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DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC Form 8-K March 16, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): March 16, 2005

DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number 000-24620

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

<u>36-2495346</u>

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

251 O'CONNOR RIDGE BLVD., SUITE 300, IRVING, TEXAS 75038

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 972.717.0300

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- // Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
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- // Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR

240.13e-4(c)).

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 16, 2005, Darling International Inc. issued a press release announcing the upcoming release of financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended January 1, 2005 and the scheduling of a conference call to discuss these results. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Press Release dated March 16, 2005 (furnished pursuant to Item 2.02).

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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.

DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC.

Date: March 16, 2005 By: /s/ John O. Muse

John O. Muse

Executive Vice President

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