UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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 20, 2004

SUNGARD® DATA SYSTEMS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction

1-12989 (Commission 51-0267091 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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680 EAST SWEDESFORD ROAD, WAYNE, PENNSYLVANIA (Address of principal executive offices)

19087 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

484-582-2000

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:

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

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 20, 2004, SunGard Data Systems Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. The information in this Item 2.02, including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Item 9.01. <u>Financial Statements and Exhibits</u>.

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1: Press Release, dated October 20, 2004, issued by SunGard Data Systems Inc.

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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.

Date: October 20, 2004

SUNGARD DATA SYSTEMS INC.

By: /s/ Michael J. Ruane

Michael J. Ruane Senior Vice President-Finance and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following is a list of Exhibits furnished with this report.

Exhibit No.	Description
	
99.1	Press Release, dated October 20, 2004, issued by SunGard Data Systems Inc.