

Brooky battles to stay with pace

LONDON. - Australian rookie professional Karrie Webb was the surprise halfway leader in the British women's golf Open today as New Zealanders Marnie McGuire and Lynnette Brooky fell off the pace.

Queenslander Webb, 20, in her first year on the European circuit, shot a three-under 70 today to be seven under for the tournament, one ahead of Englishwoman Caroline Pierce.

Wellington's Brooky, also in her debut professional season, followed up her excellent opening round 69 with a one-over-par 74 on the rock-hard Dukes course to be three under, four strokes behind Webb and still within striking distance.

Aucklanders McGuire, starting one shot behind overnight leader Lotta Neumann of Sweden, saw her game fall apart today with a string of bogeys in a five-over 78.

The score left McGuire even with par for the tournament, but means she will still make the cut.

● New Zealand golfer Greg Turner trails joint leaders Ronan Rafferty of Britain and American Peter Teravainen by six shots after two rounds at the Czech Open today.

Turner shot a one-under par 70 today, giving him a two-round total of 139 following a first round 69. - Reuter.

Brooky survives Open cut

By JOHN FREER
Sports editor

One blemish on the 12th hole today could not dent Wellington golfer Lynnette Brooky's bid to make the cut in this year's British Open.

After hitting the leaderboard at five under after 29 holes of play,

Brooky caught a bunker on the 12th hole at the Woburn Country and Golf Club in Bedfordshire.

The subsequent double-bogey saw Brooky slip from five to three under, a score she held for her final six holes to make the Open cut for the second year in a row.

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Strong finish for Brooky

LONDON. - Wellington's Lynnette Brooky shot a final one-under-par round of 72 to finish 19th-equal in the Women's British Open golf championship at Woburn today.

The rookie professional, who was two shots off the lead after the first round, totalled 291 for the tournament - 13 behind runaway winner Karrie Webb from Australia.

Brooky started the day tentatively, bogeying the second and third

holes. But she birdied the next and the 12th.

She dropped another shot at the 15th before finishing strongly with birdies at the last two holes.

Japan-based Aucklanders Marnie McGuire, joint leader after the first round, finished with a one-over-par round after carding two birdies and three bogeys today. She was one-over for the championship with an aggregate 293. - NZPA

Brooky makes fine start

Putting the nerves behind her, Wellington professional golfer Lynnette Brooky today got the start she had hoped for in the British Open.

After the first 18 holes, Brooky was two shots behind the tournament leaders after scoring a two-under 70 at the Woburn Golf and Country Club, Milton Keynes, England.

One shot behind Brooky was Palmerston North's Susan Farron, while the Japanese-based Aucklanders Marnie McGuire ended her opening round even on 72. Twelve players headed Brooky, who was in a pack of six players on two under.



Lynnette Brooky
- two under.

believed would be necessary to make the cut. Brooky plays her second round at eight tonight (NZ time).

Brooky yesterday admitted to being very nervous heading into the tournament. She had found the practice conditions difficult due to both rough greens and rough fairways.

Her aim was to score two sub-par rounds, which she

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Brooky tees off for America

An attempt is to be made by Wellington golfer Lynnette Brooky to qualify for the lucrative United States Ladies Professional Golf Association tour.

Brooky leaves London tomorrow to prepare for a 72-hole US LPGA qualifying tournament in Florida next week.

A top 30 placing will allow Brooky to play a further event in October from which tour cards will be awarded.

Brooky's manager Gail Allport yesterday confirmed from London that an attempt was being made for the US LPGA Tour card.

"Lynne is going to have one go at it," said Allport.

Brooky is in her second year of playing the European tour. Yesterday she finished the 72-hole British Open at the Woburn Golf and Country Club at Milton Keynes, England, three over the card on 294.

Emilee Klein confirmed herself as the new golden girl of American golf when she romped to a seven-stroke Open win with a 15-under par 277.

Brooky was satisfied with her tournament particularly with her tee-to-fairway game then fairway-to-green. But she did experience some putting problems due to a neck injury sustained in the tournament's third round. - By JOHN FREER