

Putting horrors send Lyn to practice green

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Palmerston North

Lyn Brooky last night promised to take her putter home and practise all night for Auckland's vital tie with Otago in the provincial teams golf championships at Palmerston North.

Brooky is the only Aucklander to have lost a match so far in their defeats of Taranaki, Southland and Waikato-King Country.

The loss came against Rosemary Hickey, the Southlander who represented New Zealand at a world university tournament in Japan last year.

Brooky lost 4 and 3 after being one up at half way and she immediately headed for the practice green instead of the lunch bar.

In the afternoon she beat Jan Malcolm of Waikato 2 and 1, but still at times suffered the putting horrors.

The Auckland No 3 who walks the fairways with the gait of the softball player once was, exudes determination.

And nothing would give her greater pleasure than to be part of an Auckland side who lifted the Stylemaster Trophy from Wellington, who would not pick her for their side.

The omens are certainly favourable.

No 1 Jan Higgins demolished Sue Ruddenklau of Southland 9 and 8 in the morning and she was three under the card when the early finish came.

In the afternoon, she played almost as well but against a resolute opponent in Jan Oliver of Waikato.

Oliver, a member of the New Zealand training squad, began disastrously by hooking her first teeshot into a mower shed causing a greenkeeper to dive for safety.

But from then she played well — and still lost four and two.

Typical of Higgins' form was the way she finished the match with yet another birdie.

Annette Stott at No 2 was less happy with her form — against Gina Scott in the afternoon she drove out of bounds from the first tee and several times from

then on strayed off the fairway.

Scott, the flame-haired youngster who learned her golf at Kawhia, was long off the tee but too inconsistent to take advantage of Stott's misadventures.

The strength of Auckland flows right through the team and it was No 5 Kaye Godso who stood out against Waikato. The former New Zealand representative, back into competitive golf after the birth of a daughter 20 months ago, beat Robyn Pellow 7 and 6.

Ahead of her Terry Doonan has never looked like being beaten. After a rare bunker shot she confessed that she had not really practised sand shots because she never expects to get in them.

Otago this morning loom as the main threat to Auckland. They have also had three wins and their No 1, Jan Scandrett, is a very determined competitor.

The holders, Wellington, suffered a humiliating 5-0 loss to Canterbury yesterday morning and will need others to falter to have a chance of retaining their crown.

A feature of the southerners' win was the return to form of Liz Douglas, who beat New Zealand representative Lisa Aldridge, 5 and 4. The result must have been a hint to the New Zealand selectors with an eye to the world championships in Christchurch.

Bay of Plenty, who upset Canterbury's hopes with a half on Tuesday, did the same to Waikato yesterday morning.

The experienced Jane Little and Anne Rodgers won and Young Kellie Matthews from Coromandel provided the vital half with Judy Cameron.

Another youngster making her mark is 16-year-old Emma Keeling playing No 5 for Northland. Northland beat Taranaki for their first win, but Keeling has won all her matches.

The sixth-former from Kerikeri High was particularly impressive beating Canterbury's Kerry Williams as her team lost, 4-1.

Auckland play Otago this morning and South Canterbury in the afternoon. Waikato play Wellington and Northland.

Rebel Brooky on the winning side

By **RICHARD IVES**
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All things going well, Lynette Brooky ought to have played for Wellington in the interprovincial women's golf tournament in Palmerston North.

Instead Brooky is No 3 in the Auckland machine which steam-rolled two more opponents yesterday to lead the Stylemaster event.

Brooky's former ties with the Paraparaumu Beach club may be the closest Wellington comes to a link with the tournament winner. Although Wellington recovered from its 0-5 demolition by Canterbury to beat Taranaki 4-1, the awesome Aucks thumped

Southland and Waikato-King Country.

Auckland has won its matches 5-0, 4-1 and 5-0. Among its 14 out of 15 individual wins, no game has gone to the 18th hole.

Brooky is the only Aucklander to have lost, 4 and 3 to Southland's Rosemary Hickey.

While disappointed to tarnish a perfect record, she is delighted to be at the tournament after struggling to break into the Wellington scene.

She had a reputation as something of a rebel, like when she turned up to one event on a motorbike.

"It was a little bit naughty," Brooky, 22, said. But the way she tells it, motorbikes are in her blood. "I've got six brothers and

two of them had bikes and it was the only form of transport I knew to ride."

It is with some pride that the bubbly, outgoing Brooky tells you that she can strip her own motorbike.

Brooky left Wellington a little disillusioned and went to Auckland to rejoin her coach, Denis Sullivan.

Her impressive form there, helped by an attitude change, gave her the No 3 spot behind New Zealand representatives Jan Higgins and Annette Stott.

Brooky might have joined her impressive team-mates with three wins but for woeful putting against Hickey. She three-putted five successive greens, costing her not only the match but a sub-

stantial contribution to the Auckland team's fines fund.

She was less philanthropic in beating Jan Malcolm 2 and 1.

Auckland and Otago are the only teams with 100 percent records.

Otago beat Hawke's Bay-Poverty Bay 3-2 and Southland 4-1 while Manawatu-Wanganui dropped into third position with Canterbury after halving 2½-2½ with HB-PB.

The most pleasing feature of Wellington's win over Taranaki was the success of No 5 Patsy Hankins who had agonisingly lost her first two games.

Renske Silfverskiold was the Wellington loser, but Lisa Aldridge, Heather Barnett and Chris Wilson all won well.