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): July 15, 2003

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio (State or other jurisdiction

0-8076 (Commission 31-0854434 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

Fifth Third Center

38 Fountain Square Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio (Address of principal executive offices)

45263 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (513) 534-5300

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Not Applicable

 $(Former\ name\ or\ address,\ if\ changed\ since\ last\ report)$

ITEM 7.	FINANCIAL	STATEMENTS	AND EXHIBITS
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Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated as of July 15, 2003.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On July 15, 2003, Fifth Third Bancorp issued a press release announcing its earnings release for the second quarter of 2003. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

This information, furnished under Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure, is also intended to be furnished under Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition, in accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8216.

The information in this Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference.

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.

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP

(Registrant)

July 15, 2003

/s/ Neal E. Arnold

Neal E. Arnold

and Chief Financial Officer

Executive Vice President