Brooky qualifies after shooting day's best round

MELBOURNE

NEW ZEALAND champion Lynette Brooky shot the best round of the day on yesterday to qualify in seventh position for matchplay at the Australian women's amateur golf champsionships in Melbourne.

Brooky, having her first tilt at the Australian title, shot a six-over-par 78 in howling gales which shattered any hopes of sub-par rounds at Royal Melbourne's East Course.

Overnight leader Louise Briers retained her five-stroke lead to head the 32 qualifiers. — NZPA

Selectors given timely reminder

By BOB PEARCE

Wellington golfer Lyn Brooky gave a timely hint to the New Zealand women's golf selectors with a two-shot win in the Manawatu Open at Hokowhitu yesterday.

The event was shortened to 36 holes when the rain washed out play on Saturday. Brooky fired two rounds of 74 for a two-over par total of 148.

Second was local player Susan Farron, whose second round of 73 was the best of the day.

On 154, four shots further back, was the Canterbury golfer Kerryn Star, one ahead of Lisa Aldridge (Paraparaumu). Annette Stott (Muriwai), heroine of New Zealand's historic victory over Australia in the Tasman Cup last November, was 158.

The open was the final trial before the naming of a New Zealand team of three to play in the Queen Sirikit Cup tournament in China in April.

Brooky, Farron, Starr, Aldridge and Stott were all New Zealand representatives last year and it will be a tough task to pick the best three.

Aldridge was in the Sirikit team last year, but the other two members, Jan Higgins and Marnie McGuire, have both turned professional.

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Brooky birdies raise hopes

NZPA **Tauranga**

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The Australian, who won the New Zealand junior title last year, had to produce an outstanding bunker shot to halve the 16th, and the match remained all square after the pair traded par-fours on the 17th.

Ironically after missing earlier birdie attempts, Farron calmly slotted a 12m putt across the green on the 18th, while Knight lipped out with her match-saving putt.

The Aldridge-Hale match followed similar lines, but the Paraparaumu Beach player gave up a one-hole advantage when she double bogeyed the 17th. Her missed birdie attempt on the final hole meant she, and New Zealand, had to be content with halving

In the morning Stott and Kerryn Starr blew a four-hole advantage after 10 holes to lose to Austalia's No 1 pairing of Shearwood and Maxwell 1 down.

However, Brooky and Aldridge came back from a two-hole deficit with telling putts on the 17th and 18th to halve their match with Hale and Knight.

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Results (New Zealand names first).—

Senior: Foursomes: K Starr and A Stott lost to E Maxwell and J Shearwood 1 down; L Brooky and L Aldridge halved with T Hale and A Knight:

Singles: Aldridge halved with Hale; Stott lost to Maxwell 3 and 2; Brooky beat Shearwood 3 and 1; Farron beat Knight 1 up.

Match: New Zealand 5 Australia 5.

Junior: Foursomes: T Holbrook and K Knight (NZ) lost to L Lambert and K Webb 5 and 4; J Croskery and E Keeling (NZ) beat J Bell and C Neilson 3 and 1.

Singles: Holbrook lost to Webb 5 and 4; Keeling lost to D Linnerton 1 up; Croskery lost to Lambert 5 and 4; M Morton lost to Neilson 2 and 1.Match: New Zealand 2 Australia 10.