

Janet Coles Wins

Defending Champ Among Losers In Women's Golf

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The way Dale Shaw began the 76th U.S. Women's Amateur Golf Championship, eliminating defending champion Beth Daniel, was a lot more impressive than her first try at the game.

"I didn't take up golf until I was 21. I took three weeks of lessons and shot a 119. The pro forgot to teach me how to hit out of sand," the Canadian woman recalled Tuesday after her upset, 1-up triumph over Miss Daniel.

Among the winners Tuesday was Janet Coles of Aptos, who fashioned a 5-and-3 win over Sherri Turner of Greenville, S.C.

Several golfers among the 32 advancing to today's second round on the 6,175-yard Del Paso course are far younger than 21. Nancy Lopez, 18-year-old national collegiate champ from Tulsa University, is one of the favorites and she played under par in a 7-and-5 victory Tuesday over Janet Engesser

of Long Beach, Calif.

Two 16-year-olds, Mary Murphy of Naples, Fla. and Liz Waynick of Roanoke, Va., won, along with U.S. Junior champion Pilar Dorado, 17, of Hayward, Calif. and Lauren Howe, also 17, of Colorado Springs.

Miss Shaw, who now lives in Victoria, B.C., has taken about 50 strokes off her game in eight years to rank at 29 as one of Canada's top amateurs. Before concentrating on golf, she played field hockey well enough to make the province team in Alberta.

"It was kind of hard playing both sports because in hockey you're not allowed to raise the stick above your shoulder," she said.

The only other foreign winner today was another Canadian, Marlene Stewart Streit of Stouffville, Ont.

Miss Daniel, 19, from Charleston, S. C. was the only former champion to lose. She was four down after nine holes, unable to match Miss Shaw's sub-par golf and said later, "It was just too late for me to come back."

But the Canadian needed a seven-foot putt, saving a par, to halve the 18th hole and end the match.

The 1974 champion, Cynthia Hill of Colorado Springs, 1973 winner Carol Semple of Sewickley, Pa. and 1972 champion Mary Budke of Dayton, Ore. were other first-round winners.