

CHECKERS DRIVE IN RESTAURANTS INC /DE

Form 8-K

October 15, 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)  
October 14, 2004

CHECKERS DRIVE-IN RESTAURANTS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| DELAWARE        | 0-19649      | 58-1654960          |
| (State or Other | (Commission  | (IRS Employer       |
| Jurisdiction of | File Number) | Identification No.) |
| Incorporation)  |              |                     |

4300 WEST CYPRESS STREET, SUITE 600, TAMPA FLORIDA 33607  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(813) 283-7000  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425  
under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12  
under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to  
Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR  
240.14d-2(b))

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

SECTION 7 REGULATION FD

Item 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

At the Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc.  
(the "Company") earnings conference call held at  
5:00 pm on Thursday, October 15, 2004, after the  
delivery of prepared remarks, we discussed the  
preliminary results of Period 10 (the four week  
period beginning September 7, 2004 and ending

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October 4, 2004). Those preliminary results indicated that: (a) Company owned same store sales during Period 10 increased 17.6% over the same period in our 2003 fiscal year; (b) that the Company's cost of sales (restaurant food, paper and labor costs) during Period 10 was 61.6% of the Company Period 10 restaurant sales; and (c) our franchisees' same store sales for Period 10 increased by 12.7%.

The information in this Report is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K. Consequently, it is not deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. It may only be incorporated by reference in another filing under the Exchange Act or Securities Act of 1933 if such subsequent filing specifically references this Form 8-K.

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.

CHECKERS DRIVE-IN RESTAURANTS, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: S. Patric Plumley  
Title: SVP and CFO  
Dated: October 14, 2004