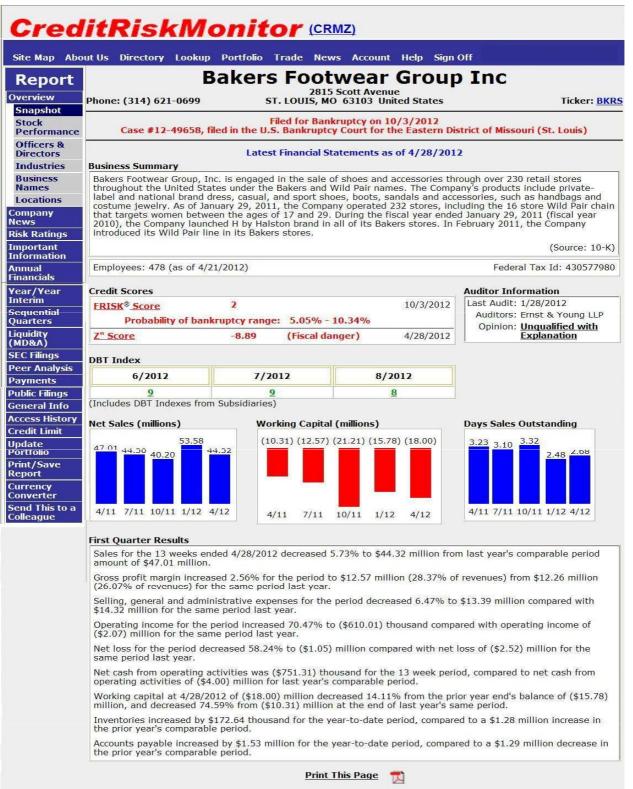
Bakers Footwear Group has filed for bankruptcy protection... let's see what the reporting history shows!





The FRISK® Score has been in the red zone for the past year and continues to decline...



Retail (Apparel) Industry

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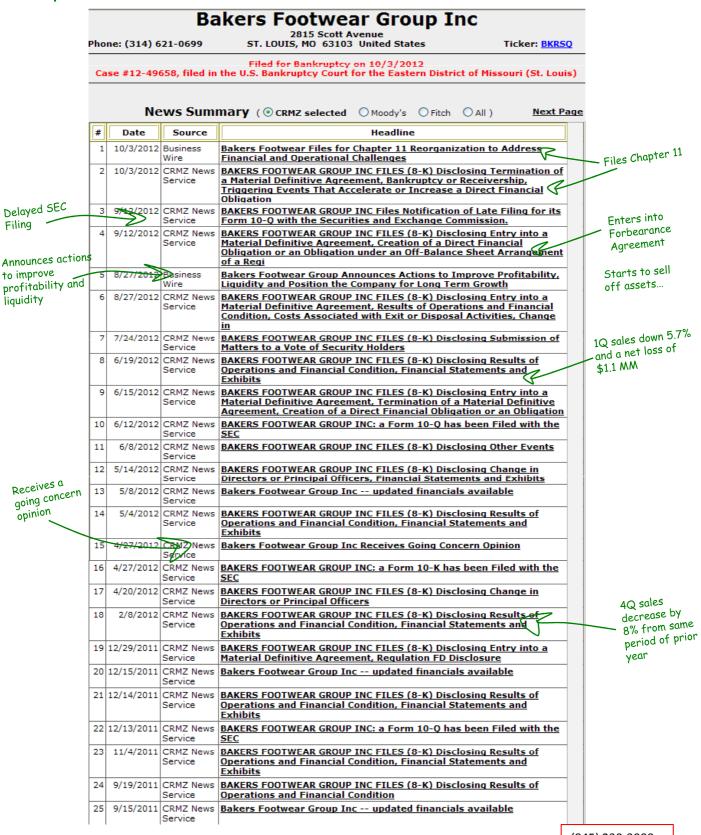
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		Retail (Apparel) In	dustry			
	FRISK®	Probability of bankruptcy within 12 months				
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Best	10	0.00%	0.11%			
	9	0.11%	0.23%			
	8	0.23%	0.38%			
	7	0.38%	0.54%			
	6	0.54%	1.05%			
	5	1.05%	1.74%			
	4	1.74%	3.15%			
	3	3.15%	5.05%			
	2	5.05%	10.34%			
Worst	1	10.34%	50.00%			

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...plus, looking at our News Alerts you would have seen...



