## **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): April 13, 2004

# McDONALD S CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-5231

(Commission File No.)

36-2361282

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**One McDonald s Plaza** Oak Brook, Illinois 60523 (630) 623-3000 (Address and Phone Number of Principal Executive Offices)

#### Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 13, 2004, McDonald s Corporation (the Company ) issued a press release reporting the Company s March and first quarter 2004 sales and preliminary first quarter earnings per share. The press release is filed as Exhibit 99 and attached hereto.

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#### SIGNATURE

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.

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## McDONALD S CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: April 15, 2004
By: /s/ Peter J. Bensen
Peter J. Bensen
Corporate Vice President - Assistant Controller
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News Release of McDonald s Corporation issued April 13, 2004:
McDonald's Reports March and First Quarter 2004 Sales and Announces Preliminary First
Quarter Earnings Per Share

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