



# EURO HOME DAY FOR RICHARDSON AND WILSON



Defending champion Darren Appleton may be missing from the starting line-up when big time 8-Ball Pool returns to Yorkshire this weekend.

But the host county is well represented in the final stages of the Sky TV covered European Professional Championship.

Pontefract potter Appleton lost in the last qualifying round after an epic battle with West Midlander Rob Chilton.

Indeed, the 2004 888.com International Masters winner is among the favourites for a £3,000 first prize at the Hilton Hotel, Bradford.

Chilton defeated Home International winner Appleton 8-7 and now tackles one of Yorkshire's three quarter-final representatives, Rob Wilson.

Leeds based Wilson knocked out Ben Flack to qualify for the final stages of an IPA television competition for the first time.

And with home support he will hope to spring a surprise on former England international Chilton.

Richardson, also from Leeds and poised to take his place in the professional ranks next season, comes up against Cambridge farmer Phil Harrison in the last eight.

'Rico' defeated Doncaster's Martin Hazell in the last 16 and now faces one of

the game's most consistent players.

Very much like snooker star Joe Swail, Harrison has overcome profound deafness to reach the top in his chosen sport.

Yorkshire representation is completed by Heckmondwyke based Mick Hill, the 2004 world champion.

Hill will shortly join Appleton, Harrison and the likes of Ronnie O'Sullivan and Jimmy White in America to compete on the seemingly lucrative IPT American 8-Ball Tour.

However, he still has some unfinished business in England and would love to leave with another major title to his name.

In fact, Hill is the only player to have won all of pool's major titles and topped the rankings.

The England star meets veteran Keith Brewer for a place in the semi-finals. Poole based Brewer is the 'Jimmy White' of pool having won virtually every trophy except the world crown.

The three locals though won't have things all their own way. Jason Twist is a double world champion while his quarter-final opponent, Ulsterman Ronan McCarthy, defeated current world champion Gareth Potts in the final qualifying round.

## **Last 32:**

Darren Appleton bt Shane Appleton 8-7,  
Rob Chilton bt Mark Thrusell 8-6,  
Robert Wilson bt Andy Barnett 8-3,  
Ben Flack bt Lee Kendall 8-5,  
Phil Harrison bt Mark Slater 8-2,  
Neil Toms bt James Pheely 8-4,  
Martin Hazell bt Craig Reynolds 8-4,  
Andy Richardson bt Karl Boyes 8-5,  
Jason Twist bt Vic Makh 8-5,  
Kevin McCallum bt Ian Hubbard 8-1,  
Ronan McCarthy bt Russell Burgess 8-4,  
Gareth Potts bt Lee Clough 8-5,  
Keith Brewer bt Gareth Manning 8-3,  
Andy Breen bt Lee Howitt 8-3,  
Brian Halcrow bt Nicky Parnell 8-2,  
Mick Hill bt Eddie Barker 8-4.

## **Last 16:**

Chilton bt Appleton 8-7,  
Wilson bt Flack 8-6,  
Harrison bt Toms 8-7,  
Richardson bt Hazell 8-5,  
Twist bt McCallum 8-7,  
McCarthy bt Potts 8-5,  
Brewer bt Breen 8-3,  
Hill bt Halcrow 8-7.

## **Quarter-finals:**

Chilton v Wilson  
Harrison v Richardson  
Twist v McCarthy  
Brewer v Hill.



# EUROPEAN PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**QUARTER-FINALS**  
(Best of 15)

**ROB CHILTON**



**ROBERT WILSON**

Saturday 14th January - 1:00pm

**PHIL HARRISON**



**ANDY RICHARDSON**

Saturday 14th January - 3:00pm

**SEMI-FINALS (Best of 17)**



Sunday 15th January - 11:00am



**FINAL (Best of 19)**



Sunday 15th January - 4:00pm

**JASON TWIST**



**RONAN McCARTHY**

Saturday 14th January - 6:00pm



Sunday 15th January - 1:00pm

**KEITH BREWER**



**MICK HILL**

Saturday 14th January - 8:00pm

Quarter finals onwards  
to be televised for



**TOTAL PRIZE FUND OF**

**£10,000**

**PRIZE MONEY & RANKING POINTS**

WINNER	£3,000
RUNNER UP	£1,500
LOSING SEMIS	£1,000
LOSING QTRS	£500
LAST 16	£200

