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# 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) May 3, 2005

## NICHOLAS FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its Charter)

British Columbia, Canada	0-26680	8736-3354
(State or Other Jurisdiction of	(Commission	(I.R.S. Employer
Incorporation or Organization)	File Number)	Identification No.)
2454 McMullen Booth Road, Building C Clearwater, Florida		33759
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)

## (727) 726-0763

(Registrant s telephone number, Including area code)

#### Not applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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## **Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

MAY 3, 2005 Clearwater, Florida Nicholas Financial, Inc. (Nasdaq, NICK), announced that net income for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2005 increased 59% to \$2,368,000 as compared to \$1,492,000 in the fourth quarter last year. Diluted earnings per share increased 26% to \$0.34 from \$0.27. Revenue for the quarter increased 33% to \$9,181,000 as compared to \$6,910,000 in the fourth quarter last year. The Company has reported record comparable quarterly increases in 58 of the last 59 quarters.

For the year ended March 31, 2005, net income increased 55% to \$8,080,000 as compared to \$5,213,000 last year. Diluted earnings per share increased 25% to \$1.20 from \$0.96. Revenue for the year increased 29% to \$32,832,000 as compared to \$25,500,000 last year. The Company has reported record increases in revenues and earnings every year for the past 15 years.

#### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit #	Description
99.1	Press release dated May 3, 2005, announcing record earnings for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2005.
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## **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.

NICHOLAS FINANCIAL, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: May 3, 2005 /s/ Peter L. Vosotas

Peter L. Vosotas

Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 3, 2005 /s/ Ralph T. Finkenbrink

Ralph T. Finkenbrink

(Principal Financial Officer and

Accounting Officer)

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