

Tesni Evans Breaks Top 20 PSA In January Rankings

Tesni Evans has become only the second Welsh female player ever to break into the World's Top 20 following the publication of the first PSA Women's World Rankings of 2017, released today (Jan 1), that sees her occupy the No.20 position as part of an elite group that also seeds teenage Egyptian sensation Nouran Gohar start the new year as World No.2.



Evans, the 24-year-old from Cardiff, enjoyed the best performance of her professional career to date during November's Wadi Degla Women's Open when she reached the semi-finals in Cairo and her performances see her become the first Welsh player since Tegwen Malik in 2007 to rank inside the Top 20. Gohar meanwhile, who ended the Welsh player's run in Cairo, overtakes compatriot Raneem El Welily to begin the year at a career high No.2 while another Egyptian, Nour El Sherbini, maintains her place atop the rankings for a 9th consecutive month.

Wales Squash Senior High Performance Coach, David Evans said "It's a great achievement for Tesni to reach this first milestone of 20 in the World. It is also a credit to the system that Wales Squash have in place to ensure players can progress through our pathway, from grass roots to the very top in the world rankings. WSRB provide Tesni with a great team around her, from a personal coach, an HPC coach, strength and conditioning coach, psychology coach along with running weekly elite squads. All this along with Tesni talent and determination hopefully will enable Tesni to climb even higher. Also, Joel Makin, Deon Saffery, Emyr Evans, Owain Taylor have all achieved career high world rankings this year. Peter Creed will also achieve this next month which again proves our system is working well."

