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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of March 2004

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office
Dublin Airport
County Dublin Ireland
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No ..X..

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RYANAIR'S PUNCTUALITY BEATS THE BEST OF THE U.S.

Ryanair, Europe's No.1 low fares airline, today (1st March 04) celebrated beating the best of the U.S. airlines for punctuality in 2003. Not only is Ryanair the on-time performance leader of all the major European Airlines month on month, but also, according to the latest punctuality statistics issued by the US Department of Transport, Ryanair has the best on-time performance compared to all the other US airlines for 2003!

Ryanair's Head of Communication, Paul Fitzsimmons said:

"When it comes to punctuality, Ryanair leaves the best of the U.S. in it's

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slipstream - the average overall punctuality for US airlines in 2003 was 82.0% compared to Ryanair's record of 91% of flights on time. Not only is Ryanair the No 1 low fares airline in Europe, we also have proved to be unbeatable for on-time performance, even when compared to the major US airlines."

% Arrivals within 15 minutes of STA

Airline	% OT	Rank
Ryanair	91.0	1
Southwest	86.3	2
Jetblue	84.3	3
United	83.3	4
Northwest	82.9	5
Delta	82.3	6
Continental	82.0	7
America West	82.0	8
American	81.7	9
Alaska	81.0	10
US Airways	79.7	11
American Eagle	78.6	12
Overall US average	82.0	
Ryanair average	91.0	

* Ryanair published statistics compared US Dept. of Transport statistics

Ryanair will carry over 23 million passengers this year, and we are committed to ensuring that every Ryanair customer can continue to avail of Ryanair's low fares, extensive route network, and unrivalled No.1 punctuality record.

Ends:

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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.

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Date: 01 March 2004

By:___/s/ Howard Millar___

H Millar
Company Secretary & Finance Director