

EVENT 6 - 2008 Welsh Open – World Snooker Centre, Prestatyn, Wales

Geet Sethi became the inaugural EBOS Welsh Open Champion defeating Paul Dunning in the final at the World Snooker Centre in Prestatyn, Wales. Geet compiled a break of 157, and four further breaks over fifty in the final, to add to his three high century breaks during his semi-final demolition of Ben French.

The venue and conditions were commended by all as “fantastic”, but the tables were described as “murderous” to play on by many due to a combination of the cut to the pockets and the lightning speed and bite of the cloth. This made for exceptional difficulty in the break building department, with the pockets rejecting any ball that touched the jaws whilst carrying applied sidespin. However, Geet demonstrated some fine play throughout the tournament and highlighted what is still a vast gap between the professional and amateur game on tables of this outstanding and rare quality.

Runner-up Paul Dunning recorded a good victory over Rob Hall in the quarter finals thanks to some consistent play, which was replicated in his semi-final victory over John Auchterlonie. Geet compiled a break of 183, the highest of the tournament, along with breaks of 160 and 153 in the other semi-final.

Geet took the opportunity to demonstrate and endorse his Limited Edition facsimile cue, hand made by Robin Cook on behalf of EBOS. Geet commended the “superb quality and workmanship”, and chatted for sometime with Robin Cook about the workmanship and development of the cue.

The EBOS tour now moves on to St.Helier in Jersey for event #7, the 2008 Jersey Open on 23rd/25th May 2008.



Pictured: Left - Geet Sethi, Bob Williams (Tournament Director), and Paul Dunning, Right – Geet Sethi and Robin Cook.



Above: Geet with the Welsh Open Trophy

Round Robin Matches (60 Minutes) – Saturday 26th April 2008

Group 1

Michael Wright w/o Phil Mumford; Geet Sethi 552 (116, 155, 76), Chris Dyer 97; Geet Sethi w/o Phil Mumford; Michael Wright 268, Mick Lakey 145; Chris Dyer w/o Phil Mumford; Geet Sethi 540 (53, 85, 114uf), Mick Lakey 58; Michael Wright 202, Chris Dyer 95; Mick Lakey w/o Phil Mumford; Geet Sethi 359 (89), Michael Wright 160; Mick Lakey 192, Chris Dyer 149.

Qualifiers: Geet Sethi, Michael Wright, Mick Lakey, Chris Dyer.

Group 2

Matthew Sutton 195, Rob Hall 145; Ron Agnew 227, Steve Lock 139; Rob Hall 231 (57), Ron Agnew 174; Matthew Sutton 417 (71, 107, 51), Michael Williams 62; Rob Hall 379 (61), Steve Lock 96; Ron Agnew 218, Michael Williams 180; Matthew Sutton 263. Steve Lock 107; Rob Hall 389 (95, 95), Michael Williams 116; Matthew Sutton 267, Ron Agnew 131 (50); Michael Williams 232, Steve Lock 175.

Qualifiers: Matthew Sutton, Rob Hall, Ron Agnew, Michael Williams.

Group 3

Chris Taylor 214, Gary Norman 173; Brian Moffatt 233, Mick White 218; Chris Taylor 271, Brian Moffatt 100; Gary Norman 211, Finlay Laing 197; Chris Taylor 259, Mick White 148; Finlay Laing 260, Brian Moffatt 172; Mick White 194, Gary Norman 164; Chris Taylor 334 (78), Finlay Laing 100; Gary Norman 254 (51), Brian Moffatt 185; Mick White 296 (73), Finlay Laing 163.

Qualifiers: Chris Taylor, Mick White, Gary Norman, Finlay Laing.

Group 4

John Hartley 229, Paul Dunning 179; John Auchterlonie 158, Bem French 127; John Hartley 261 (64), John Auchterlonie 159; Paul Dunning 317, Sam Higgins 55; Bem French 216, John Hartley 209 (57); John Auchterlonie 264 (63), Sam Higgins 91; Paul Dunning 243, Bem French 148; John Hartley 357 (76), Sam Higgins 76; John Auchterlonie 204, Paul Dunning 188; Bem French 334 (50), Sam Higgins 79.

Qualifiers: John Hartley, John Auchterlonie, Paul Dunning, Bem French.

Last 16 (90 Minutes) – Saturday 26th April 2008

Geet Sethi 605 (142, 68, 64), John Hartley 265; Matthew Sutton 343, Chris Taylor 213; Ron Agnew 439, Finlay Laing 213; Bem French 337, Mick White 267; Gary Norman 410, Michael Wright 224; John Auchterlonie 394, Mick Lakey 114; Paul Dunning 416 (63), Michael Williams 223; Rob Hall 554 (75, 58, 57), Chris Dyer 134.

Quarter Finals (90 Minutes) – Sunday 27th April 2008

Geet Sethi 407 (122, 73), Matthew Sutton 225 (50); Bem French 267, Ron Agnew 200; John Auchterlonie 305, Gary Norman 211; Paul Dunning 347, Rob Hall 209.

Semi Finals (90 Minutes) – Sunday 27th April 2008

Geet Sethi 863 (160, 183, 153), Bem French 118; Paul Dunning 331 (51, 55), John Auchterlonie 255.

Final (90 Minutes) – Sunday 27th April 2008

Geet Sethi 632 (75, 97, 157, 51, 77), Paul Dunning 205.

Tournament Director: Bob Williams (Eng).
Referees: Mike Billinge (Eng), Dave Smith (Eng), Harry Wah (Eng), Ray Jones (Eng), Hayden Williams (Wal)

Prize Fund: £1,000.

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Winner - £400.
Runner-up - £200.
Losing Semi Finalists - £100.
Losing Quarter Finalists - £50.