

Brooky stricken by illness in Bangkok

Doctors in Bangkok feared for the health of Wellington golfer Lynnette Brooky after she became violently ill on the eve of New Zealand's challenge at the Thailand Open tournament.

"She was extremely ill and the doctors were concerned about her high temperature. She was very dehydrated," team manager Gwen Hill said.

"Lyn seems to think she picked up a bug drinking water when she was in Brisbane last

week for the Australian championships."

Brooky, who was yesterday named Eagles Golfing Society's golfer of the year in Auckland, apparently passed her illness on to her room-mate, Aucklander Joanna Croskery.

The pair spent yesterday recuperating at their hotel and withdrew from the tournament.

Hill said last night that Brooky arrived in Thailand complaining of stomach pains on Sunday.



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However, two nights' rest seemed to have helped and she joined her team-mates for a practice round at the course 90 minutes' drive from Bangkok on Tuesday.

Brooky, 26, then suffered a recurrence of the pains and Hill

accompanied her to a Bangkok hospital, where doctors wanted to keep her in for observation overnight. Hill said no beds were available at the hospital and Brooky was taken back to the team hotel.

Croskery completed six holes in practice before she too fell ill and had to return to the hotel.

As the Open teed off, New Zealand's two fit team members, Kerryn Starr and Pam Sowden, scored 74 and 86 respectively. — Reuter

Brooky set to lead NZ golf team

By RUSSELL GRAY

LYNNETTE BROOKY, fresh from her win in the New South Wales strokeplay championship last week, was yesterday named to lead the New Zealand women's golf team in September's Tasman Cup match against Australia in Brisbane.

While the team was named in alphabetical order there is no disputing that Brooky — the New Zealand and Australian strokeplay champion and leading individual at last month's Queen Sirikit tournament — is the country's top player.

Joining Brooky in the New Zea-

land senior side are Lisa Aldridge, Susan Farron, Gina Scott and Kerryn Starr with Shelley Duncan as reserve. The junior Tasman Cup team (under-21) is Joanna Croskery, Renee Fowler, Emma Keeling, Catherine Knight and Pam Sowden, with Tania Holbrook the reserve.

Brooky, Aldridge, Farron and Starr were members of the team which won the Tasman Cup at

Mount Maunganui in 1991, the first time New Zealand had lifted the trophy in 25 years.

Brooky, who has seen plenty of the Australian players in recent times, warned yesterday that New Zealand would have to play well to retain the trophy.

"The Australians will have a strong team and they are consistent players," Brooky said.

"They don't want to lose to us again. It really hurt them last time."

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Brooky braced for final effort

BRISBANE. -- The past four days have been far from the best of Lynnette Brooky's golf career but New Zealand's No 1 player is determined to make the most of her last chance at the Australian amateur championships this week.

After failing to win a game as New Zealand relinquished the Tasman Cup to Australia over the weekend, Wellington's 25-year-old Brooky entered today's second and final qualifying round of strokeplay with the odds stacked against her.

Fighting for a place in the top 32 from a field of 104 she was well down the list, four strokes off the necessary pace and showing few signs of the ability that has won her numer-



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ous national and international tournaments in the last three years.

On top of that, Brooky is also feeling the combined effects of nine

weeks of golf here and in Europe and the pains of a gum infection and an antibiotic reaction.

The chirpy Manor Park player admits she is disappointed but was steeled for a last-ditch fightback to salvage something from her trip to Brisbane.

Brooky found water off the first tee to begin with a double-bogey six. Four holes later she needed four shots to get out of a bunker and took a quadruple bogey.

She was solid on the home-ward leg until "the wrong thoughts" let slip bogeys on the 14th, 17th and 18th.

"I was so upset. Inside I was depressed that I couldn't play as well as I wanted to, I just didn't have the right frame of mind," Brooky said.

"I guess I can put that down to poor health but the doctor has told me to go for it and I really will.

"But I'm really frustrated with my game at the moment, I'm just not hitting into the

greens. I've hit some good shots but when I've got the ball onto the hole, the putts are lipping out."

Should Brooky rediscover her touch and her team-mates maintain their own, New Zealand could have a solid representation when the matchplay begins tomorrow.

Six Kiwis are in the top 32 at this point, although all are at the outer edge and cannot afford any slip-ups.

Consistent No 2 Lisa Aldridge returned a four-over 76 yesterday after blowing three shots over the final three holes.

Aldridge was joined on that total by Kerryn Starr, Gina Scott, Emma Keeling and Pam Sowden. — NZPA