44.1 %	
Live Events	59,306		49,472		9,834	19.9	
High School Park and Recreation	30,465		28,120		2,345	8.3	
Transportation	19,018		17,157		1,861	10.8	
International	27,432		28,870		(1,438)	(5.0)	
	\$ 180,256	\$	154,188	\$	26,068	16.9 %	
Orders:							
Commercial	\$ 38,648	\$	35,792	\$	2,856	8.0 %	
Live Events	66,969		39,395		27,574	70.0	
High School Park and Recreation	30,552		38,449		(7,897)	(20.5)	
Transportation	22,215		21,916		299	1.4	
International	29,079		24,058		5,021	20.9	
	\$ 187,463	\$	159,610	\$	27,853	17.5 %	

Reconciliation of Free Cash Flow* (in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended			nded	
		August 3, 2019		July 28, 2018	
Net cash used in operating activities	\$	(18,218)	\$	(10,260)	
Purchases of property and equipment		(5,856)		(4,727)	
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment		73		106	
Free cash flow	\$	(24,001)	\$	(14,881)	

*In evaluating its business, Daktronics considers and uses free cash flow as a key measure of its operating performance. The term free cash flow is not defined under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and is not a measure of operating income, cash flows from operating activities or other GAAP figures and should not be considered alternatives to those computations. Free cash flow is intended to provide information that may be useful for investors when assessing period to period results.