

Coles sets mark in Michelob win

ROSWELL, Ga. (UPI) — Janet Coles captured the second victory of her six-year professional golf career at the same place where she got her first one Sunday when she battled through fierce winds to triumph in the LPGA's \$150,000 Lady Michelob tournament by a runaway six-shot margin.

Coles, a 29-year-old Californian who played women's varsity basketball at UCLA in the mid-1970s and first won here in 1978 in a sudden-death playoff, wound up with a 10-under-par 206 for 54 holes to break the tournament record set last year by Kathy Whitworth.

Whitworth, who came to Atlanta seeking her 85th career LPGA victory, had a 70 Sunday but was only even par 216 for the three rounds and ended up in a five-way tie for fourth place.

Coles, whose \$22,500 winner's share of the purse vaulted her from 13th to eighth place on this year's LPGA money list at just over \$65,000, had four birdies and only one bogey Sunday for a 3-under-par 69, making her the only woman among the 77 who played the final round to break 70 in the high winds.

Sandra Post, who won this tournament in 1979, wound up second with a 72-212 after losing three strokes to Coles during the round. Alice Miller, with a 74, Kathy Martin, with a 71, and Lauri Peterson, with a 70, tied for third at 1-under 215 — a whopping nine strokes off Coles' record-setting pace.

Tied with Whitworth for fourth place at 216 were Lori Garbacz, M.J. Smith, Deedee Lasker and Marty Dickerson. Garbacz actually shot 3-under for the tournament, but her final-round 68 turned into a 71 when she was assessed a three-stroke penalty for moving her ball on the sixth hole.

Coles, who came on the tour in 1977, said she played much better this week than she did five years ago, when her 211 left her in a three-way tie with Hollis Stacy and Gloria Ehret. She broke the deadlock on the third hole of the playoff.

Stacy, who was trying to win her third tournament in three weeks, zoomed to a 77-222 and Amy Alcott, who needed a sixth place finish to become the sixth woman on the tour to reach \$1 million in career earnings, finished far back in the pack with her 76-223.

Nancy Lopez, playing in Atlanta for the first time, was never in contention and finished with a 77-227.

Coles started the final round with a three-stroke lead over Post and

held that margin through the front nine. But she played the back nine three shots better than Post and when Post bogeyed No. 10 and she birdied No. 11 to go 5 up with seven holes to play, the only remaining question was how big her victory margin would be.

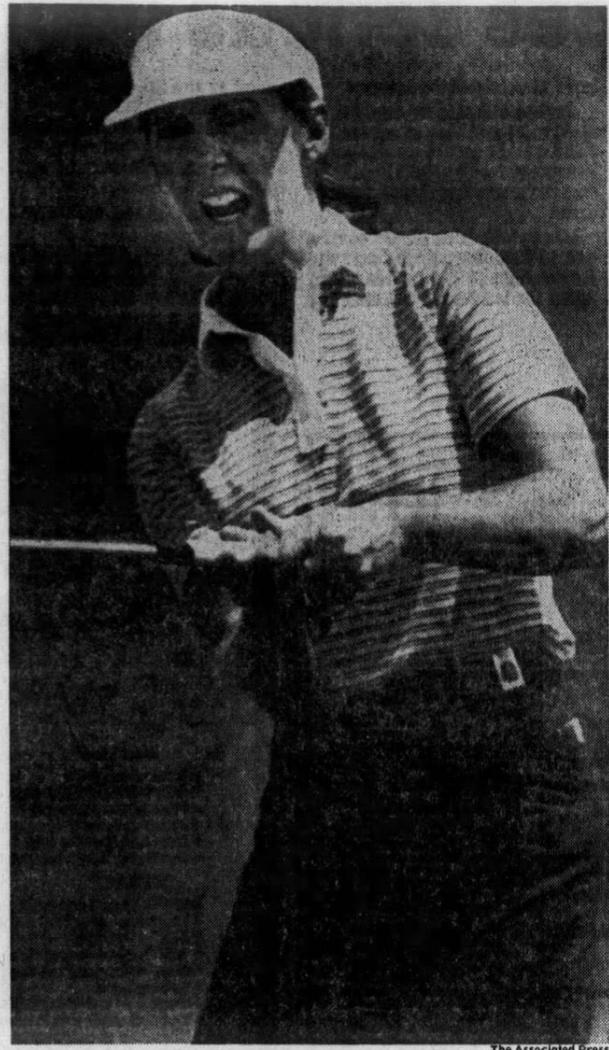
The wind over the hilly, narrow Brookfield West course located 25 miles north of downtown Atlanta enabled only five women to break par for 54 holes.

