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Form 8-K  
May 10, 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): May 10, 2004 (May 7, 2004)

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	000-32535	37-1406661
State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

206 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE, PARIS, IL 61944

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(217) 465-6381

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(a) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number  
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99.1

Press Release, dated May 7, 2004  
issued by First BancTrust Corporation

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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On May 7, 2004, First BancTrust Corporation issued a news release to provide earnings guidance in advance of the release of its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2004. The release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

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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.

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

Dated: May 7, 2004

/s/ Terry J. Howard

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Terry J. Howard  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: May 7, 2004

/s/ Ellen M. Litteral

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Ellen M. Litteral  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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