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UNITED STATES SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)*

Blair Corp.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

092828102
(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to
Receive Notices and Communications)

December 2, 2004
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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CUSIP NO. 092828102

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

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S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Loeb Partners Corporation

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) ☒ [X]
(b) ☐ []
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

WC, O

- 5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED []
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

- 6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Delaware

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		15,165 Shares of Common stock
BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		11,372 Shares of Common stock
EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		15,165 Shares of Common stock
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		11,372 Shares of Common stock

- 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

26,537 Shares of Common stock

- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
0.32%
- 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
CO, BD, IA

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO. 092828102

- 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Loeb Arbitrage Fund

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) ☒ [X]
(b) ☐ []
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New York

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		324,087 Shares of Common stock
BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		-----
EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		324,087 Shares of Common stock
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
324,087 Shares of Common stock

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
3.95%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
PN, BD

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Loeb Offshore Fund Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) ☒ [X]

(b) ☐ []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

WC, O

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED [☐]
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		28,432 Shares of Common stock
BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		-----
EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		28,432 Shares of Common stock
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

28,432 Shares of Common stock

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
0.35%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
CO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Loeb Marathon Fund LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) ☒ [X]

(b) ☐ []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

WC, O

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED [☐]
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) or 2 (e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Delaware

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		21,097 Shares of Common stock
BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		-----
EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		21,097 Shares of Common stock
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

21,097 Shares of Common Stock

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
0.26%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
PN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Loeb Marathon Offshore Fund, Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) ☒ [X]

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(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

WC, O

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED []
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		14,864 Shares of Common stock
BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		-----
EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		14,864 Shares of Common stock
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

14,864 Shares of Common Stock

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
0.18%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
CO

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This statement refers to the Common Stock of Blair Corp.,
220 Hickory St., Warren, PA 16366.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

Loeb Arbitrage Fund ("LAF"), 61 Broadway, New York, New York, 10006, is a New York limited partnership. It is a registered broker/dealer. Its general partner is Loeb Arbitrage Management, Inc., ("LAM"), a Delaware corporation, with the same address. Its President is Gideon J. King. The other officers of LAM are Thomas L. Kempner, Chairman of the Board, President, Peter A. Tcherepnine, Vice President, Edward J. Campbell, Vice President. Loeb Partners Corporation ("LPC"), 61 Broadway, New York, New York, 10006, is a Delaware corporation. It is a registered broker/dealer and a registered investment adviser. Thomas L. Kempner is its President and a director and its Chief Executive Officer. Norman N. Mintz is a Vice President and also a director. Gideon J. King is Executive Vice President. Loeb Holding Corporation ("LHC"), a Maryland corporation, 61 Broadway, New York, New York, 10006 is the sole stockholder of LAM and LPC. Thomas L. Kempner is its President and a director as well as its Chief Executive Officer and majority stockholder. Norman N. Mintz and Peter A. Tcherepnine are also directors. Loeb Offshore Fund, Ltd., ("LOF") is a Cayman Islands exempted company. Loeb Offshore Management, LLC ("LOM") is a Delaware limited liability company, a registered investment adviser and is wholly owned by Loeb Holding Corporation. It is the investment

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adviser of LOF. Gideon J. King and Thomas L. Kempner are Directors of LOF and Managers of LOM. Loeb Marathon Fund ("LMF") is a Delaware limited partnership whose general partner is LAM. Loeb Marathon Offshore Fund Ltd. ("LMOF") is a Cayman Islands exempted company. LOM is the investment adviser of LMOF. All of the individuals named are United States citizens. None have been, within the last five years, convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding been or are subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violations with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Compensation.

Shares of Common Stock were acquired by LAF, LPC, LMF, LOF and LMOF in margin accounts maintained with Bear Stearns Securities Corp.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

LAF, LPC*, LMF, LOF and LMOF ("Loeb") have acquired shares of Common Stock for investment purposes. Loeb intends to issue a press release at or about the same time of this filing stating its opinions about the Issuer's financial and managerial posture. Loeb reserves the right, consistent with applicable law, to acquire additional securities of the Issuer (whether through open market purchases, block trades, private acquisitions, tender or exchange offers or otherwise), to seek to influence the management or policies of the Issuer, to dispose of their securities of the Issuer, or to formulate other purposes, plans or proposals regarding the Issuer of any of its securities, in each case in light of Loeb's continued evaluation of the Issuer, market conditions or other factors. Such actions could result in one or more of the transactions described in sub-paragraph (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) The persons reporting hereby owned the following shares of Common Stock as of December 2, 2004.

	Shares of Common Stock
Loeb Arbitrage Fund	324,087
Loeb Partners Corporation*	26,537
Loeb Offshore Fund Ltd.	28,432
Loeb Marathon Fund LP	21,097
Loeb Marathon Offshore Fund Ltd.	14,864

	415,017

The total shares of Common Stock constitutes 5.06% the 8,199,000 outstanding shares of Common Stock as reported by the issuer.

*Including 11,372 shares of Common Stock purchased for the account of one customer of Loeb Partners Corporation as to which it has investment discretion.

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(b) See paragraph (a) above.

