

Wilson defends Scottish Open snooker title

Reigning world champion, Luca Brecel, plus world No 1, Ronnie O'Sullivan, and the Wishaw Wizzard, John Higgins, are three of the top names in a star-studded line-up for the BetVictor Scottish Open from Monday at Meadowbank, Edinburgh.

Defending champion is Tyneside-based Gary Wilson, nicknamed The Tyneside Terror, who beat Joe O'Connor in the final 12 months ago, and he is at the table in the first session at 10am on Monday, December 11.

Wilson (pictured with the Scottish Open trophy) has made over 200, 100-plus breaks but he faces a tough task with 80 players vying for over £400,000 in prize money. The winner takes home £80,000 and the runner-up £35,000.

O'Sullivan makes his appearance in the session which will not start before 1pm on Monday with Higgins scheduled to appear in the night session not before 8pm.

The field also includes Judd Trump and Mark Selby and the world-ranking event is included in this season's BetVictor Home Nations Series along with events in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Scottish Open runs to December 17 and tickets are from £15 and are on sale now.

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worldwide, the top 16 seeds will be in action on the opening and the match schedule is: 10am session: Gary Wilson v Elliot Slessor; Mark Selby v Sean O'Sullivan; Ding Junhui v David Grace; Jimmy Robertson v Amaan Iqbal.

Not before 1pm: Ronnie O'Sullivan v Liam Graham; Mark Williams v Sam Craigie; Barry Hawkins v Pang Junxu; Ali Carter v Zehuang Long.

Not before 2pm: Luca Brecel v Iulian Boiko; Shaun Murphy v Liu Hongyu; Hossein Vafaei v Daniel Wells; Jack Borwick v Ishpreet Singh Chadha.

Not before 7pm: Judd Trump v Sydney Wilson; Kyren Wilson v Mostafa Dorgham; Robert Milkins v Mark Davis; Anthony McGill v Oliver Lines.

Not before 8pm: John Higgins v Oliver Brown; Mark Allen v Jamie Jones; Jack Lisowski v Mohamed Ibrahim; Alfie Burden v Matthew Selt