

LPGA golfer finds rookie year a struggle

By DOUG FUNKE

If Nancy Lopez has climbed to the top of the ladder of golfing success this year by winning \$153,947 through 20 events, then Martha Nause, a 25-year-old pro from Sheboygan, Wis., can be described as someone looking for a foothold on that ladder.

Lopez won an unprecedented seven tournaments during her recently-completed rookie year. Nause, currently a rookie, had won exactly \$691.23 since the first of the year as of last Friday.

In 19 outings this year prior to the Lady Stroh's Open, Nause's best finish was a tie for 41st place at the Westinghouse Classic. She has missed the cut 10 times, five in a row during one stretch.

During the tour's stop prior to the Lady Stroh's—the Western Union International Classic in New York—Nause made the cut and finished 72 holes, but failed to win any money.

Nause earned her tour card during the winter qualifying school and must earn at least \$1,800 this year to retain her touring privilege. She is running out of time.

While Lopez generally draws large crowds wherever she appears, Nause's group Thursday at the Dearborn Country Club had a following of about 15 and most of those were relatives of amateur Cindy Figg, from Mount Pleasant, and tournament officials.

Even if Nause doesn't retain her playing card, it isn't too difficult to believe that she could be a success in a number of other fields.

During her relative young lifetime, Nause has graduated from St. Olaf

College with a degree in biology, worked as a surgical aide for two summers, learned to play the French horn and backpacked through Alaska.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Nause recalling her feelings before starting to play-for-pay her first year on the pro tour.

"When I got to the (qualifying) school, I didn't know what was going to happen. I got my card so easy I thought, 'This isn't going to be so bad.'"

"Suddenly, I was here with no experience. It was kind of frustrating. I was kind of impatient. I wanted it to happen all at once."

Nause's parents—Frederick, a surgeon, and Rebecca, both low handicap golfers—agreed to finance her first couple of years on the tour. For tax purposes, they formed a corporation with Martha listed as an employee.

However, that may be getting ahead of the story a bit.

Nause was cruising through her senior year of college looking for a graduate program in marine mammal studies. She said she couldn't find one until it was too late to enroll last year.

"My parents wanted to know, 'What are you going to do?' I told them I would work for a year, but they wanted me to tell them exactly what I was going to do."

"They wanted me to get a job where I would have a definite plan," Nause continued. "And I thought, 'How about a golf professional?'"

And why not, considering that she has been playing the game since she was six years old.

"I think secretly they wanted me to

do that, but they never pushed," she said. "My parents have been as generous and understanding as can be. Probably everyone here could say the same. My parents have been so encouraging."

"They keep telling me not to worry about the money," Nause added. "This year is sort of like an internship. I'm learning every week. There hasn't been one week that's gone by that I haven't gained something."

Although Nause is confident she'll earn the minimum amount of money to keep her playing privileges, she admits sometimes she gets worried and starts to stress.

"I try not to think about it, but I can't help it," she said. "I don't think about winning, but to get in the money."

Nause travels alone by car from tournament to tournament. She said she enjoys the travel, but adds that "it gets awful tiring."

"When I was in school I was around friends, but I'm an introvert in things like this. It's hard to feel really included."

When not competing, Nause said she runs approximately three times a week, reads and occasionally goes sightseeing.

She also admits to being a photography buff. "Sometimes I carry a camera around practice rounds and take pictures of interesting holes," she said.

Nause said she would much rather play with the likes of Lopez, Judy Rankin and other established pros than amateurs or fellow rookies, although she spends more time socializing with the latter.

Nause said she really seems to concentrate when competing head-to-head with the big names. "It gets my adrenaline going. I played with Nancy (Lopez) last week and with so many

people around, I didn't want to make a fool of myself."

The soft-spoken Nause, who frequently punctuates her remarks with a smile, said she is finally glad to see women's sports get their just recognition from the public.

"For so many years when I was growing up, I was good in sports and put down for it," she said. "A few years ago, you were not a good athlete if you were a girl."

"Now, people appreciate it, the time and skill you put to work. It's fun to be appreciated."

Nause said her weekly tour expenses are not as high as some of the other players because she has arranged, with the help of the Ladies' Professional Golf Association, to stay in private homes at each stop. "That's saved a lot of money," she said.

Entry fees for tournaments range from \$62.69 and a caddy costs approximately \$150 per week, she said. Other than that, her only major expense is gasoline to get from one tourney to another.

Nause said the biggest problem she's found most amateurs have is not recognizing their own limitations.

"Most expect too much from themselves as far as hitting the perfect shot every time," she said. "They don't play within themselves."

"They don't want to accept the fact that maybe they can't hit very far, they try to anyway and that's when they start to stress."

Nause is convinced that the experience she picks up during her initial pro season will make up for some of her short-term agonies.

"I realize the more time you stay calm, the better it will be," she said. "As long as I do my best, how can I get mad?"



With a confident expression, Martha Nause, an unknown rookie this year on the LPGA tour, watches the flight of an opponent's shot before stepping up to the tee herself.

Upsets galore in softball playoffs

The Southfield Parks and Recreation softball leagues season came to an end last week with only two of the eight league winners able to capture playoff titles.

In the Men's Resident A league, the regular season champ was the Urban Sports; Jack's Lounge was second, Athletic Supporter third and Official Sports finished in fourth.

In the Industrial A league, Ernest and Ernest were first, with IBM second, VISA third, and Schneider's fourth.

