

Coles-led squad captures LPGA Pro-Am tourney

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Janet Coles, whose team won yesterday's Ronald McDonald LPGA Pro-Am, said the secret to winning that kind of tournament can be found on the greens.

"You've got to have someone in the group who putts well to win a scramble," said Coles, an LPGA pro whose team shot a 15-under-par 57 at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club.

"I wasn't that much help to my team. I only putted four times and made only one. The guys were the ones doing all the putting."

Joining Coles in the scramble format were amateur partners Dick Roddie, Ernie Costa, Mike Andres and Steve Sims.

The Coles-led squad edged second-place finishers pro Laura Peterson, Dewey Morris, Homer Tidwell, Kenny Lyons and Ron Samuels, which shot a 59.

Coles and the other pros who played in the pro-am will head to Hermitage Golf Course today to begin preparations for the first annual Sara Lee Classic.

Coles is one of several players who skipped last week's tournament in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"I'm playing pretty good, but I'm trying to pace myself," Coles said. "I find I need more rest. This week, I'll play a practice round on Tuesday and will take either Wednesday or Thursday off. I'm having a hard time adjusting to the time change from the West Coast."

Today's practice round is important for Coles in that it will be the first time she's played Hermitage.

"I'll be trying to get the lay of the land from the tees," said Coles, a two-time winner on the LPGA tour. "I'll be looking at the speed of the greens, the faster the better."

●A handful of players toured Hermitage Golf Course for practice rounds yesterday. **JoAnne Carner** said the greens are the key to the course, but added, "you could say that every week. Whoever makes the putts is going to win."

●Carner is one of the entries in today's \$10,000 Bud Light Shootout, a unique seven-hole event that tees off on Hermitage's No. 10 hole at 3:30 p.m.

Eight players start the event, with the high score on each hole eliminated. If two or more players tie for the high score, there is a chip-off to determine who is eliminated.

First-place prize is \$3,000.

Joining Carner in the big-name field are **Nancy Lopez, Kathy Whitworth, Jane Geddes, Juli Inkster, Jan Stephenson, Patty Sheehan and Muffin Spencer-Devlin.**

●Sara Lee Corp. executive **Bill Cecil**, who serves as president of the tournament, said he foresees a happy marriage between the event and Hermitage Golf Course.

Asked if the tournament might be moved to another site in the future, Cecil said:

"From my perspective, the only two reasons to move the tournament would be if the players objected to the course or if the course couldn't accommodate the gallery. I don't expect either of those to happen.

"I prefer to keep it here. I like to dance with the one that brought me."

●**Cindy Rarick**, who played in the charity event at Nashville Golf & Athletic yesterday, is one of the few players with prior experience at Hermitage. She played a round there last year while in town for the 1987 Ronald McDonald LPGA Pro-Am.

"It's a great course, especially for one so new," she said. "It's in such good shape."

Rarick joined several other pros in praising Sara Lee for getting involved with the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

"This is going to be a great tournament, they have so many activities involved for the pros," she said.

Rarick said she played well in the pro-am, with her team shooting a 63.

"I'm hitting the ball pretty good, putting well," she said. "The Ronald McDonald House is a very worthwhile cause, and I enjoy playing in their pro-ams. You always meet such nice people." ■