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Form 8-K December 03, 2003

> 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): December 3, 2003

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

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-13925

38-3389456 (Commission (IRS Employer
File Number) Identification No.)

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 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On December 2, 2003, Championship Auto Racing Teams, Inc. (the "Company") (OTCBB: CPNT.OB) announced that representatives of Open Wheel Racing Series ("OWRS") informed the Company that OWRS believes that a number of conditions of the pending merger between the parties will not be satisfied by the time of the special meeting of stockholders scheduled for December 19, 2003. The Company has considered OWRS' position and believes that it is unlikely that the condition requiring the absence of a material adverse effect will be satisfied because it expects that there will be a net decrease in the number of teams planning on participating in the series for the 2004 season from the number that participated in the 2003 season. OWRS has indicated it will not

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waive any condition of the closing.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

The following exhibit is incorporated by reference as part of this Report:

Exhibit Description
----99.1 Press release dated December 2, 2003

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 on this 3rd day of December, 2003.

CHAMPIONSHIP AUTO RACING TEAMS, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas L. Carter

Thomas L. Carter,
Chief Financial Officer