However, in the Class A playoffs (a combination of both leagues), Jack's Lounge ended in first, with Athletic Supporter second, Official Sports third and Suburban Sports in fourth. The Industrial A

league was shut out in the post season tournament.

The pattern was the same in the Class B playoffs. In the Resident B league, Drakeshire finished in first, with Norm's TV second, Taxi squad third, and Acme Ladder fourth. The

Industrial B league showed MCUL first, Federal Mogul second, Continental Insurance third, and PICO fourth.

But it was Acme Ladder and the Chargers, who finished fourth and ninth, respectively, in the Resident B league, who ended up tying for the title. Federal Mogul and MCUL, the two top teams in the Industrial B league, finished third and fourth.

Three teams tied for the league lead at season's end in the Resident C league: Contractor's Steel, Little Caesars, and Papa Romano's all had 12-3 final records. Southfield Lathrup finished two games back at 10-4.

The top four teams in Industrial C league play were Advance Mortgage, The Palace, PICO Pirates and Eaton Brake.

But once again it was a non-contender that took the title. The Romantic Warriors, who finished the regular season with a 6-6-2 record in the Industrial C league, swept to the championship. Contractor's Steel and Little Caesars, regular season co-champions in the Resident C league, finished second and third in the playoffs. An Industrial C team, Computer Services, finished fourth.

In Women's Softball league action, the regular season champs held their own. HRC won the Women's Class B title during the regular season, then captured the playoff championship as well. Michigan Life and Casualty finished second in both the regular season and the playoffs, with the Patriotettes ending in third in the post season tournament.

The National Court Reporting took both regular season honors and playoff title in the Women's Class C league. VISA finished second in the regular season and third in the playoffs, while McLean and Friends, a sixth place finisher during the season, forged to second place in the playoffs.

The following are the final win-loss records for the teams in the Southfield Parks and Recreation softball leagues.

Curry Iron-5-9, Kyle Phoenix-10, Ace Wagon-3-11, John's Ads-2-11

Resident B League
Team Standings—Drakeshire-11-21, Norm's TV-11-12, Taxi Squad-10-4, Acme Ladder-9-5, Smart Set-8-6, Adam's Electric-6-8, Mr. Joe's-6-8, Practical Jiffy-6-8, Chargers-6-6

1. C&J Metals-6-8; Mama Zed-5-9-1, Whodunnit-5-9, Maru's Meats-4-9-1, Bread-busters-5-11, Radio Waves-1-13

Resident C League
Team Standings—Contractor's Steel-12-2, Little Caesars-12-2, Papa Romano-12-2, Southfield Lathrup-10-4, Outlaws-8-5-1, Lathrup Brothers-7-7, Light Effect-6-7, S&B Pools-5-9, Wagon-5-9, High Times-4-10, Highland Coast-2-12, Practical Mgmt.-1-13

Industrial A League
Team Standings—Ernest & Ernest-12-2, IBM-10-4, VISA-8-5-1, Schneider-8-5-1, MC Day-5-10-5-9, Firefighters-5-9, Amer. Med. Anal.-4-10, German Coast-2-11

Industrial B League
Team Standings—MCUL-12-3

1. Federal Mogul-10-3, Continental Ins.-11-3, PICO-9-5-2, Karl Kim-8-4-2, First Federal Realty-8-4-2, Bread-8-6, Eaton Research-7-6-1, Hammond Ins.-6-7-1, Kintle Annex-5-8-1, Conquered Sec-4-10, Merrill Lynch-4-10, Citicorp's Mortgage-2-12, Hanco Comm-0-14

Women's Class C League
Team Standings—HRC-12-2, MI Life/Nat. Casualty-12-2, Providence-11-3-1, Drifter Tackle-10-4, Royal 7-5-9-2-1, Patriotettes-8-3-1, National Ben Frank-8-5-5, Advance Motors-6-7, IBM-6-7, Hair Systems-5-8, Burkhart Tool-4-8, Roseland Bar-3-10, The Mediums-3-10, League Insurance-2-11, TV Guide-2-11, Hammond Insur-0-12-12

Women's Class C
Team Standings—National Court Reporting-12-1, 1-2, Benda-10-5, Russell's Builders-8-4, Southfield Parks-8-3, McLean & Friends-8-3, Solid Gold-6-7, Julia Ross-6-7, Computer Services-5-8, Outer Meet Co.-4-8, Raleigh Trucking-4-9, PFM Pagers-4-9, C.F., Hatten-1-9, Weidner-0-12

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Netter wins twice in Livonia tennis tourney

Jim Bajor won a pair of championships last weekend during the Livonia Open Tennis Tournament.

Bajor won by default over Pat Payer in the men's singles final. Bajor had won the first set, 6-3, and was leading in the second, 3-0, when Payer suffered a cramp and was unable to continue.

Bajor also teamed with Janice Keith to whip Jerry Abbott and Karen Weicha in the mixed doubles final, 6-0 and 6-1.

Glen Gwarda easily downed John Schram, 6-1 and 6-0, for the boys' sin-

gles title and Lisa Abraham bettered Pat Attenberger, 6-3 and 6-3, to wear the girls' singles crown.

John Dapkins and Page were awarded the men's doubles title when Mark Gow and Rick Schmidt defaulted. Gail Baguasco and Donna Polinsky combined to trim Lisa Abraham and Jennifer Reault for the women's doubles championship, 6-4 and 6-3.

In the women's singles final, Theresa Loftus took three sets to subdue Kris Wolfe for the title, 6-4, 2-6 and 6-3.

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