

Nancy Lopez Would Like To Be Golf's \$4 Million Woman

The sparkling smile, the gracious personality and the powerful golf swing were still evident, but Nancy Lopez's wonderful putting stroke has left on a temporary sabbatical.

After her first three 1984 tournaments since she left the LPGA Tour in July to have her baby, Ashley Marie Knight, on Nov. 7, Nancy said she "was hitting the ball as well as I ever have."

"I drove well and hit just about every green in regulation, but my putting has just been awful," she said. Considered by her peers as one of the very best putters on the tour, Nancy felt her short game and putting might be a little rusty. "I never expected my putting to be that bad," she lamented. "I've developed some bad habits because of my long layoff. I found I had my head behind the ball instead of over it. It's no big deal but it's something I've got to concentrate on."

In her first three outings, she has tied for 20th in the Mazda Classic, 14th in the Elizabeth Arden Classic, which she won last year, and 12th in the Sarasota Classic. She has won \$6,666 and stands 21st on the money list.

Lopez said she would play in about 15 tournaments this year. Naturally, the \$200,000 J&B Scotch Pro-Am April 12-15 at the Desert Inn Country Club is one of them, as well as the \$400,000 Nabisco Dinah Shore, the other half of the \$4 million twin bill.

Can Lopez become the \$4 million woman by winning both tournaments in 1984 and 1985? "Well, it will be awful hard to do, especially the four straight wins," the defending J&B Scotch champion acknowledged. "But I've won both tournaments, so I know what it takes. The pressure will be awful and there's going to be a lot of choking. But what an incentive. It's going to be fun getting involved in the pressure cooker. I love the idea and think my chances are as good as anyone's."

Lopez, looking radiant, admitted "this is the happiest time of my life, the happiest I've ever been." "If you're happy, you'll perform better, so this could be a great year for me," she said.

Nancy said her priorities have been changed but her competitive spirit still burns fiercely.

"Ashley and my family come first," said Nancy. "She's so neat that sometimes I'm tempted to stay home and forget the tour. But I'd be cutting off my goals which I have to fulfill in my career."

"My main objective is to make the Hall of Fame. I want to concentrate on winning the Majors, shoot for the big ones. I don't want to be out there just for the sake of playing."

Now 27 and in her sixth full year on the LPGA tour, Nancy has victories, including one Major, the 1978 LPGA Championship. She needs three more victories, one of which must be a different Major (Nabisco Dinah Shore, U.S. Open or du Maurier Classic), to become eligible for the LPGA Hall of Fame.

However, Lopez must play the tour for four more years to meet the 10-year LPGA membership

requirement for admittance to the Hall of Fame.

Nancy and her husband, Ray Knight, stellar first baseman of the Houston Astros, feel there will be no conflict in their careers. Nancy will play in tournaments, accompanied by Ashley and babysitter, when the Astros are on the road. When the Astros are in Houston, so will Nancy.

Knight, a good golfer who has helped Nancy with her game, confided: "She won't say it but Nancy wants to be No. 1 on the tour again. I think she can do it because she's as good now as she's ever been."

Nancy wasn't as outright as her husband but concurred.

"I feel like my motivation is so much stronger now . . . not so much just to be playing again but doing well. I have a lot of good years left to play well. There shouldn't be any conflict between my home life and golf."

"I also want to show my fellow pros and working women in general that you can have a baby and still maintain a successful career. Women should not have to choose one path over another. I hope my performance will help prove that," she said.

Nancy's thoughts returned to the \$4 million doubleheader and agreed that the atmosphere at the Desert Inn would be crackling with excitement and awesome pressure. However, she didn't display any tension in last year's J&B Scotch.

She sank a gut-wrenching seven-foot putt on the final hole to beat Laura Cole by one stroke and collected the \$30,000 first prize from tournament chairman Al Ferro, president of J&B Scotch, and Burton Cohen, president of the Desert Inn Country Club and Spa.

Of course, a \$1 million wasn't on the line then.



Israeli doctors attending the MDA Emergency Medical Seminar observe a demonstration of a procedure in emergency medicine.

Tel Aviv (MDA): One hundred and twenty-five Israeli physicians participated in a 3-day Emergency Medical Seminar at the University of Tel Aviv Medical School, sponsored by Magen David Adom in Israel.

The purpose of the MDA course was to prepare doctors for action in time of emergency and to convey practical knowledge of the skills required in mass disasters. Emphasis was placed on triage and resuscitation priorities. The MDA lecturers were all specialists in various aspects of emergency medicine.

The course included acquainting the physicians with the Mobile Intensive Care Ambulances (MICU) and all its sophisticated equipment. In addition, the doctors participating in the course received a demonstration of emergency equipment including the spine board, MAST trousers, Lifepak Cardiac System and the latest methods of ensuring respiration, all of which are used in the standard operating procedures in MDA's Mobile Intensive Care Ambulances.

First UJA "Select Singles" Mission To Depart For Israel May 21, 1984

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The United Jewish Appeal announced today a new national mission to Israel for single men and women ages 35 and over. H. Paul Rosenberg, the national Chairman of UJA Overseas Programs said that the mission, scheduled for May 21-31, is one of a series of innovative programs to encourage the involvement of single Jews in UJA/community campaigns.

The mission is designed to give participants an opportunity to share the experience of visiting Israel with other mature singles, broaden their understanding of Jewish needs, and strengthen their commitment to Israel and the Jewish community, according to Mission Co-Chairmen Jayne Kane of San Diego and Steve Schwarz of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Participants will receive briefings by representatives of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee — the principal beneficiary agencies of the annual

UJA/community campaigns — and will have the opportunity to see first-hand the social welfare programs and facilities that improve the quality of life for the people of Israel.

Other highlights include visits with pioneers in the Galilee and new immigrants from Ethiopia, and home hospitality in a Project Renewal neighborhood. A special feature of the mission will be discussions with Israelis prominent in politics, business and education, as well as single, Israeli professionals.

The mission itinerary also will include a walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem, a Shabbat celebration at the Western Wall and an exploration of the ancient ruins of Massada. In addition, there will be an overnight stay on a kibbutz and visits to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, the artist colony of Safed and the Dead Sea.

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