

Brooky hangs in as NZ takes bronze

VANCOUVER. — Wellington's Lynette Brooky played an important role in New Zealand's bronze medal performance in the world women's amateur golf championship yesterday.

Five over after nine holes, she dropped only two on the tougher second nine in the fourth and final round.

With France the danger and the Swedes sneaking up, Brooky birdied the 17th from 2m and parred the last from about the same distance for her 78.

"I knew Lisa (fellow Wellingtonian Lisa Aldridge) had dropped away and I tried to make myself play shots and go for birdies. It didn't come off."

Manawatu's Susan Farron was the power of the team for the second day running with her four-over 76.

Aldridge was frustrated by French playing partner Delphine Bourson's slow play as well as her inability to hole a putt. She finished with 80.

One shot off the lead after three rounds, the New Zealanders finished on 597, eight shots behind Spain, which won by one from Great Britain-Ireland.

In the end, the Kiwis paid for their slow start on the final day. Brooky and Aldridge each three-putted twice in the first three holes and after nine holes victory was out of reach and the battle was on for third.

But the whole exercise can be treated as a victory by New Zealand women's golf, which lacks the playing numbers, funding and playing opportunities of many of the nations it beat. To finish ahead of such nations as the United States, Australia, France, Japan and Canada was a tremendous effort.

The weather on the final day seemed to favour the New Zealanders, with a strongish wind blowing which Farron, Aldridge and Brooky are accustomed to, coming from Palmerston North and Wellington. But they never really fired and couldn't hole the criti-



Lynette Brooky — forced herself to play shots after slow start

cal putts as the Spaniards did.

Farron had the only birdie on the front nine, from 5m at the par-three sixth after using her driver on the 172m hole.

Annika Sorenstam (Sweden) was the low individual with 287, one under par. Brooky (301) was equal eighth, Aldridge (305) 18th and Farron (310) equal 27th. — NZPA

● New Zealand's Janice Arnold shot a one-under 72 today to finish near the leaders in the women's British Open at Woburn in Bedfordshire.

Arnold's consistent scoring over the three rounds gave the 30-year-old from Morrinsville a three-under total of 216, a share of eighth place and a cheque for £6120 (\$NZ19,490).

American Patty Sheehan won to become the first woman to win the United States and British Opens in the same year. — NZPA

Japan claim Sirikit Cup

By JIM ROSS

THE 18th hole of The Vines' championship layout has produced some exciting finishes in major tournaments in recent years.

And the scene was set for another thriller as the Queen Sirikit Cup drew to a close on Saturday.

But, in the finish, it was an anti-climax.

A brave bid for victory by the New Zealanders faltered at the final hole and Japan clung on grimly to record their fourth triumph in the annual 54-hole teams event for nations in the Asian region.

What looked likely to be no more than a one-stroke difference between the two teams ended with Japan winning by four, with Australia a shot further back.

The hero for Japan was Mayumi Nakajima, 16,

who pulled her game together after dismal efforts on the first two days. She was 15 over the card for the first 36 holes but carded five birdies in an even-par round of 72.

It was just as well she came good because teammate Yoko Inoue, who had led the individual standings after two rounds with a pair of 74s, collapsed on the final day with an 82.

While these two had a turn-around in form, compatriot Mikako Kanamori maintained her consistency with a 74.

New Zealander Lynette Brooky's final-round three-under 69 was a course record and gave her the honour of heading the individual standings with a seven-over total of 223.

(Australian unless stated) Australian Women's Open (Adelaide - Dec 8-11)

286 A Sorenstam (Sweden) ..	68 72 72 74
291 R Hetherington	73 72 74 72
292 J Crafter (South Africa) ...	76 74 73 69
K Tschetter (US)	72 71 75 74
294 A Dibos (Peru)	73 73 75 73
295 B Bunkowsky (Canada) ..	74 73 74 74
296 J Seville	73 74 71 78
297 K Marshall (Scotland)	80 69 71 77

NZ Scores:
301 L Brooky
308 S Farron
309 J Arnold
313 J Higgins



■ Lynette Brooky

Australian Women's Masters (Royal Pines, Queensland - Dec 15-18)

272 L Davies (England)	64 68 73 67
276 K Webb	67 70 70 69
281 J Crafter (South Africa) ...	69 66 74 72
282 A Sorenstam (Sweden) ..	69 68 73 72
283 K Marshall (Scotland)	69 69 76 69
M Morris (US)	69 70 72 72
284 C Dibnah	67 70 74 73
P Meunier (France)	69 69 73 73

Also:
299 J Higgins (NZ) 67 76 80 76 || 300 S Farron (NZ) | 72 70 79 79 |

Kiwi Brooky wins NSW strokeplay championship



IRREPRESSIBLE New Zealander Lynette Brooky carried off the New South Wales women's strokeplay golf championship yesterday and immediately paid tribute to her highly-rated Sydney coach Alex Mercer.

Brooky went into the final day of the championship at The Lakes course in Sydney one shot behind leader Tania Holl, of the Australian Institute of Sport, but excellent rounds of one-under-par 73 in the morning and then a one-over-par 75 in the afternoon saw the Wellingtonian finish with a three-stroke victory.

Added delight for the New Zealanders came with Kerryh Starr finishing runner-up. The 22-year-old Christchurch player had started a shot behind Brooky and played consistently to fire level-par and then a closing two-over 76.

In fact, Starr had stayed close on Brooky's heels until she found water on the lake-strewn course at the 17th.

The two Kiwi women headed a strong field of Australians despite having time only to walk eight holes of the course on Monday night before teeing off on Tuesday without the benefit of a practice round.

But that was enough for Brooky, who discussed her approach with Mercer as they strolled the picturesque course.

"We've got a special relationship," said Brooky, the current Australian strokeplay champ.

"I asked him to tell me the secrets of playing the course. He just said 'you think'. You can't afford to go looking for the long birdies here. There's so much water out there, in front of the holes, behind the holes, along side."

Brooky admitted much of her success came down to consistency — "it was because my mind was so secure on playing safe."

Best of the Australians was Lorraine Lambert, one stroke behind Starr on 301, followed by Holl, who faded to 302, and Jo Mills on 303. — NZPA