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CHAMPIONSHIP AUTO RACING TEAMS INC  
Form 8-K  
August 19, 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): August 18, 2003

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

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| Delaware        | 1-13925      | 38-3389456          |
| (State or other | (Commission  | (IRS Employer       |
| jurisdiction of | File Number) | Identification No.) |
| incorporation)  |              |                     |

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 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On August 18, 2003, Championship Auto Racing Teams, Inc. (the "Company") announced the receipt by it of a proposal from Open Wheel Racing Series LLC to enter into a letter of intent contemplating the acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of the Company for approximately \$0.50 cash per share. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the Company's filings with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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Exhibits.

The following exhibits are furnished as part of this Report:

| Exhibit<br>----- | Description<br>-----   |
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| 99.1             | Press release dated August 18, 2003                              |
| 99.2             | Letter of Intent dated August 15, 2003                           |
| 99.3             | Letter from the Company to Gerald Forsythe dated August 11, 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 18th day of August, 2003.

CHAMPIONSHIP AUTO RACING TEAMS, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas L. Carter

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Thomas L. Carter,  
Chief Financial Officer

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