

Janet Coles Won't Play Lopez Today

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Janet Coles and Nancy Lopez both have a good idea of what they'll need to do win the \$150,000 LPGA Elizabeth Arden Golf Classic today.

Coles, who stumbled with a triple bogey in the third round Saturday but still managed to hold a one-stroke lead over Lopez, said she will simply go out and "play myself and not Lopez on the course."

Coles shot a 1-over 73 over the 6,211-yard Turnberry Isle Country Club course despite the triple bogey on the par 4, 335-yard 17th hole. Her three-day total stood at 5-under-par 211.

Lopez, who fired a 2-under 70, was alone at 212 and said she'd like to close out the second stop on the 1983 LPGA tour with her best round of the young season. "I'd like to shoot a 65 and run away."

Stephanie Farwig, who finished in a tie for 26th in last week's Mazda Classic of Deer Creek, carded a 6-under 66 for the low round of the day. Her three-day total of 213 was two shots off the leader's pace and one-stroke ahead of Sandra Spuzich's 214.

Coles, who began the day with a two-stroke lead over Alice Ritzman and first-round leader Lauri Peterson, hit her tee shot on No. 17 to the right and behind a tree. She was 124 yards from the pin and 116 yards from the front of the green.

The leader hit a three-iron that rolled just short of the green, but into a bunker. On Coles' next shot, she sent the ball over the green into the water.

Coles recovered from the triple bogey, however, with a birdie on No. 18 as she dropped a 45-foot putt. Earlier, she had birdies at No. 11 and No. 14.

"I'm very thankful for the 45-foot putt on 18, but I can't let one shot fire me up," said Coles.