

Playing it straight is the way to finish 1st

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A word of caution for all United State Women's Open contestants — don't get greedy. Accept what the Scottish link-style course provides and don't ask for anything more.

The 44th U.S. Women's Open Championship, which begins July 13 at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion, will be a test of accuracy and patience for all competitors, according to Indianwood's club professional Dave Zink.

"It will be an absolute must they keep every shot in play," said Zink, a Rochester native. "The golf course is in the best shape I have seen it in my nine years here."

The 6,123-yard, par 71 design features four tantalizing par threes, three grueling par fives and a host of demanding par fours.

Zink was recently asked to provide his course expertise on the do's and don'ts required for playing each of the



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Carrie Nosanchuk, a member of Kingswood's girls golf team the past three years, takes in the full view of the hazards that await errant tee shots at Indianwood Golf and Country Club. Those same hazards will have a strong effect on the outcome of the 44th United States Women's Open Championship.

18 holes.

No. 1 — 462 yards, par 5 — A demanding opening hole where birdies can be made as long as drives don't stray left. Heather is prominent along the left side and bunkers line the right fairway approximately 245 yards out. The green, surrounded by five pot bunkers, can be reached in two shots. A strong birdie hole.

No. 2 — 370 yards, par 4 — Bunkers can be found on both sides of fair-

way. A straight drive gives the player a big advantage because the green can be reached with anywhere from a 4- to 7-iron. Bunkers, however, grab shots that may stray right. Another strong birdie hole.

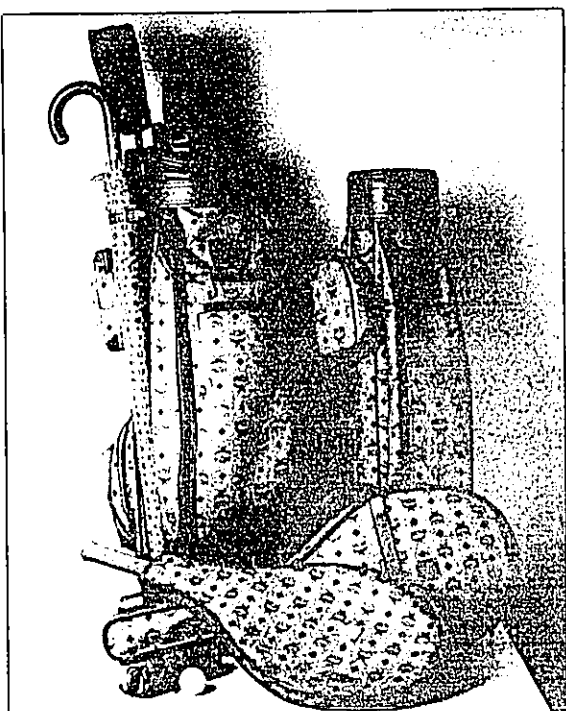
No. 3 — 142 yards, par 3 — A short iron shot to the center of the green leaves the player with an ideal shot at birdie. If the tee shot goes awry, it's into any one of seven bunkers and a scramble to save par.

No. 4 — 316 yards, par 4 — The key

to playing this hole is a strong drive down the center of the fairway. Missing the fairway right results in heavy rough, while a missed shot left will most likely find a bunker. Big hitters can set up a 9-iron into a receptive green.

No. 5 — 170 yards, par 3 — Pin placement will be crucial on the two-tier green. An accurate tee shot onto the green is a must as the front sides

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