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CHAMPIONSHIP AUTO RACING TEAMS INC  
Form 8-K  
August 24, 2004

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): August 24, 2004

CHAMPIONSHIP AUTO RACING TEAMS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | 1-13925<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 38-3389456<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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5350 Lakeview Parkway South Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46268  
(Address of principal executive offices, with zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (317) 715-4100

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS AND ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On August 24, 2004, Championship Auto Racing Teams, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it has filed its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 as well as its 10-Q for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are incorporated by reference as part of this Report:

| Exhibit<br>----- | Description<br>-----                |
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| 99.1             | Press release dated August 24, 2004 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the

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registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized on this 24th day of August, 2004.

CHAMPIONSHIP AUTO RACING TEAMS, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas L. Carter

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Thomas L. Carter  
Chief Financial Officer

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