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... need more depth? Look at the <u>Performance Ratios</u>

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P	erformance				
	(Thousands	of U.S. Dollars)			
Period Ended	52 weeks 1/28/2012	52 weeks 1/29/2011	52 weeks 1/30/2010	52 weeks 1/31/2009	52 weeks 2/2/2008
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Net Sales \$	\$185,095	\$185,626	\$185,369	\$183,662	\$186,280
% change Gross Margin \$	-0.29%	0.14%	0.93%	-1.41%	-9.02%
% change	\$46,346 -6.51%	\$ 49,572 -7.11%	\$53,369 5.57%	\$50,552 6.51%	\$47,461 -23.70%
% of sales	25.04%	26.71%	28.79%	27.52%	25.48%
change as % of incremental sales	23.04% n/m	-1,477.43%	165.03%	27.32% n/m	23.46% n/m
SG&A \$					-
	\$57,511 3.41%	\$55,617 -2.01%	\$56, 755 -4.41%	\$59,371 -7.83%	\$64,415 1.55%
% change % of sales	3.41%	-2.01% 29.96%	30.62%	-7.83% 32.33%	34.58%
change as % of incremental sales		-442.80%	-153.25%	32.33% n/m	
Operating margin \$	n/m (\$9,239)	(\$7,532)	(\$6,455)	(\$11,776)	n/m (\$15,387)
		-16.68%	45.19%	23.47%	-886.35%
% change % of sales	-22.66% -4.99%	-10.08%	-3.48%	-6.41%	-880.35%
change as % of incremental sales	n/m	-419.07%	311.72%	n/m	-8.20% n/m
EBITDA \$	(\$3,963)	(\$1,692)	\$177	(\$3,874)	(\$6,688)
% change	-134.22%	-1,055.93%	104.57%	42.08%	-209.07%
% of sales	-134.22%	-0.91%	0.10%	-2.11%	-3.59%
change as % of incremental sales	-2.14% n/m	-727.24%	237.32%	-2.11% n/m	-3.39% n/m
Pre-tax income \$	(\$10,957)	(\$9,479)	(\$9,082)	(\$14,910)	(\$16,966)
% change	-15.59%	-4.37%	39.09%	12.12%	-591.64%
% of sales	-5.92%	-5.11%	-4.90%	-8.12%	-9.11%
change as % of incremental sales	-3.92%	154.47%	341.42%	-0.12%	-9.11%
	(\$10,957)	(\$9,292)	(\$9.082)	(\$14.995)	(\$17.657)
Net income (loss) \$ % change	-17.92%	-2.31%	39.43%	15.08%	-1,044.33%
% of sales	-5.92%	-5.01%	-4.90%	-8.16%	-9.48%
change as % of incremental sales	n/m	-81.71%	346.40%	n/m	n/m
Tax expense \$	\$0	(\$187)	\$0	\$85	\$691
Effective tax rate	0.00%	1.98%	0.00%	-0.57%	-4.07%
Depreciation expense \$	\$5,104	\$5,713	\$6,536	\$7,781	\$8,584
% of sales	2.76%	3.08%	3.53%	4.24%	4.61%
% of capital expenses	181.73%	572.57%	1,526.81%	843.01%	180.18%
% of PP&E, net (annualized)	31.11%	26.39%	22.14%	19.90%	17.82%
Capital expenditures \$	\$2,809	\$998	\$428	\$923	
% change	181.46%	133.18%	-53.63%	-80.63%	\$4,764 -76.64%
% of PP&E, net (annualized)	17.12%	4.61%	1.45%	2.36%	9.89%
% of working capital (annualized)	-20.48%	-7.38%	-2.63%	-7.11%	-75.50%
Interest coverage ratio	(2.10)	(0.82)	0.07	(1.19)	(3.95)
% change	-157.28%	-1,354.46%	105.46%	69.85%	-164.71%
Free cash flow \$	(\$5,072)	(\$1,500)	\$3,492	(\$4,962)	(\$6,740)
% change	-238.13%	-142.96%	170.37%	26.38%	62.48%
Source:	10-K 4/27/2012	10-K 4/29/2011	10-K 4/30/2010	10-K 4/24/2009	10-K 5/2/2008
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Negative cash flows...

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... need more depth? Look at the Leverage Ratios

... Negative net worth, with no working capital for short-/ term debt...

