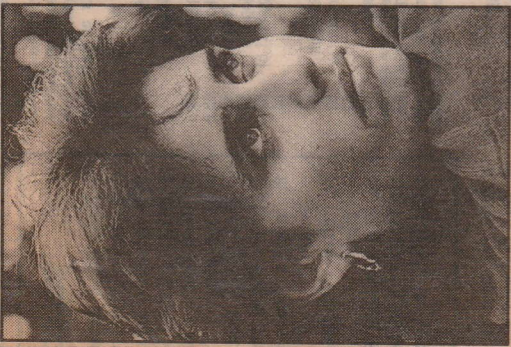


Valuable lesson for NZ



Lynnette Brooky - shot a final round of 80

LONDON. — New Zealand's women golfers failed to make an impact at the French amateur strokeplay championships but have learned valuable lessons from the experience.

Manager Cherry Kingham said the team had decided it needed a longer lead-in time to the world championships on the same course in late September.

"We have made up our minds we want to be here in plenty of time next time," Kingham said.

"The girls are positive about

the course. You just have to stay away from the water."

Kingham said the team plans to spend up to a week in London preparing for the Espirito Santo world championships.

That would enable it to get over the fatigue from jetlag that has plagued it throughout this weekend's tournament.

More high scores from New Zealand placed it 11th in team standings, 23 strokes behind winner Spain.

French national team player

Amandine Vincent won the tournament with a four-under-par 284.

The best-placed New Zealander was Manawatu's Susan Farron, who was 31st after a final round 79 gave her a four-round total of 308.

On Sunday, in the third round, Farron shot the only score of par or better from the New Zealanders, a par-matching 72.

Lynnette Brooky was one place back after a final round 80, while Kerry Starr was

45th and Gina Scott, the world championship reserve, was 64th.

After two rounds over 80, Scott shot the lowest score among the New Zealanders, a three-over-par 75.

Brooky plays in the United States amateur open next weekend. The rest of the team returns home to continue its world championship buildup.

It returns to Europe on September 17 for the world tournament which begins on September 28. — NZPA

Russell School celebrated Arbor day in style, inviting golfer Lynnette Brooky the Sports person of the Year, to plant a tree. Surrounding Lynnette is three five year old Room 2 pupils, left is Senio Lefao, Naomi Savea and Miriama Ahfa.

The Arbor Day celebrations went ahead at Russell School despite howling southerly winds and driving rain, although many of the children weren't so keen to go outside. Principal David Stanley says the children suggested the caretaker not only dig the holes but perhaps plant the trees and they would visit them when the weather cleared up.

During the winter months Russell School selects colour days where all the children are asked to come to school in one colour.

Arbor Day was the perfect opportunity for the children to dress in green. A pupil from each room was chosen as the "greenest person."

The next colour day for Russell School will be Daffodil Day where the children will dress in yellow.

