# 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 23, 2004

World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware000-2763904-2693383(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission File Number)(IRS Employer Identification No.)1241 East Main Street, Stamford, CT 06902

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 352-8600

- Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
  - (a) Not applicable.
  - (b) Not applicable.
  - (c) Exhibits
    - 99.1 Press Release dated April 23, 2004
- Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 23, 2004, World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it has filed an amended Form 10-K for fiscal 2003 and amended Form 10-Qs for fiscal 2004 with the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise the accounting related to the March 2001 acquisition of certain assets of World Championship Wrestling, Inc. ("WCW"). A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

## SIGNATURE

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.

WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Philip B. Livingston

Philip B. Livingston Chief Financial Officer

Dated: April 23, 2004

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## WWE® Files Amended Forms 10-K and 10-Q Revises Accounting for 2001 WCW<sup>TM</sup>Asset Acquisition

Stamford, Conn., April 23, 2004 — World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. (NYSE:WWE) announced today that it has filed an amended Form 10-K for fiscal 2003 and amended Form 10-Qs for fiscal 2004 with the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise the accounting related to the March 2001 acquisition of certain assets of World Championship Wrestling, Inc. ("WCW"). These changes principally affect fiscal 2001 and 2002 as follows:

- \$6.6 million of costs, which were originally recorded and capitalized as intangible assets, are now recorded as \$1.7 million and \$4.9 million of selling, general and administrative expense in fiscal 2001 and 2002, respectively. These costs arose from the termination of certain WCW licenses and related agreement assumed in the transaction.
- The remaining \$2.5 million of purchase price, which was originally assigned an indefinite life for accounting purposes, is now being amortized over a six year period. This increases annual amortization expense by approximately \$0.4 million in fiscal 2002 through 2007.
- There were no changes to revenue or costs of revenues in any of the periods.

The company has also amended its fiscal 2004 quarterly financial statements to reflect the impact on the opening balance sheet, most significantly a \$6.6 million decrease in its gross intangible assets, and additional amortization expense of approximately \$0.3 million for the nine months ended January 23, 2004.

The following table summarizes the significant changes to the company's consolidated statements of operations. All amounts are in thousands except per share amounts.

	Fiscal 2003		Fiscal 2002		Fiscal 2001	
	As Previously	As	As Previously	As	As Previously	As
	Reported	Restated	Reported	Restated	Reported	Restated
Consolidated Statements of Operations:						
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 99,349	\$ 99,349	\$98,291	\$103,191	\$ 96,486	\$ 98,141
Gain on sale of property	_	_	_	_	_	(1,249)
Depreciation and amortization	10,545	10,965	10,174	10,594	4,736	4,771
Operating income	27,027	26,607	50,033	44,713	87,609	87,168
Interest income and other, net	1,114		18,202		15,916	
Interest income	_	2,011	_	10,591	_	15,305
Other (loss) income, net	_	(897)	_	5,213	_	(638)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	27,358	26,938	67,451	59,733	102,669	100,979
Provision for income taxes	10,996	10,836	24,953	22,020	38,143	37,501
Income from continuing operations	16,362	16,102	42,498	37,713	64,526	63,478
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net	_	_	_	1,487	_	_
Net (loss) income	\$(19,195)	\$(19,455)	\$42,233	\$ 38,935	\$ 15,987	\$ 14,939
Earnings (loss) per share (basic and diluted):						
Continuing operations	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.88
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 0.02	\$ —	\$ —
Net (loss) income	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.28)	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.21

The complete Forms 10-K/A and 10-Q/A are available on our website and have been filed with the SEC.

World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. is an integrated media and entertainment company headquartered in Stamford, Conn., with offices in New York City, Los Angeles, Toronto, and London. Additional information on the company can be found at <a href="https://www.com.nu/www.com">www.com</a>. and <a href="https://www.com.nu/www.com">corporate.www.com</a>.

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Forward-Looking Statements: This news release contains forward-looking statements pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which are subject to various risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include the conditions of the markets for live events, broadcast television, cable television, pay-per-view, Internet, entertainment, professional sports, and licensed merchandise; acceptance of the Company's brands, media and merchandise within those markets; uncertainties relating to litigation; risks associated with producing live events both domestically and internationally; uncertainties associated with international markets; risks relating to maintaining and renewing key agreements, including television distribution agreements; and other risks and factors set forth from time to time in Company filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Actual results could differ materially from those currently expected or anticipated.