

## Coles stumbles, but still leads Arden Golf Classic

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 Sunday.

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, who grew up in Santa Cruz County and played her high school golf at Watsonville High, 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 just run away with it," she said.

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, who is seeking her second professional victory. "I'm going to play myself tomorrow, not Lopez on the course."

Lopez' round included six birdies and four bogeys. "I putted much better today. But I didn't stay in the fairway enough," she said.

"The first two days I hit the ball well, but didn't putt," Lopez added. "Today, I putted well but didn't hit the ball well. Maybe tomorrow I'll get it all together."

The 66 was Farwig's best round since earning her LPGA Tour card in July 1982.

"I just play one hole and one shot at a time," said Farwig. "The more times I get into the pressure situations, the better I will handle it. I'm still in a learning situation."

Seven players, including Ritzman and Peterson, were bunched at 215, four strokes behind Coles. Peterson faltered with a triple bogey at No. 8.

Also in the group at 215 were defending champion Jo Anne Carner, who shot a 73; Pat Bradley, winner of last week's Mazda Classic; Betsy King; Sandra Post and France's Anne-Marie Palli.

Tied at even-par 216 were Vicki Fergon, Janet Anderson, Jan Stephenson, Catherine Duggan, Kathy Whitworth, Beth Daniel and M.J. Smith.



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Janet Coles holds a one-stroke lead entering today's final round.