

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE INC
Form 8-K
December 30, 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) **December 30, 2004**

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<u>1-15935</u> (Commission File Number)	<u>59-3061413</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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<u>2202 North West Shore Boulevard, Suite 500, Tampa, FL</u> (Address of principle executive offices)	<u>33607</u> (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(813) 282-1225**

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 30, 2004, Outback Steakhouse, Inc. issued a press release disclosing comparable store sales and average unit volumes for the five-week period ended December 25, 2004. A copy

of the release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The information furnished herein, including Exhibit 99.1, is not deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This information will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates them by reference.

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

99.1

Comparable Store Sales Press Release dated December 30, 2004

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.

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: December 30, 2004

By: /s/ Robert S. Merritt
Robert S. Merritt
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer