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## **SKY BET RENEW SUPPORT FOR WETHERBY'S CHRISTMAS MEETING**

Sky Bet have renewed their sponsorship of Wetherby's prestigious two-day Christmas Meeting, supporting this season's fixture on Boxing Day Tuesday and Wednesday, December 26 & 27 (first race 12-50 p.m. & 12-45 p.m. respectively).

Based in Harrogate, Sky Bet – one of the U.K's leading horseracing, gaming and sports betting companies – first supported Wetherby's Christmas Meeting in 2002, so this renewal marks the fifth successive year of their sponsorship.

The principal race on Boxing Day is The skybet.com Rowland Meyrick Handicap Chase, a Grade 3 contest over three miles and one furlong for top class stayers offering prize money of £50,000. This race continues to be in the Racing UK 'Order of Merit' series of leading races over Jumps, identified by The British Horseracing Board to promote the very best in Jump racing.

Wednesday's feature race is The skybet.com Castleford Handicap Chase over two miles, with prize money of £30,000. It's a contest for horses rated 0-145 and should produce a competitive race with its new handicap banding.

Wetherby's chief executive, James Sanderson, clearly delighted with the arrangement, said "This is good news for the racecourse and racegoers, with the generous support over the years of Sky Bet enabling the meeting to flourish. Long may it continue."

In response, Dale Tempest, Sky Bet's public relations director said "The Sky Bet Christmas Meeting gains in popularity every year and we are delighted to continue our sponsorship."

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