

Brooky again on form as Kiwis stay in race

VANCOUVER. — New Zealand was holding its top-five position on the second day of the Espirito Santo world women's golf championships here today.

The New Zealand team of Susan Farron, Lisa Aldridge and Lynnette Brooky was third equal after the first round yesterday, four shots behind leader Britain-Ireland, and was having another mixed day today.

Farron, who had a non-counting 83 yesterday, went five shots better

with a six-over-par 78, but New Zealand will hope for better from the Wellington duo which was still on the course at press time.

Farron had outward and inward nines of 39, two three-putts late in the round costing her a chance of a better score.

Aldridge, who shot a 75 in the first round, was three over par after nine holes and the in-form Brooky, who did marvellously to card a 74 in tough conditions yes-

terday, was again doing well at one under after five holes.

Completed first-round leading scores were:

- 145—Great Britain-Ireland (C Lambert 70, J Morley 75, *J Hockley 83).
- 148—Australia (E Jayatilaka 74, L Lambert 74, *J Mills 75).
- 149—France (D Bourson 72, P Meunier 77, *K D'Algue 77), New Zealand (L Brooky 74, L Aldridge 75, *S Farron 83).
- 151—Spain (E Knuth 74, M Campomanes 77, *L Navarro 80), Sweden (A Sorenstam 75, M Hjorth 76, *L Ericsson 78), Italy (C Quintarelli 73, S Cavalleri 78, *A Nistri 79).

- 152—United States (C Thompson 74, V Goetze 78, *S Ingram 80).
- 153—Korea (Chae Eun Song 75, Ah Ram Suh 78, *Oh Yun Kwon 80), Chinese Taipei (Pay-Fen Lien 76, Yu-Cheng Huang 77, *Jui-Hui Lee 79).

*Denotes non-counting score.

Leading individual scores:

- 70—C Lambert (GBI).
- 72—D Bourson (France).
- 73—C Quintarelli (Italy).
- 74—L Lambert (Australia), E Knuth (Spain), L Brooky (NZ), E Jayatilaka (Australia).
- 75—L Aldridge (NZ), J Morley (GBI), M Kanamori (Japan), A Sorenstam (Sweden), Chae Eun Song (Korea), J Mills (Australia).

Brooky relieved by selection

LYNNETTE BROOKY could hardly believe what she was hearing yesterday when Ladies Golf Union chairman Joan Erceg told her she had made the New Zealand team for next month's British Columbia championships in Vancouver.

Brooky, Wellington teammate Lisa Aldridge, Manawatu-Wanganui's Susan Farron and Annette Stott of Auckland will represent New Zealand at the tournament. From the four a three-woman team will then be named to take part in the Espirito Santo world championship, also in Vancouver, in September.

During her relatively short golf career Brooky, 24, has had many setbacks and when the telephone rang yesterday she held her breath.

"I braced myself for more disappointment," Brooky said last night.

"I thought it would be 'sorry but you missed out'. When Joan congratulated me on making the team it took time to sink in. Now it has I'm stoked.

"I'll be heading for the practice fairway tomorrow morning

By RUSSELL GRAY

even if it is wet and windy. I'm going to work harder than ever before to show what I can do."

Brooky has finally rid herself of the rebel tag that was attached to her during her early days in golf, a period when she looked more at home on the 1000cc motorbike she loved riding than with a golf club in her hand.

Now the leather jacket has been replaced by a New Zealand blazer and she will wear it well.

Despite winning the New Zealand championship in 1990 Brooky has found it hard to break into the national team, despite regularly being in the NZI international squad, and her sole appearance was in the Tasman Cup side.

Brooky, of Manor Park, ad-

mitted she had got discouraged at times when it seemed she would never make the breakthrough.

"There were many times when I felt like giving it away. If I hadn't been picked today I would have felt there was no future for me. Now this is just the start for me."

Brooky said she had been under tremendous pressure over the last month and felt she didn't play as well as she could have done at the recent New South Wales amateur championships where Aldridge blitzed the field.

"But I didn't play badly either. I missed a couple of putts that cost me," she said.

"You know everyone is watching you and it all builds up."

Stott was relieved to be told she was in the team but is still

waiting to hear the outcome of an investigation into allegations she has breached her amateur status.

"I'm in the dark as to where it's at (the investigation) but I'm still confident I will be cleared," Stott said.

"I was excited at being named and now just hope things work out."

Aldridge, undoubtedly the country's No 1, was never in danger of missing out and Farron has been in such solid form lately she too was a certainty.

Farron, 21, said she had progressed steadily year by year but now felt she deserved to be in the team.

"I learnt so much playing for New Zealand in China earlier this year," Farron said. "That experience will help me in Canada."

Brooky confident of strong Kiwi showing

By LYNN McCONNELL
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Forgetting about the opposition and playing its own game will be the key to New Zealand's women's golfers winning the Espirito Santo Trophy in Paris in September.

The most successful member of the New Zealand team announced last night, Lynnette Brooky of Wellington, said: "I'm sure New Zealand will stand out of the crowd over there."

Brooky, who took second place in the Australian stroke-play championship this year, and third place in the New South Wales strokeplay last week, is joined by Susan Farron of Palmerston North and Kerryn Starr of Christchurch.

The reserve is Gina Scott of Te Awamutu.



Brooky: "I think we can win."

"While the Koreans look tough opposition, along with the Australians, we can't really afford to be worried about the opposition," Brooky said.

"We have to get out and look after ourselves, rather than worrying about them."

"We have a good team spirit and that was evident last night when the team was named. We all felt very happy and are looking forward to competing," he said.

Like the men's team competing in the Eisenhower Trophy, also in France, the women's team will make a pre-

paratory trip to look over and play the course being used for the championship.

"I think we can win," she said.

Brooky is also happy with her own game, a feeling backed up by New Zealand coach Alex Mercer who saw Brooky in Australia last week.

"He said everything was looking good as far as he is concerned while Jack Oliver is keeping an eye on things for him here," she said.

Brooky and Farron both played in the last Espirito Santo tournament in Canada in 1992.

Starr and Farron were members of the 1989 Junior Tasman Cup team but Starr's national representation has been limited compared with the more senior players, having played in the 1991 Commonwealth tournament and in last year's Tasman Cup.