

NEXTEL PARTNERS INC
Form 8-K
February 24, 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): February 23, 2004

NEXTEL PARTNERS, INC.

(Exact Name Of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-29633
(Commission
File Number)

91-1930918
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**4500 Carillon Point
Kirkland, Washington 98033
(425) 576-3600**

(Address and Telephone Number of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

Item 12.

Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2004, Nextel Partners, Inc. (the Company) announced its financial results for the periods ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the Company's press release announcing these financial results and certain other information is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by this reference.

The information in this report shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

The information presented in the attached press release includes financial information prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America., or GAAP, as well as other financial measures that may be considered non-GAAP financial measures, including free cash flow, Adjusted EBITDA, service revenue margin, ARPU, LRS, net capital expenditures, net loss excluding the gain (loss) on early retirement of debt, and loss attributable to common stockholders excluding the gain (loss) on early retirement of debt. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. As described more fully in the notes to the financial tables attached to the press release, management believes these non-GAAP measures provide meaningful additional information about the Company's performance and its ability to service its long-term debt and other fixed obligations and to fund its continued growth. The non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for, the information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Reconciliations from GAAP results to these non-GAAP financial measures are provided in the notes to the financial tables attached to the press release.

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.

NEXTEL PARTNERS, INC.

Date: February 23, 2004

By:

/s/ JOHN CHAPPLE

John Chapple
President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman
of the Board

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release, dated February 23, 2004, issued by Nextel Partners, Inc.