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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): November 22, 2005

FREDS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 00-19288

Tennessee

62-0634010

(State or Other Jurisdiction

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

of Incorporation)

Tennessee 38118

4300 New Getwell Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38118
-----(Address of principal executive offices)

(901) 365-8880

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

(Former Name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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 November 22, 2005, Fred's, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third fiscal quarter and nine-month period ended October 29, 2005. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference. The information in this report, including the exhibit attached hereto, is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Press Release issued by Fred's, Inc., dated November 22, 2005.

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.

FRED'S, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: November 22, 2005 By: /s/ Jerry A. Shore

Jerry A. Shore
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit(s)
99.1	Copy of press release issued by Fred's, Inc. on November 22, 2005.