Leverage		Sequention of U.S. Dollars	al Quarter	s	
Period Ended	4/28/2012	1/28/2012	10/29/2011	7/30/2011	4/30/2011
Total debt \$	\$20,622	\$19,746	\$25,543	\$18,318	\$22,864
% change	4.44%	-22.70%	39.44%	-19.88%	23.10%
Stockholders' equity \$	(\$17,592)	(\$16,614)	(\$20,045)	(\$9,905)	(\$8,413)
% change	-5.89%	17.12%	-102.37%	-17.73%	-40.
Tangible net worth \$	(\$17,592)	(\$16,614)	(\$20,045)	(\$9,905)	(\$8,414)
% change	-5.89%	17.12%	-102.37%	-17.72%	-40.54%
Total assets \$	\$41,906	\$41,711	\$47,119	\$45,186	\$48,516
% change	0.47%	-11.48%	4.28%	-6.86%	1.06%
Total debt to assets ratio	0.49	0.47	0.54	0.41	0.47
% change	3.95%	-12.67%	33.72%	-13.98%	21.81%
Net tangible assets \$	\$41,906	\$41,711	\$47,119	\$45,186	\$48,516
% change	0.47%	-11.48%	4.28%	-6.86%	1.06%
Short-term debt \$	\$13,419	\$11,560	\$18,374	\$11,165	\$14,726
% change	16.08%	-37.09%	64.57%	-24.18%	40.93%
Short-term debt % of total debt	65.07%	58.55%	71.93%	60.95%	64.41%
% change	11.15%	-18.61%	18.02%	-5.37%	14.48%
Short-term debt % of working capital	-74.54%	-73.28%	-86.64%	-88.84%	-142.82%
% change	-1.72%	15.43%	2.47%	37.80%	-19.01%
Total liabilities \$	\$59,498	\$58,325	\$67,164	\$55,091	\$56,929
% change	2.01%	-13.16%	21.91%	-3.23%	5.44%
Source:	10-Q 6/12/2012	10-K 4/27/2012	10-Q 12/13/2011	10-Q 9/13/2011	10-Q 6/14/2011

...need more depth? Look at the Liquidity Ratios

...Negative working capital Low quick ratio, not enough cash...

Liquidity Ratios - Sequential Quarters (Thousands of U.S. Dollars)

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Period Ended	4/28/2012	1/28/2012	10/29/2011	7/30/2011	4/30/2011
Current assets \$	\$27,717	\$26,822	\$30,969	\$27,319	\$30,170
% change	3.34%	-13.39%	13.36%	-9.45%	5.81%
% of short-term debt	206.55%	232.02%	168.55%	244.69%	204.87%
Current liabilities \$	\$45,719	\$42,598	\$52,175	\$39,887	\$40,482
% change	7.33%	-18.36%	30.81%	-1.47%	8.76%
Working capital \$	(\$18,002)	(\$15,776)	(\$21,206)	(\$12,568)	(\$10,311)
% change	-14.11%	25.61%	-68.73%	-21.89%	-18.41%
% of sales (annualized)	-10.16%	-7.36%	-13.19%	-7.09%	-5.48%
Cash \$	\$132	\$148	\$141	\$140	\$214
% change	-10.81%	4.96%	0.71%	-34.58%	46.58%
% of short-term debt	0.98%	1.28%	0.77%	1.26%	1.45%
Cash ratio	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
% change	-17.14%	29.63%	-22.86%	-33.96%	35.90%
Quick assets \$	\$1,582	\$1,299	\$1,900	\$1,306	\$2,054
% change	21.79%	-31.63%	45.48%	-36.42%	25.9%
% of short-term debt	11.79%	11.24%	10.34%	11.70%	13.95
Quick ratio	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.05
% change	13.44%	-16.21%	11.32%	-35.50%	15.75%
Current ratio	0.61	0.63	0.59	0.68	0.75
% change	-3.73%	6.08%	-13.33%	-8.10%	-2.72%
Source:	10-Q 6/12/2012	10-K 4/27/2012	10-Q 12/13/2011	10-Q 9/13/2011	10-Q 6/14/2011

...need more depth? Look at <u>Rate of Return Ratios</u> and the <u>Statement of Cash Flows</u>

Negative rates of return...

Rate		1 - Sequer ands of U.S. Dol	ntial Quarte	ers	
Period Ended	13 weeks 4/28/2012	13 weeks 1/28/2012	13 weeks 10/29/2011	13 weeks 7/30/2011	13 weeks 4/30/2011
Return on total assets	-2.51%	7.60%	-22.17%	-3.38%	-5.21%
% change	-133.09%	134.27%	-556.90%	35.27%	-150.03%
Return on net tangible assets	-2.51%	7.60%	-22.17%	-3.38%	-5.21%
% change	-133.09%	134.27%	-556.90%	35.27%	-150.03%
Source:	10-Q 6/12/2012	10-K 4/27/2012	10-Q 12/13/2011	10-Q 9/13/2011	10-Q 6/14/2011

