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FIRST BANCTRUST CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 12, 2003

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): May 12, 2003 (May 8, 2003)

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
State or other jurisdiction  
of Incorporation

000-32535  
(Commission  
File Number)

37-1406661  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

206 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE, PARIS, IL 61944  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(217) 465-6381  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(a) Exhibits.

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99.1 Press Release, dated May 8, 2003  
issued by First BancTrust Corporation

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE (INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER ITEM 12 - RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION).

The following information is being provided under Item 12 - Results of Operations and Financial Condition. It is being furnished under Item 9 of this Form 8-K in accordance with interim guidance issued by the SEC in Release No. 33-8216. Such information, including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

On May 8, 2003, First BancTrust Corporation issued a news release to report its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. The release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

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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.

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

Dated: May 8, 2003

/s/Terry J. Howard

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Terry J. Howard  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Dated: May 8, 2003

/s/Ellen M. Litteral

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Ellen M. Litteral  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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