

Women's hockey – Wilson's squad ready for major EuroHockey test

Coach Jen Wilson (pictured) faces Ukraine, who are ranked No 27 in the world, as Scotland's women open their EuroHockey Championship II campaign on Sunday (push-off 14.45).

The Czech Republic, who beat the Scots 1-0 in 2017 that led to Scotland's relegation to EuroHockey Championship II after many years of competing in the top flight, come next on Tuesday (18.00).

They are ranked 21 in the world while Scotland are listed two places above them in the official rankings.

And Scotland complete the qualifiers against Austria, rated No 31 in the world, on Wednesday (19.00).

Pool A features Italy, Poland, Turkey and Wales all looking for a place in the semi-finals.

Scotland are boosted by the return of four Great Britain players, Borders-born Sarah Robertson (Hampstead and Westminster), Amy Costello, ex-Inverleith and now with the University of Birmingham and is originally from Edinburgh, Glasgow-born goalkeeper Nicola Cochrane (Beeston) and rising star Charlotte Watson of Dundee Wanderers.

And Wilson said: "The squad has made superb progress and out selection headaches are testament to all the hard work this incredible group of players have put in."