

Dream comes true

Paraparaumu
THE Grange club's Lynette Brooky forced her wildest dreams to come true when she won the New Zealand Ladies Golf Championships on a wind and rain swept Paraparaumu Beach Course yesterday.

Brooky (22), hung on tenaciously to fight off a desperate second-round challenge by Canadian Terrill Samuel to win the matchplay and championship at a sudden-

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death 37th hole playoff.

The former Paraparaumu player, who was not even considered for the Wellington team last year, said she played the last three holes of the championship in a trance.

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Few observers expected

Brooky beats wind, rival to win champs

Brooky to progress beyond her second-round match with New Zealand representative Lisa Aldridge, and still fewer gave her much chance of pulling off the tournament win. However, no one — including Samuel — begrudged her victory.

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"I just had to play with it rather than go against it."

After the Canadian who had gone one up at the second hole, Brooky shot out to a two-hole lead at the turn on the first round.

"These were the worst conditions I've ever played in," Samuel said.

The Canadian was visibly upset by the conditions and deemed the waterlogged greens unplayable.

"But she (Brooky) was playing them okay so there was nothing that could be done. At one stage I even wanted to chuck it in."

The weather took its toll on her and she returned to

the club house three down.

"I did know she wasn't happy," Brooky said of her opponent's first-half performance.

"But then she's the kind of player who can snap out of it and if anything this was going to be a great experience for me."

The Canadian attacked on the second round to be only one hole down after the front nine. And then she finally went all square at the 33rd when Brooky took seven on the 292m par five hole into a driving rain.

At the 34th Brooky put her tee shot into a gully and took five on the par three 128m hole to let Samuel go one up. But a superb first putt from almost 12m out to within centimetres of the hole on the 35th gave her a chance.

Under pressure, Samuel failed with her second putt from less than a metre and had to halve the hole letting Brooky breathe again.

They halved the 36th and went into sudden death at the 37th. Brooky's tee shot was

superb while Samuel swung hers into the rough.

The Aucklanders' second with a five wood put her on the green while Samuel's second shot went further right making her recovery to

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the green a difficult task.

Brooky's third stroke and first putt only just missed the hole on the par five 371m hole, while Samuel found the green with her third. But she failed to sink the five-metre putt as the Aucklanders raised both arms in jubilation.

Since moving to Auckland she has made the provincial team as No.3, met her new boyfriend Ray Lazarus and thought, "What else do I need?"

"Maybe I can add the 1990 match play title to that," was a wild notion she had entertained just a week before achieving it.

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A blow for Brooky

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Women's golf in this country must be in strong heart if it can afford to leave the national champion out of a five-woman New Zealand team.

That is one, charitable, conclusion which can be drawn from the omission of Lynette Brooky from the team for the Commonwealth Tournament and British Amateur Open events in England in June.

The team is: Lisa Aldridge (Wellington), Kerry Starr (Canterbury) and Jan Higgins, Marnie McGuire and Annette Stott (all Auckland).

Brooky said today she was disappointed by her omission.

"There are a lot of sorry faces in the family — I had so many phone calls yesterday and it just depresses me," she said. "There's nothing I can do but keep on proving myself."

Aldridge, Higgins and McGuire will defend the Queen Sirikit Cup title for New Zealand in South Korea in May.

Brooky, back in Wellington after a year in Auckland, was never going



Brooky — disappointed

to make that three-woman team. But she could justifiably point to her record in the past 12 months as a reason for making the team to England.

First and foremost, Brooky is the national champion. She beat Aldridge and Starr before defeating Canadian star Terrill Samuel 1up in the final.

Brooky was third in a national trial at Christchurch last weekend, finishing 10 shots ahead of Starr. She had lost to Starr in a matchplay trial earlier in February.

Starr, 20, is unquestionably a fine player with a big future, but so too is Brooky, 23.

Brooky's omission apart, the teams were predictable although Stott is unlucky to miss out on the team for Korea.

The Aucklanders did not let New Zealand down at the 1990 Sirikit or world teams' championship events, but has been bypassed by McGuire.

Higgins and Aldridge are clearly regarded as the top two players in the country, and McGuire has pipped Stott for the third place.

Brooky and the other three members of the New Zealand squad — Shelley Duncan (Otago), Susan Farron (Manawatu) and Jan Oliver (Waikato) — will play in a 72-hole tournament in Sydney in June.