(c) The following purchases of Common Stock have been made in the last sixty (60) days by the following:

Purchases of Common Stock

Holder	Date	Shares	Average Price
Loeb Partners Corp.*	10-25-04	1355	\$29.94
	10-26-04	325	30.00
	10-27-04	195	30.01
	10-28-04	635	30.06
	10-29-04	50	31.31
	11-2-04	533	31.47
	11-3-04	595	31.93
	11-4-04	91	32.01
	11-5-04	228	33.21
	11-8-04	1286	33.47
	11-9-04	637	33.74
	11-10-04	1146	33.53
	11-12-04	700	33.40
	11-12-04	379	33.43
	11-15-04	665	33.35
	11-16-04	849	33.51
	11-17-04	371	33.96
	11-18-04	1123	34.37
	11-19-04	1983	34.96
	11-22-04	1680	35.82
	11-23-04	178	35.56
	11-24-04	1400	35.91
	11-26-04	25	35.77
	11-29-04	378	35.17
	11-30-04	350	35.07
	12-1-04	1976	35.51
	12-2-04	455	35.39

Holder	Date	Shares	Average Price
Loeb Arbitrage Fund	10-25-04	11186	\$29.903
	10-26-04	9524	30.004
	10-27-04	2397	30.009
	10-28-04	7831	30.062
	10-29-04	625	31.312
	11-2-04	6529	31.472
	11-3-04	6420	31.929
	11-4-04	1112	32.008
	11-5-04	2788	33.211
	11-8-04	9359	33.469
	11-9-04	7771	33.738
	11-10-04	13839	33.532
	11-12-04	8550	33.403
	11-12-04	9221	33.430
	11-15-04	8125	33.348
	11-16-04	10369	33.508
	11-17-04	4531	33.963
	11-18-04	13735	34.367
	11-19-04	25774	34.965
	11-22-04	20520	35.818
	11-23-04	2177	35.556

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11-24-04	17100	35.913
11-26-04	250	35.768
11-29-04	4617	35.169
11-30-04	4275	35.067
12-1-04	24141	35.508
12-2-04	5557	35.394

Holder		Shares	Average Price
Loeb Offshore Fund	10-25-04	1975	29.90
	10-27-04	228	30.01
	10-28-04	746	30.06
	10-29-04	61	31.31
	11-2-04	665	31.47
	11-3-04	2197	31.93
	11-4-04	113	32.01
	11-5-04	284	33.21
	11-8-04	335	33.47
	11-9-04	682	33.74
	11-10-04	1215	33.53
	11-12-04	750	33.40
	11-15-04	714	33.35
	11-16-04	910	33.51
	11-17-04	398	33.96
	11-18-04	1207	34.37
	11-19-04	1663	34.96
	11-22-04	1800	35.82
	11-23-04	191	35.56
	11-24-04	1500	35.91
	11-26-04	25	35.77
	11-29-04	405	35.17
	11-30-04	375	35.07
	12-1-04	2118	35.51
	12-2-04	488	35.39

Holder		Shares	Average Price
Loeb Marathon Fund LP	09-30-04	3758	\$28.31
	10-25-04	1004	29.90
	10-27-04	104	30.01
	10-28-04	340	30.06
	10-29-04	37	31.31
	11-2-04	446	31.47
	11-3-04	357	31.93
	11-4-04	49	32.01
	11-5-04	173	33.21
	11-8-04	648	33.47
	11-9-04	641	33.74
	11-12-04	232	33.40
	11-15-04	748	33.35
	11-16-04	447	33.51
	11-17-04	579	33.96
	11-18-04	1640	34.37
	11-19-04	3196	34.96
	11-22-04	3058	35.82

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11-23-04	89	35.56
11-30-04	670	35.07
12-1-04	331	35.51
12-2-04	234	35.39

Holder	Date	Shares	Average Price
Loeb Marathon Offshore Fund, Ltd.	09-30-04	2668	\$28.31
	10-11-04	25	28.93
	10-25-04	731	29.90
	10-27-04	76	30.01
	10-28-04	248	30.06
	10-29-04	27	31.31
	11-2-04	327	31.47
	11-3-04	231	31.93
	11-4-04	35	32.01
	11-5-04	127	33.21
	11-8-04	472	33.47
	11-9-04	469	33.74
	11-12-04	168	33.40
	11-15-04	548	33.35
	11-16-04	325	33.51
	11-17-04	421	33.96
	11-18-04	1195	34.37
	11-19-04	1084	34.96
	11-22-04	1138	35.82
	11-23-04	65	35.56
	12-1-04	234	35.51
	12-2-04	166	35.39

 *Including 11,372 shares of Common Stock purchased for the account of one customer of Loeb Partners Corporation as to which it has investment discretion.

All reported transactions were effected on AMEX.

(d) Not applicable.

(e). Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to the Issuer.

None.

Item 7. Materials to be Filed as Exhibits.

None.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

December 3, 2004

Loeb Partners Corporation

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By: /s/ Gideon J. King
Executive Vice President

December 3, 2004

Loeb Arbitrage Fund
By: Loeb Arbitrage Management, Inc., G.P.

By: /s/ Gideon J. King
President

December 3, 2004

Loeb Offshore Fund Ltd.

By: /s/ Gideon J. King
Director

December 3, 2004

Loeb Marathon Fund LP
By: Loeb Arbitrage Management, Inc., G.P.

By: /s/ Gideon J. King
President

December 3, 2004

Loeb Marathon Offshore Fund Ltd.

By: /s/ Gideon J. King
Director