"I never really played it safe," said Coles. "But, after I birdied 15, I felt pretty comfortable. I had a big lead (six shots) then and knew I could par in and win.

"Eleven (where she made a 35-foot birdie putt) was the turning point," said Coles. "Sandra had been making a run of it until then. That was the turning point, but I didn't feel relaxed until after 15."

Post said she went out Sunday trying to win, "but as Janet began pulling away from me, I began concentrating on finishing second. She simply went out there and won it. There wasn't much I could have done about that..."

- Janet Coles, 822-500
- Sandra Post, 14,700
- Lauri Peterson, 8,000
- Kathy Martin, 8,000
- Alice Miller, 8,000
- M. J. Smith, 4,440
- Deedee Lasker, 4,440
- Marty Dickerson, 4,440
- Kathy Whitworth, 4,440
- Lori Garbacz, 4,440
- Jan Stephenson, 3,330
- Debbie Meisterlin, 3,330
- Judy Clark, 2,487
- Lori Huxhold, 2,487
- Silvia Bertolaccini, 2,487
- Donna Caponi, 2,487
- Jane Lack, 2,487
- Hindi Moore, 1,870
- Myra Van Hoose, 1,870
- Dol Germain, 1,870
- KATHY HITE, 1,595
- Mary Dwyer, 1,595
- Vicki Tabor, 1,595
- Brenda Goldsmith, 1,350
- Pia Nilsson, 1,350
- Barbara Barrow, 1,350
- Gail Hirata, 1,350
- Catherine Duggan, 1,350
- Karen Permezel, 1,059
- Robin Walton, 1,059
- Dale Eppelins, 1,059
- Hollis Stacy, 1,059
- Debbie Austin, 1,059
- Amy Alcott, 870
- Beverly Davis, 870
- Sarah LaVoe, 870
- Lauren Howe, 720
- Rosey Bartlett, 720
- Marianne Hunina, 720
- Jeanette Kerr, 720
- Jane Crafter, 720
- Sydney Cunningham, 547
- Barbra Mizrahi, 547
- Mariene Hogue, 547
- Mary Holsman, 547
- Kathryn Young, 547
- Cindy Hill, 547
- Susan Grams, 547
- a-Cindy Pleser, 458
- Rose Jones, 458
- Mina Rodriguez, 458
- Sue Ertl, 383
- Debbie Hall, 383
- Carolyn Hill, 383
- Marga Stubblefield, 383
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The four golfers on the LPGA tour with the strongest ties to this state are all playing Monday in the Furman University LPGA Pro-Am golf tournament.

Kathy Hite, a Florence native who attended Winthrop College, has joined the 17-woman field. She joins former Furman golfers Betsy King, Beth Daniel and Beth Solomon.

The tournament, a captain's choice, begins at 12:30 p.m. with a shotgun start.

Other competitors include: Barbara Barrow, Dianne Dailey,

Stephanie Farwig, Therese Hession, Cindy Hill, Gail Hirata, Alice Miller, Mindy Moore, Lenore Muraoka, Becky Pearson, Vicki Tabor and Robin Walton.

Walton's team won last year's event with a 14-under-par 58. The amateurs on Walton's team were Louis Williams, Moffet Kendrick and Brad Faxon.

General admission tickets are available for \$5 and can be purchased at the Furman University Golf Course.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to raise endowments and scholarships for Furman's men's and women's golf programs.