

Brooky gains her revenge

Auckland golfer Lynette Brooky had one word on her mind when she played New Zealand representative Lisa Aldridge yesterday: Revenge.

Brooky had lost to Aldridge twice previously this year and wanted to avoid a hat-trick. She won 3 and 2 in a second round full of upsets at the NZI national women's championships at Paraparaumu Beach.

This match was a contrast of personalities: Brooky, 22, used to play at Paraparaumu but left for Auckland at the start of the year, disillusioned with Wellington golf. Aldridge, 18, is the new Paraparaumu star. The rebel versus the darling.

The rebel won, with disciplined percentage golf. "Before, I'd been pushing myself too much. I put a lot of pressure on myself. But today I said 'Let's just take it as it comes,'" Brooky said.

"She has always beaten me. I wanted revenge but not nasty or anything, in a nice way."

The win meant much to Brooky: "It's been a great year for me (in Auckland). The only thing I've missed is my family. To come down and play the Wellington No 1 and beat her on her home course has really made me happy."

Her family lives in Tawa. She has two sisters and six brothers, two of whom play in Paraparaumu's Duncan Cup team including Martin, her caddy yesterday. Praising him, she said her win was a team effort.

She won the first two holes and was never headed. Aldridge was 1 down for a time but her short game was not consistently accurate enough for her to draw level. She fell three behind by the 13th but won the 14th with a birdie. Brooky sank a tricky two-metre downhill putt to halve the 15th and won with a solid par on 16, where Aldridge hit a wayward tee shot.

She was joined as a second-round casualty by fellow Espirito Santo world championship team member Annette Stott. Canadian Eve-Lyne Biron beat Stott — that was no shock but the 7 and 6 winning margin was.

Biron was two-under par when the match finished, as was compatriot Terrill Samuel who demolished Debbie Smith 7 and 6. Smith was the last New Zealander to win the championship, a distinction she will probably maintain the way Terrill and Biron played.

Tracey McCarten, once of Paraparaumu and now at Levin, continued her good tournament with wins over Heather Barnett and Lee Carrington.

Otago's doughty Jan Scandrett looked as good as any of the New Zealanders and was joined in the last 55 by Karyn Stott and Susan Barron.

Brooky gamble wins reward

By BOB PEARCE

Lyn Brooky's gamble of moving to Auckland to further her golf career paid off handsomely at Akarana yesterday.

She earned a place in the Auckland team for the Stylemaster teams tournament at Palmerston North and realised her ambition of beating New Zealand's top golfer, Jan Higgins.

Brooky's perfect day was spoiled a little when she lost 4 and 2 to Annette Stott (Muriwai) in the final of the Akarana women's match-play tournament.

A 22-year-old now playing at the Grange, Brooky played softball for Titahi Bay senior team from the age of 14 and earned representative honours for Well-



Lyn Brooky

ington as a centre outfield.

She turned to golf as her major sport after throwing her arm out. In spite of being the Paraparaumu midweek and weekend champion and recording a series of good results, she could not make the Wellington Stylemaster team.

"I've been in Auckland since New Year's day and everybody has been so much friendlier," Brooky said. "Living in Auckland allows me to be closer to my coach," Dennis Sullivan.

"I want to really work on my game and see how far I can go."

Brooky's semifinal win over Higgins contained

some superb golf. She was four under after the first nine, and at that stage was six up on the New Zealand No 1.

When she won 5 and 4 she was still under the card. Strong and aggressive off the tee, she had been in great touch on the greens, where Higgins struggled a little.

Brooky and Stott were all square to the 11th hole of the final, but when Scott holed a long putt on the 12th to save a half, Brooky's concentration began to waver.

She lost the next four holes as errors began to creep into her game.

Stott, who had been taken to the 20th by Terry Doonan (North Shore) in the semifinals, again showed what a complete game she has after her stint at the University of Texas.

She will play at No 2 in the Auckland team behind Higgins, with Brooky at three, Doonan at four and Kay Godso (Auckland) at five. The travelling reserve will be Jill Southam (Grange).

Only Higgins and Doonan survive from last year's team. Stott, Godso and Brooky should have Auckland back in contention for the title after a lean spell.