

Confident golfer puts game in perspective

By DOUG FUNKE

Golf is a thinking person's game. If you don't think so, just listen to Barbara Mizrahi, who is currently in her first full season on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour.

"Golf is a constant challenge — it never lets up," she said. "You're always faced with a pressure-packed situation. What's fantastic is that people always want to improve and in golf, they can."

Mizrahi, 29, was born and grew up in Indonesia, a series of 3,000 islands between Australia and the Philippines. Approximately 121 million people live there. Mizrahi said there are only 20 golf courses in the entire country.

She took up the game when she was 15-years old. Mizrahi's mother was ill at the time and had been instructed by a doctor to do a lot of walking. Since the Mizrahies lived near one of the few courses in Indonesia, she figured she might as well do so while playing golf.

Mizrahi accompanied her mother and eventually started playing herself.

The entire family emigrated to the

United States eight years ago and settled in Los Angeles. That is where Mizrahi began to sharpen her game, which she freely admits never came easy to her.

"There is so much room for improvement," she said. "I may be trying to ring it. I'm driven that way. Sometimes, I'm forcing it. It's very gratifying to be able to improve."

Mizrahi is a firm believer in positive thinking and personal motivation. That kind of attitude may be the difference between shooting consistently well and scrambling around once the mechanics of the sport are mastered.

Mizrahi said that it takes a balance between having the physical tools to compete, which includes a grounding in the basics, and the correct frame of mind to succeed.

"You can't do one without the other," she said. "If you don't have the material, you play scared. It takes more than the perfect swing. The mechanical part is very important, but then it takes guts. You have to fight to play."

Mizrahi has earned a reputation of being one of the hardest if not the hard-

est worker on the LPGA tour. "I put in quantity (of practice) and my game has taken on a qualitative change," she said. "You can't just work on it, though — you have to work on it right. It's a slow process."

"I'm a believer in what we can do as human beings," Mizrahi continued. "When people want to make up their mind to be a loser, they will. There are too many excuses not to play well."

"I don't want to use any excuses as long as I can go out there and execute the ball well," she said. "I never hear winners complain, only people who are

frustrated.

Mizrahi said she plays against only the course when competing in a tournament. "There are too many girls out there for me to be worrying about them," she said. "I play and execute each shot to the best of my ability."

"The golf course doesn't care how you feel or how you play. It's a monster, like (Ben) Hogan said. As long as you battle the golf course, you can't have a bad game. As long as you put everything into each shot, you can't have a slump. A slump is a state of mind," said Mizrahi.

Bill Shaw, also a golf professional and Mizrahi's spouse, follows her around the course during a tournament and occasionally caddies for her. That might make some people nervous, but not Mizrahi.

"He's a very positive asset to me," she said. "If you have one fan who believes in you, somebody who knows what you're going through — really knows — it helps."

Mizrahi, an excellent conversationalist who seems to have come to grips with life on the women's golf tour and life in general, has several other interesting observations.

"Any time you shoot for the stars, what happens is that you can come down hard. Sometimes, it's really scary to go into something. What you might find out could be very disappointing."

"This game can be very humbling."

"You get to the point (in golf) where the body can only do so much, but I'm a big believer in getting the swing down first."

"I don't look at it (being on pro golf

tour) as glamorous, but as something I know how to do well. Everyone should do what they do best. For me, it's golf."

"People do lump us together. They see the top five or 10 players and forget there are 140 of us out there scrambling. People didn't put us out there. We did it by free choice. So, people (spectators) don't owe us anything and we owe them everything."

"I don't want pars given to me. I hope I never forget where I came from. When something is hard to get, you don't forget unless you're really flaky."

"I miss my family very much. It upsets them more than me when I miss the cut. Once, when I missed the cut I came home and they were all crying. I can't imagine what would happen when I win."

Mizrahi had earned \$3,338.34 in 14 tour events prior to Lady Stroh's II last weekend in Dearborn. "I want to play as long as I can produce, put out scores which are part of the LPGA thing," she said. "Scores I can be proud of."

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Raiders dominate O&E girls' soccer squad

By BOB GROSS

Birmingham Groves, North Farmington and Bloomfield Hills Lahser dominated the 1979 Eccentric all-area girls' soccer team, filling 13 of the 18 spots. But then again, Groves and North Farmington showed the same domination during the regular season. The Falcons won the West Suburban Soccer league division title with an

8-2 record, and North Farmington finished second with a 7-2 record.

NORTH FARMINGTON placed the most girls on the all-area squad, a total of five. The team looks as if it will be strong again next year — four of the girls are juniors. The lone senior of the North Farmington contingent is Cathy Cole. She scored two goals and had one assist from her center fullback position this year.

Last year, Cole was voted the best defensive player by her teammates. This year, she was voted most valuable player.

