

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC  
Form 8-K  
April 26, 2006

**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):  
**April 26, 2006 (April 25, 2006)**

**WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**001-13913**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**51-0261715**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**6300 Lamar Avenue**  
**Overland Park, Kansas 66202**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(913) 236-2000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(Registrant's Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
  - o 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**

The information in this report is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition. In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, 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, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing. The furnishing of the information set forth in this report is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission as to the materiality or completeness of such information.

On April 25, 2006, Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), issued a press release announcing the Company's financial results for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2006. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 includes financial measures for net income, net income per share and/or operating ratios for the fourth quarter of 2005 and the first quarter of 2006 that are not associated with the Company's ongoing operations, and therefore, have not been calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Company has provided these measures because we believe that they aid in the comparison of the operating results of other periods presented therein. We believe this information is useful to our investors, potential investors, securities analysts and others to help them understand the financial condition of the Company, our core operations and our operating results. These non-GAAP measures are not recognized in accordance with GAAP and should not be viewed as an alternative to GAAP measures of performance. A reconciliation between the GAAP results and non-GAAP results is included with the financial table accompanying the press release.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated April 25, 2006 titled *Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. Reports First Quarter Results (furnished and not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended).*

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: April 25, 2006

By: /s/ Daniel P. Connealy  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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