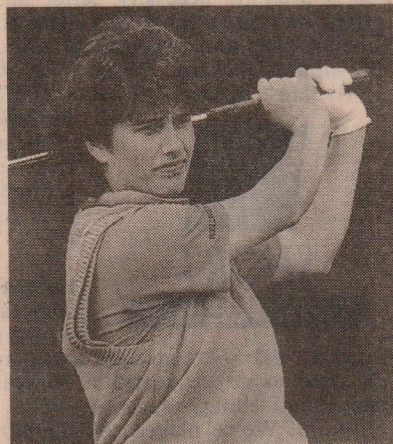


Wellington golfer sets sights on top British titles

By RUSSELL GRAY



LYNNETTE BROOKY

she wouldn't take that step without the right backing.

She has heard too many stories about players going on to the professional circuit and then struggling through lack of money.

"The last thing I want is to get to the point where I get so depressed I can't do myself justice on the golf course," she said.

"You can't get anywhere if you are worrying about other things all the time."

Travelling on her own shouldn't be too much of a hardship for Brooky who by her own admission has always been something of a loner.

It is a side of her that people have struggled to come to terms with when she has been in a team situation.

"People think I'm a bit strange when I just get up and take off for a walk," Brooky said.

"When I come back and I'm not smiling they immediately assume there is something wrong which there isn't. I just need to get myself in the right frame of mind."

Brooky said her superb final round in Perth had confirmed in her own mind that she could go to Britain with confidence.

"There were all sorts of stories after that round," she said.

"People were saying a woman hadn't got below par there before and they wanted to know about the round shot by shot."

Now a firm strokeplay disciple, Brooky used to be better at matchplay. She said her outlook changed when she learnt to play strokeplay properly.

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No rest for battling Brooky



Sicilian ending to first foray

New Zealand rookie golf professional Lynette Brooky tees off in her last tournament of the season in Europe tomorrow, having confirmed her ability to play in the tour's top ranks.

The 27-year-old Wellingtonian tied for eighth place in her previous two tournaments - the Mareo Open in Hamburg last weekend and the Dutch Open.

She also finished 14th in the British Open in August.

In 13 European competitions, she has missed the cut only twice - her first two starts.

In Sicily preparing to play in the Italian Open, Brooky said she had decided to miss the last two European tournaments of the season and return to New Zealand for a break.

"The prize fund for those two tournaments is a bit low to cover the cost of the accommodation," she said.

"Also, I've just done 10 tournaments in a row - that's 10 weeks on the road, which is quite tiring." - NZPA



Brooky - good start on tour.

Brooky's slim hopes dashed

LYNNETTE BROOKY'S hopes in the British Open women's golf tournament were extinguished by a poor third round at the Burn Golf and Country Club yesterday.

Brooky needed an impressive round to make up ground on leader Emilee Klein, who was eight shots ahead of the young New Zealand professional.

However she instead shot a disappointing five-over 78 to fall back to two-over 221 for 54 holes, 16 strokes behind the American.

Klein fired a two-under-par 69 to extend her lead to six shots, leaving her rivals hoping for no short of miracle during the final round.

Klein, 22, a winner for the first time on the United States Tour last weekend, had led by five strokes after two rounds and among the chasing pack was the double U.S. States Open champion, Annika Sorenstam of Sweden. — Reuters

Higher stakes

Golfers on the women's European tour have been told by chief executive Terry Coles that they'll have £2 million (NZ\$4.52 million) extra prize money to play for next year.

Brooky second

Kiwi golfer Lynette Brooky finished second equal in the qualifying tournament at La Manga, Spain, for the US\$2.5 million (NZ\$3.87 million) European women's golf tournament. Frenchwoman Stephanie Dallongeville won the tournament after shooting a closing round of 77, and finished with a nine-over-par 297 — two strokes clear of Brooky and British duo Joanne Furby and Wendy Dicks.

Brooky through. Wellington golfer Lynette Brooky has qualified to play in the US\$2.5 million (NZ\$3.87 million) American Express Tour. Brooky finished second equal in the Spanish-based qualifying tournament behind Frenchwoman Stephanie Dallongeville today. Brooky was two shots off the pace after shooting rounds of 74 73 70 73.