

Brooky fires back

LYNNETTE BROOKY from New Zealand produced a faultless six-under-par 66 to win by five.

The 34-year-old from Wellington carded an eagle and four birdies in a scintillating display of accuracy, to post a 16-under-par total and earn her second career victory after the 1998 Austrian Open.

Brooky began the day three shots clear of four players and did not look back after her eagle from 10 feet at the par-5 4th hole.

At the 72nd hole, she completed a resounding victory with a birdie from 10 feet to post the lowest score of the day and continue her run of tournaments without a three putt, to five in a row.

"I wasn't nervous, I just thought, do what you have to do," said Brooky, who admitted to seeing a psychic and psychiatrist to help her back to winning ways.

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1	L Brooky	69	69	68	66	272	E41,250
2	P Marti	69	71	69	68	277	27,912
3	K Icher	70	68	71	70	279	15,253
	M Monnet	72	70	67	70	279	15,253
	I Tinning	72	71	66	70	279	15,253
6	AB Sanchez	73	69	71	68	281	9,625
7	N Moults	70	72	71	71	284	7,562
	K Lunn	68	75	70	71	284	7,562
9	C Ekelundh	75	69	71	70	285	5,573
	K Taylor	68	72	74	71	285	5,573
	J Mills	69	72	70	74	285	5,573
12	A Munt	73	70	76	68	287	4,464
	C Dibnah	74	74	70	69	287	4,464
	S O'Brien	73	71	71	72	287	4,464
15	V Michaud	71	75	72	70	288	3,804
	N Karlsson	70	70	77	71	288	3,804
	R Hakkarainen	72	71	74	71	288	3,804
	S Pettersen	74	72	71	71	288	3,804
	G Scott	76	70	69	73	288	3,804
	N Taylor	72	68	71	77	288	3,804
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26	T Johnson	74	71	75	70	290	2,887
	S Head	72	74	72	72	290	2,887
	D Reid	74	72	70	74	290	2,887
37	KS Taylor	72	74	74	72	292	1,889
51	D Barnard	72	75	76	73	296	1,320
	C Hall	74	74	73	75	296	1,320

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Brooky's game back on track

LONDON. - Leading New Zealand golfer Lynnette Brooky aims to finish in the top 10 on the European women's golf tour this season.

Brooky, ranked 18th last year, said today she had overcome a painful long-term injury and was hoping for bigger things this year.

She is currently 10th on the European women's order of merit after a top performance in the Australian Open last month.

Her first European appearance of the season will be in Florence next week for the Italian Open.

"I found some weeks ago my shoulder has been dislocated for years. Because of that, my wrist went last year and prior to that I had a lot of back pain and pain everywhere," Brooky said today.

"My wrist was sore last year and I had to check every tournament to see whether it was broken. It wasn't so I kept on playing. I only missed one cut, the British Open, but it was quite scary because they wanted to put me in plaster for six weeks."

Brooky said after numerous visits to specialists, Lower Hutt osteopath Val Todd discovered the dislocated shoulder three weeks ago.

"She put it back in, worked on me and my shoulder feels in perfect condition for the first time in ages."

"I had a game near London yesterday and I was hitting seven irons where I used to hit six irons."

Brooky, 31, said she had never felt stronger and was excited about playing for New Zealand, possibly with Marnie Maguire, in the £400,000 (\$NZ1,285,350) World Cup of Golf in Limerick later this year.

Her best result on tour was sixth in the French Masters last year. The tournament this year was worth £1 million and the top 35 US women were making up half the field.

She was also planning an assault on the £750,000 British Open at Royal Birkdale on August 17-20.

"I want to finish in the top 10 this year. That's my goal."

"But I am feeling stronger after having a dislocated shoulder for quite a few years. This is my sixth year on the circuit."

"I am working hard on my game. On a good day I don't expect to have to average more than 29 putts. I want to hit the fairways straight, missing no more than three a round at the most." - NZPA