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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 June, 2004

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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BYE BYE BA,
RYANAIR IS BRITAIN'S FAVOURITE AIRLINE - AGAIN!

Ryanair, Europe's No. 1 low fares airline, today (Wednesday, 9th June 2004) again confirmed that it has carried more passengers in UK/Europe than BA for May 2004. Recent passenger statistics from BA confirmed that Ryanair carried 120,000 more passengers UK/Europe than BA, making Ryanair Britain's favourite airline for travel UK/Europe - again!

Ryanair's Head of Communications, Paul Fitzsimmons said:

"BA passenger figures released for the month of May, confirmed UK/Europe

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passenger growth of 0.3% - compared to Ryanair's growth of 19% for the same period. Ryanair also has substantially better load factors compared to BA, with Ryanair filling 81% of available seats, while BA flew almost one-third empty.

"The travelling public are voting with their feet, everyone knows that when it comes to giving passengers what they really want - lower fares and on-time flights - Ryanair beats BA time and time again".

PASSENGER STATISTICS FOR MAY 2004

| | RYANAIR | BA | RYANAIR POSITION |
|--------------------|---------|--------|------------------|
| PASSENGER GROWTH | 19% | 0.3% | 1 |
| PASSENGERS CARRIED | 2.17 M | 2.05 M | 1 |
| LOAD FACTOR | 81% | 68% | 1 |
| PUNCTUALITY* | 94.3% | 84.1% | 1 |

(*Source: latest available comparable stats from AEA and Ryanair monthly stats for April 04)

Ends.Wednesday, 9th June 2004

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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.

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Date: 9 June, 2004

By:___/s/ Howard Millar___

H Millar
Company Secretary & Finance Director