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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December, 2003

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office
Dublin Airport
County Dublin Ireland
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No ..X..

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RYANAIR BEATS EASYJET ON PUNCTUALITY FOR 49 WEEKS OF 2003
&
CELEBRATES WITH 490,000 SEATS FOR JUST 49p!

Ryanair, Europe's no.1 low fares airline, today (18th December 03) celebrated beating Easyjet's punctuality for ALL 49 weeks of the year so far, by announcing a massive pre-Christmas seat sale with 490,000 seats for 49p(excl taxes). That's 10,000 seats for every week Ryanair has been MORE on-time than Easyjet.

Announcing the celebration 49p seat sale, Ryanair's Head of Communications, Paul Fitzsimmons said:

"Ryanair has beaten Easyjet for punctuality in every week of 2003 (see attached

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weekly schedule). In fact, Ryanair is beating every major airline in Europe when it comes to punctuality, making Ryanair Europe's No.1 on-time airline.

To celebrate Ryanair beating Easyjet for each of the 49 weeks of the year so far we are offering 490,000 seats for only 49p (exc taxes)! These 490,000 seats at 49p will be available from Friday 19th Dec - midnight Tuesday 23rd Dec 03 only at www.ryanair.com, and we would urge customers to book quickly and make another on-time departure with Ryanair!"

Ends 18th December 2003

For further information:
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Notes:

Booking period:19th Dec - midnight Tuesday 23rd Dec 03
Travel period:6th Jan - 31st March 04
Applicable days:seats available every day
Subject to availability - terms & conditions apply - see www.ryanair.com for details

Ryanair / EasyJet Punctuality Comparisons

| Week Ending | On Times | | Ryanair Position |
|-------------|----------|---------|------------------|
| | Ryanair | easyJet | |
| 06-Jan | 81% | 72% | 1 |
| 12-Jan | 84% | 76% | 1 |
| 19-Jan | 93% | 86% | 1 |
| 26-Jan | 97% | 88% | 1 |
| 02-Feb | 81% | 64% | 1 |
| 09 Feb | 90% | 63% | 1 |
| 16 Feb | 89% | 73% | 1 |
| 23-Feb | 86% | 72% | 1 |
| 02- Mar | 91% | 79% | 1 |
| 09-Mar | 88% | 81% | 1 |
| 16-Mar | 94% | 86% | 1 |
| 23-March | 86% | 82% | 1 |
| 30-March | 93% | 78% | 1 |
| 6-April | 92% | 68% | 1 |
| 13-April | 95% | 79% | 1 |
| 20-April | 93% | 78% | 1 |
| 27-April | 97% | 81% | 1 |
| 05 May | 91% | 75% | 1 |
| 11-May | 94% | 81% | 1 |
| 18-May | 92% | 70% | 1 |
| 25-May | 91% | NA | 1 |
| 1-Jun | 90% | 63% | 1 |
| 8-Jun | 90% | 62% | 1 |
| 15-Jun | 95% | 77% | 1 |
| 22-Jun | 94% | 74% | 1 |

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| 29-Jun | 92% | 72% | 1 |
| 06 Jul | 92% | 67% | 1 |
| 13 Jul | 96% | 78% | 1 |
| 20 Jul | 88% | 71% | 1 |
| 27 Jul | 94% | 71% | 1 |
| 03 Aug | 93% | ?? | 1 |
| 10 Aug | 89% | 75% | 1 |
| 17 Aug | 92% | 74% | 1 |
| 24 Aug | 95% | 78% | 1 |
| 31-Aug | 90% | 73% | 1 |
| 07-Sep | 93% | 69% | 1 |
| 14-Sep | 94% | 78% | 1 |
| 21-Sep | 96% | 80% | 1 |
| 28-Sep | 94% | 79% | 1 |
| 05-Oct | 94% | 79% | 1 |
| 12-Oct | 96% | 81% | 1 |
| 19- Oct | 95% | 77% | 1 |
| 26- Oct | 88% | 75% | 1 |
| 2 - Nov | 93% | 77% | 1 |
| 9 - Nov | 94% | 86% | 1 |
| 16 - Nov | 91% | 79% | 1 |
| 23 - Nov | 92% | 84% | 1 |
| 30 - Nov | 92% | 83% | 1 |
| 7- Dec | 83% | 78% | 1 |

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.

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Date: 18 December 2003

By:___/s/ Howard Millar___

H Millar
Company Secretary & Finance Director