	catement of	(Thousands of U	s - Annual - .S. Dollars)	Detailed		
Period Ended	52 weeks 1/28/2012	52 weeks 1/29/2011	52 weeks 1/30/2010	52 weeks 1/31/2009	52 weeks 2/2/2008	
ash Flows from Opera	ating Activities:					
Net Income	(\$10,957)	(\$9,292)	(\$9,082)	(\$14,996)	(\$17,657)	
Depreciation	5,104	5,713	6,536	7,781	8,584	
Accretion of debt discount	62	217	489	667	0	
Stock based compensation expense	330	364	585	610	530	
Interest expense recognized for issuing	0	0	188	0	О	
Impairment of long lived assets	1,883	1,416	2,762	2,610	3,131	
(Gain) loss on disposal of property and	(3,809)	71	306	347	(4,698)	Neg
Accounts receivable and other receivable	334	66	(14)	2	1,117	cash
Inventories	1,513	(5,678)	743	(2,914)	6,040	
Prepaid expenses and other current asset	(154)	264	(239)	(****)	17	—oper
Other Assets	270	98	21	715	(202)	acti
Accounts Payable	4,774	5,871	2,582	475	(1,052)	
Accrued expenses and deferred income	(508)	923	(588)	(597)	(71)	
Accrued noncurrent rent liabilities	(1,107)	(535)	(591)	(396)	755	
Deferred income taxes	n/a	n/a	0	0	2,388	
Prepaid income taxes	n/a	n/a	32	1,869	(858)	
ash from Operating ctivities	(2,264)	(502)	3,920	(4,039)	(1,976)	
ash Flows from Inves	ting Activities:					
Purchase of property and equipment	(2,809)	(998)	(428)	(923)	(4,764)	
Sale of Assets	3,964	3	0	1	5,018	
ash from Investing ctivities	1,155	(995)	(428)	(922)	254	
ash Flows from Finan	cing Activities:					Tage
Notes Payable	1,111	(82)	(951)	298	(1,915)	Issu
Debt issuance costs	n/a	0	0	(326)	(420)	more
Net proceeds from exercise of stock opti	0	0	0	0	1	
Proceeds from issuance of subordinated s	n/a	0		7,020	О	.)
Proceeds from issuance of subordinated d	0	4,550		0	4,000	
Principal payments of subordinated secur	0	(2,979)	(2,521)	(2,000)	0	
Principal payments under capital lease o	n/a	0	0	(58)	(190)	
ash from Financing ctivities	1,111	1,489	(3,472)	4,934	1,476	
et Change in Cash	2	(8)	20	(25)	(248)	
et Cash - Beginning alance	146	155	135	160	407	
et Cash - Ending alance	\$148	\$146	\$155	\$135	\$160	
uditor/Opinion:		Ernst & Young LLP Unqualified with Explanation			Ernst & Young LLP Unqualified with Explanation	
ource:	10-K	10-K	10-K 4/30/2010	10-K 4/24/2009	10-K	

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...need more depth? Look at the Peer Analysis



Bottom quartile in nearly all Performance ratios vs. Retail (Apparel) Peers...

Finally, in the MD&A issued in <u>June</u>, the CEO and CFO tell us that lower than expected sales have placed an increased pressure on the Company's liquidity position...
...and then in October, they filed for bankruptcy.

CreditRiskMonitor (CRMZ) Site Map About Us Directory Lookup Portfolio News Account Help Sign Off Bakers Footwear Group Inc Report 2815 Scott Avenue **Overview** ST. LOUIS, MO 63103 United States Phone: (314) 621-0699 Company News Filed for Bankruptcy on 10/3/2012 Risk Ratings Case #12-49658, filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (St. Louis) Important Information **Annual Financials** Year/Year Interim Liquidity and Capital Resources (Back to top) Sequential Quarters Liquidity (MD&A) Our cash requirements are primarily for working capital, principal and interest Liquidity (MD&A) History payments on our debt, and capital expenditures. Historically, these cash needs SEC Filings have been met by cash flows from operations, borrowings under our revolving Peer Analysis credit facility and sales of securities. As discussed below in "Financing Payments Activities" the balance on our revolving credit facility fluctuates **Public Filings** the year as a result of our seasonal working capital requirements and our other **General Info** uses of cash. Access History Update Portfolio Our recent losses have had a significant negative impact on our financial Print/Save Report **Currency Converter** position and liquidity. As of April 28, 2012, we had negative working capital of Send This to a Colleague \$18.0 million, unused borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility of Internal Functions \$1.3 million, and negative shareholders' equity of \$17.6 million.

Our updated business plan for fiscal year 2012 reflects mid-single digit decreases in comparable store sales for the second quarter of fiscal year 2012 and mid-single digit increases in comparable store sales for the second half of decreased 4.4%. The lower than planned sales have placed increased pressure on our liquidity position. Also, as part of our business plan, we initiated a plan to achieve \$10.0 million of margin enhancements and cost cuts. Based on the business plan, we expect to maintain adequate liquidity for the remainder of fiscal year 2012. The business plan reflects increased focus on inventory management and on timely promotional activity. We believe that this focus on inventory should improve overall gross margin performance in fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011. We will need to continue working with our landlords and vendors to arrange payment terms that are reflective of our seasonal cash flow patterns. We do not expect to achieve significant additional liquidity through further extensions of payment terms. There is no assurance that we will achieve the sales, margin improvements, expense reductions or improved cash flow contemplated in our business plan.