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Form 8-K  
October 23, 2002

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): October 22, 2002

HAEMONETICS CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Massachusetts<br>-----<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | 1-10730<br>-----<br>(Commission File<br>Number) | 04-2882273<br>-----<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification Number) |
| 400 Wood Road<br>Braintree, MA<br>-----<br>(Address of principal executive<br>offices)      |   | 02184<br>-----<br>(Zip Code)                                   |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (781) 848-7100

Item 5. Other Events  
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On October 22, 2002, Sir Stuart Burgess, Chairman of Haemonetics Corporation (the "Company"), announced his intention to retire in March 2003 at the end of the Company's fiscal year. The Company simultaneously announced that Ronald A. Matricaria, former CEO and Chairman of St. Jude Medical Inc., has joined the Board today and will succeed Sir Stuart as Chairman on April 1, 2003.

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

99.1 Press Release of the Company dated October 22, 2002

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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.

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By: s/Ronald J. Ryan

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Ronald J. Ryan, Senior Vice  
President and Chief Financial  
Officer