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Race revived: The \$500,000 Massachusetts Handicap will be run for the first time since 2004 on Saturday at Suffolk Downs.

"Bringing back the MassCap is just one component of our ongoing commitment to reinvigorate Thoroughbred racing in New England," said Richard Fields, part of Suffolk Downs' new ownership group.

The stakes race, won by legendary horses from Seabiscuit to Cigar, had been dropped to ensure adequate daily purses could be provided at the struggling track.

The revival of the 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ -mile race is headlined by Fairbanks, who was fourth in the Whitney Stakes on July 28 at Saratoga. "We liked the timing of the MassCap," trainer Todd Pletcher said. "Five weeks out is good spacing if we decide to run in the Breeders' Cup."