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PORT FINANCIAL CORP		
Form 8-K April 23, 2003		
SEC	UNITED STATES CURITIES AND EXCHANGE CO Washington, D.C. 20549	OMMISSION
	FORM 8-K	
	CURRENT REPORT RSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT	OF 1934
Date of re	port (Date of earliest event reporte	
	PORT FINANCIAL CORE	P.
(Exact name of registrant as specified	in its charter)	
MASSACHUSETTS	000-29343	04-1145480
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
	1380 Soldiers Field Road, Bright	on, MA
02135 (Address of principal executive office	s) (Zip Code)	
Registrant's t	telephone number, including area of	code: (617) 779-8300
	Not Applicable	
(Former r	name or former address, if changed	l since last report)
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	Items 1 through 6.	
Not applicable.		
Item 7.		

Financial Statements and Exhibits

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- (a) No financial statements are required to be filed with this report.
- (b) No pro forma financial information is required to be filed with this report.
- (c) The following exhibit is filed as part of this Report:

EXHIBIT NO. Description

99.1 Press Release issued by Port Financial Corp. on April 23, 2003,

furnished in accordance with Item 12 of this Current Report on Form

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Item 8.

Not applicable.

Item 9.

Regulation FD

The following information is furnished under this Item 9 in satisfaction of Item 12, "Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

On April 23, 2003, Port Financial Corp. announced its earnings for the first quarter of the 2003 fiscal year. A copy of the press release dated April 23, 2003, describing first quarter earnings is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Items 10-11. Not applicable.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

See Item 9 per SEC Release 33-8216, March 27, 2003.

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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.

PORT Financial Corp.

Date: April 23, 2003 By: /s/ James B. Keegan

James B. Keegan

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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