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COMMENTATOR HEADLINES FIELD FOR SATURDAY'S MASSCAP AT SUFFOLK DOWNS

EAST BOSTON, MA – Commentator, a two-time Grade I winner for Hall of Fame trainer Nick Zito, leads a field of seven for this Saturday's \$500,000 Massachusetts Handicap at Suffolk Downs.

Commentator, the morning-line favorite at 3-to-5, is coming off of an impressive gate-to-wire score in the Whitney Handicap (Grade I) at Saratoga. He won the Whitney in 2005 as well. Overall this year, the seven-year-old gelded son of Distorted Humor has three wins from four starts, including a dominant victory in the Richter Scale Handicap (Grade II) at Gulfstream Park, which he won by over 13 lengths. Commentator starts from post two and will be ridden by John Velazquez for owner Tracy Farmer.

"He's been training spectacular," said Farmer. "I've had a great number of horses in my life and he has a bit of Seabiscuit in him. He understands what he is supposed to do. He's just a special horse. It's almost like he's my child. He's someone that keeps coming back and running."

Dr. Pleasure, third in last year's MassCap, returns as the 7-2 second choice for owner John Oxley and trainer John Ward. The five-year-old son of Thunder Gulch out of the champion mare Beautiful Pleasure returned from nearly a five-month layoff due to a breathing problem to post an impressive 8 ¼ length win in an optional claiming race at Saratoga on August 10. Dr. Pleasure placed third in the Travers Stakes (Grade I) at age three. Cornelio Velasquez is named to ride. Dr. Pleasure will break from the six post.

"The breathing problem was an entrapped epiglottis," said Ward, who conditioned 2001 Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos. "I think it affected his two races previous to the one at Saratoga. It was odd to find this type of problem on a five-year-old horse. He had the procedure and he came back very well. He seems to have found himself a new level to compete."

Cuba is the third choice at odds of 6-1. Since being claimed for \$18,000 earlier this year, trainer Bobby Dibona has saddled the seven-year-old for five victories. He finished a close fifth in his most recent start in the Iselin Handicap (Grade III) at Monmouth Park.

"It made sense to take him but never really thought he'd develop like he has," said Dibona, who grew up in Weymouth, MA. "I have a lot of confidence in him but he will have to step up his game to take on Commentator."

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Won Awesome Dude, winner of the Claiming Crown Jewel at Canterbury Park in his last start, is the 8-1 fourth choice. Rounding out the field are Riversrunrylee (15-1), Beck and Call (20-1) and Volcanic Force (20-1).

The 66th running of the MassCap is one of five Classic Division races in this year's Breeders' Cup Challenge, a series of automatic qualifiers for the Breeders' Cup World Championships. In the Breeders' Cup Challenge "Win and You're In" format, the winner of the MassCap will automatically qualify for entry in the Breeders' Cup Classic, which will be run October 25 at Oak Tree at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, CA.

Entries for the \$100,000 James B. Moseley Sprint Handicap were also drawn. Suave Jazz is the 3-1 favorite in the nine-horse field.

The MassCap is race 10 on Saturday's special 11-race program. First post time is 12:45 p.m. The card will feature an all stakes Pick Four consisting of the MassCap, the Moseley Sprint and a pair of \$50,000 stakes races, the inaugural Robert M. O'Malley and the Drumtop.

**\$500,000 Massachusetts Handicap (66th running)
1 1/8 Miles**

Post Position - Horse	Jockey	Odds
1 - Beck and Call	Tammi Piermarini	20-1
2 - Commentator	John Velazquez	3-5
3 - Won Awesome Dude	Casey Lambert	8-1
4 - Cuba	Pedro Cotto Jr.	6-1
5 - Volcanic Force	Clifford Dooley	20-1
6 - Dr. Pleasure	Cornelio Velasquez	7-2
7 - Riversrunrylee	Pedro Gonzalez	15-1

**\$100,000 James B. Moseley Sprint Handicap
6 Furlongs**

Post Position - Horse	Jockey	Odds
1 - Suave Jazz	Cornelio Velasquez	3-1
2 - Southern Rainbow	Yamil Rosario	8-1
3 - Real Estate	John Velazquez	4-1
4 - Gold and Roses	Pedro Cotto Jr.	6-1
5 - Cavallo Pazzo	Cornelio Velasquez	4-1
6 - Fairly Crafty	No Rider	20-1
7 - Joey Carson	No Rider	5-1
8 - Connections	No Rider	6-1
9 - My Privileged	Alfredo Clemente	15-1