

Brooky, Farron, Starr for Paris

THERE were no surprises last night when Lynnette Brooky, Susan Farron and Kerryn Starr were named to represent New Zealand at the Espirito Santo world teams golf championships in Paris in September.

Brooky, of Wellington, and Farron, of Palmerston North, will be appearing in their second world championship after playing in Vancouver two years ago, but for Starr, of Christchurch, it is a first and she is determined to savour the experience.

Starr, 23, has been on the fringe of the New Zealand team for the past two years, and has forced her way in with a string of consistent performances capped off by a fourth placing in last week's New South Wales strokeplay championship, which doubled as a final trial.

"Who knows what might happen in the future? This could be the only time I play in the world championship and I am going to make the most of it," Starr said.

After making her New Zealand debut in the 1991 Commonwealth tournament, Starr hasn't made as many national teams as she might have. There have been suggestions that she didn't perform as well as others when overseas.

Starr has heard those comments and admitted last night that they had hurt at the time.

"Yes, I heard people talking like that and it hurt. But now I've proved myself and I'm going to Paris. No one can take that away from me."

Brooky, the best-performed player in the team with two New Zealand matchplay championships, the New Zealand strokeplay title and the Australian strokeplay title, said the side chosen was capable of winning the world championship.

"Each of us is capable of produ-

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cing a low round when it is needed," Brooky, 25, said.

"I'm sure we'll all be in the top 10 in the individual standings and if we are then we should win it as a team or at least be in the top three."

"If we put in good scores and another country produces a freak effort there's nothing we can do about it. But we'll do all right because we want to do it for each other."

Farron said there was a good chance it would be the only time the trio played together at the world championship and they were determined to go out with a bang.

"I know that after this I will have done everything I can as an amateur," Farron said.

"I don't know what I will do in the future, there are so many things which can affect these decisions."

"For instance, I don't want to lose my enjoyment for golf and I can promise you I won't hang around waiting to be booted out of the team."

Farron said she probably wouldn't have been in the team named last night but for her partner Bernie Albert, a representative golfer himself.

"I was in a real slump and didn't care whether I was going to make teams or not," she said.

"It got to the point where I was ready to give golf away, but Bernie said, 'Come on Sue, give it a go. Try and get in the team for Paris'."

"That was the type of support I needed. If it wasn't for him I wouldn't be here tonight."

Waikato's Gina Scott was named as non-travelling reserve, which left Lisa Aldridge, of Manawatu, out in the cold after playing in the last two world championships.



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PARIS-BOUND: From left, Lynnette Brooky, Susan Farron and Kerryn Starr celebrate after being selected for the New Zealand golf team to compete in the Espirito Santo world teams' event in France.