

## Coles credits training methods for improvement in golf game



**FOURTH LAST YEAR** — Janet Coles tied for fourth in last year's Nabisco Dinah Shore, earning \$16,515. It was her best finish in a Major championship.

**RANCHO MIRAGE** — If the LPGA decided to play every week on the Brookfield West Golf Club in Roswell, Ga., Janet Coles probably wouldn't complain.

Two years out of UCLA, which she attended on a basketball scholarship, Coles defeated Hollis Stacy and Gloria Ehret in a playoff for the 1978 Lady Tara Classic championship on that layout. It was her first victory on the LPGA Tour.

Five years later, the Carmel, Calif., native won on the same course with a six-shot triumph over Hall of Famer Sandra Haynie in the Lady Michelob.

Coles may be developing a fondness for the Mission Hills Country Club course, too. Last year she tied with JoAnne Carner for fourth place in the Nabisco Dinah Shore. It was Coles' best showing in a Major championship and earned her \$16,515.

Coles' performance helped her climb over the six-figure barrier for the year with \$110,911, 12th best on the annual money list. Her earnings almost equaled her combined 1981-82 total of \$118,918.

Coles, who was awarded the first women's athletic scholarship at UCLA and became an All-American basketball player for the Bruins, credits her improvement to better training methods.

She said she runs from three to five miles every day. "I don't get tired at the end of the round like I used to," Coles said.

The low point for Coles in 1983 occurred when someone stole her van and golf clubs after the third round of the U.S. Open. Coles borrowed clubs from other members of the tour and shot a 75 to finish in a four-way tie for 15th place. Her van and golf clubs were recovered two days later.