Susie Pacheco scored 12 goals and had six assists for North Farmington despite sitting out five games with a muscle pull.

Kris Carl was voted best offensive player by her North Farmington teammates. She scored nine goals and had three assists.

The North Farmington team out-shot its opponents this season by 200-70. One of the forces behind the wide margin was sweeperback Shelby Smith. She was voted best defensive player by her teammates.

Janet Higuera, an All-Area goateen, played 10 out of North Farmington's 13 games. In those 10 games she allowed eight goals and had five shut-outs.

BIRMINGHAM GROVES placed three girls on the All-Area squad. The Falcons were led this year by senior Kathy Hoard. She scored 17 goals and has a two-year total of 27.

Fullback Linda Huff was named best defensive player by her Groves teammates. She was a big reason behind the Falcons' five shutouts.

Halfback Chris Zotos scored seven goals for the Falcons from her midfield position.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSEER also placed three girls on the All-Area team. Nancy Glynn led the Knights with 18 goals from her midfield position.

Janet Nunn, team co-captain with Glynn, had four goals for the season. More of a playmaker than a goal-scorer, Glynn also saw limited action as a defensive player.

Karen Kokeny played center fullback for Lahser and handled all of the team's throw-ins. She picked up six assists.

BIRMINGHAM SEARHOLM senior Lisa Becerra captained the Maples during the 1979 season. A good defensive player, Becerra scored two goals and had four assists from her midfield position.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS ROEPER'S Janet Hill was named to the All-Area team in just her second varsity season. A sophomore, Hill scored four goals and was the Rough Riders' best striker.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER placed Margaret Satersmoen on the 1979 All-Area team. A steady defender, Satersmoen played fullback for the Barons.

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ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

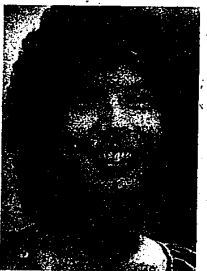
Name	School	Position
Kathy Hoard	Groves	Forward
Sue Pacheco	North Farmington	Forward
Shelby Smith	North Farmington	Defense
Kris Carl	North Farmington	Forward
Janet Nunn	Lahser	Forward
Nancy Glynn	Lahser	Midfield
Karen Kokeny	Lahser	Midfield
Lisa Becerra	Seaholm	Midfield
Chris Zotos	Groves	Midfield
Lyndy Huff	Groves	Defense
Margaret Satersmoen	Andover	Defense
Cathy Cole	North Farmington	Defense



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Win gives Express renewed optimism

By MARTY BUDNER

Trevor Francis was surrounded by the usual throngs of reporters and television commentators. Keith Furphy argued softly over a scoring decision, and his dad — coach Ken — was absolutely delighted to explain his game-winning strategy to anyone who would listen.

That's what the Express locker room was like Wednesday evening following Detroit's dismantling of the surprisingly lackluster Ft. Lauderdale Strikers. After a close first half, the Express exploded for five second-half goals and a thrilling 8-2 victory before 17,219 appreciative Silverdome fans.

The offensive show was a long time coming for the Express, which has suffered through a disappointing season thus far.

Detroit's successful debut last year in the North American Soccer League (NASL) ended with a first-place Central Division title and a 20-10 overall record. Up until Wednesday's game, however, it had not even remotely that exciting playoff team of last year.

The main problems have been a wayward defense, and an inconsistent offense.

But every aspect of their game appeared healthy against the second-place Strikers. Detroit dominated action in breaking Ft. Lauderdale's four-game winning streak.

The most powerful solution anyone could have asked for was Francis. The English superstar controlled play by scoring a goal, assisting on three others, and setting up most of the Express plays at midfield.

Francis' presence opened up the scoring lanes for Furphy and newcomer Ted MacDougall.

FURPHY, NAMED the game's outstanding offensive player, had a three-goal hat trick, and two assists. MacDougall also tallied eight points via the same scoring combination.

It was the first time in Express history that two players scored the hat trick in the one game. All totaled, the three front line players combined for seven of the eight goals, and seven of 10 assists.

It's no coincidence that it happened on a line with Francis, who missed the season's beginnings because of commitments to his English club.

"It's taken a couple games to get used to each other," said Furphy, the team's leading goal scorer with 10. "But, everybody works well with Trevor. He's a good player, and everyone works well with a good player."

"We just went out and played the game we're capable of playing. We had a lot of chances — we hit the post a couple times, and a couple other shots went wide. And we were a bit lucky."

"We have 11 more games left and who knows what can happen," he said.

Detroit's performance was even more impressive considering the Strikers had won eight of the nine games prior to Wednesday night. Ft. Lauderdale (Continued on page 8B)



Left-footed striker Keith Furphy leads the revitalized Express in goals scored. (Staff photo by Mindy Saunders)

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