

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES

Form 8-K

April 20, 2005

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**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**

April 20, 2005

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

1-31720

30-0168701

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 800
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

55402

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(612) 303-6000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 20, 2005, Piper Jaffray Companies (the Company) reported its financial results for its first fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2005. See the Company s press release dated April 20, 2005, which is furnished as Exhibit 99 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit

99 Press Release dated April 20, 2005

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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.

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES

Date: April 20, 2005

By /s/ Sandra G. Sponem

Sandra G. Sponem
Chief Financial Officer

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