

PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC  
Form 8-K  
October 28, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report** October 26, 2004  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**PENN NATIONAL GAMING, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Pennsylvania**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-24206**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**23-2234473**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**825 Berkshire Blvd., Suite 200, Wyomissing Professional Center, Wyomissing, PA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**19610**  
(Zip Code)

**Area Code (610) 373-2400**  
(Registrant's telephone number)

Check the appropriate box below if the form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 to Form 8-K):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 24.14a-12)
  - 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 40.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02**      **Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 26, 2004, Penn National Gaming, Inc. issued a press release announcing financial results for the third quarter of 2004 and conducted a conference call to discuss such financial results. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange 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 in such filing.

**Item 9.01**      **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c)      *Exhibits.* The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

99.1      Press release issued by Penn National Gaming, Inc. dated October 26, 2004

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 28, 2004

Penn National Gaming, Inc.

By:                    /s/Robert S. Ippolito  
                             Robert S. Ippolito  
                             Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer