

Janet Coles grabs LPGA lead

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Janet Coles fired a 4-under par 68 Friday and took a two-stroke lead over Alice Ritzman and Lauri Peterson after two rounds of the \$150,000 LPGA Elizabeth Arden Golf Classic.

Coles, a graduate of UCLA who finished 21st of the tour earnings list a year ago with \$71,379, wrested the lead from first-day leader Peterson with a round that included four birdies and no bogeys over the par 72, 6,211-yard Turnberry Isle Country Club course.

Coles birdied the fourth, sixth, ninth and 14th holes, while Peterson, who earned her LPGA tour card only last month, faltered with a bogey and double bogey in her first nine holes. Coles' two-round total stood at 6-under-par 138.

"I hit 17 greens. I played very well," said Coles, who has one career victory. "For the first time I didn't change anything during the off-season. I worked on things like chipping and putting, instead of changing my swing."

Peterson, a 22-year-old native of Waukesha, Wis., shot a 39 on the back nine of the Turnberry layout, which she played first, but came back to shoot a 32 on the front nine to finish with a 71 and two-round total of 140.

"I've done that before at the tour qualifying school. I shot a 41 on the front side and a 33 on the backside," said Peterson. "I was telling my caddy that today. Then I started being aggressive and going for the flags."

"Everybody thought I was going to choke," the first-round leader added. "I hit the double bogey and said, 'I'm not going to let it get to me. It made me mad that people thought I was going to choke. I know I'm a better player than that.'"

Ritzman was one of eight players who started the day two shots behind Peterson and she moved a shot closer to the lead with a 3-under 69.

Defending champion Jo Anne Carner, who shot a 70; Nancy Lopez and France Anne-Marie Palli were tied at 142, four shots behind Coles. Lopez and Palli had rounds of 71 and 72, respectively.



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Janet Coles keeps her eye on a tee shot.

Seventy players — including Julie Pyne who had the second hole-in-one of her career — made the cut for the second stop on the 1983 LPGA Tour. The cut was established at 6-over-par 150. Pyne's hole-in-one came on the par 3, 132-yard 17th hole.

Pat Bradley, winner of last week's Mazda Classic of Deer Creek, was among a group of 10 golfers at 2-over-par 146.