

Wolverine Open Gets Underway at Forest Lake

Out of Sports

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FOREST LAKE is a busy hive of activity this weekend. More than 40 lady professional and amateur golfers carry the sports spotlight to the area, and it gives the links fans of the area to see some of the leading money girls in action.

It's the first tournament of its kind for the Detroit area, involving the LPGA, and the next four days promise to be well worth the small fee it will cost you for touring the fairways with these prominent golf stars.

This is the 13th tournament in the \$100,000 tour of the LPGA, and with the absence of Babe Zaharias, Louise Suggs, Patty Berg and Jackie Pung, the leading money winners among the lady pros, the favorite's role would probably point to Betty Jameson or Fay Crocker.

Odds of the dopsters will heavily favor one of these two to win the Wolverine open, but we would like to play "sergeant Friday" and pick the top five on a hunch.

THE VETERAN of the LPGA tour this far this year has been Marlene Bauer, who has played 100 prize tournaments, but who hasn't been able to finish better than third. She finished third once, fourth twice, fifth three times, sixth twice, seventh once and eighth once.

However, we don't think Marlene will do any better than third on the Forest Lake course.

Betty Jameson, a strong favorite, has won two of five LPGA tournaments including the Beaumont Open and the Narvato Open. Betty should make a strong bid but we pick her for the number two spot.

OUR CHOICE to win the tourney is Mary Lena Faulk, a former leader from Thomasville, Ga., who turned pro only this year.

Miss Faulk has participated in nine LPGA tournaments, doing quite well, but not good enough to come out on top.

She finished second twice, and among the top seven in every occasion except two, so we are inclined to think this may be her big year.

Predictions sure look bad especially when one ignores the favorites, but Miss Faulk is as much of a favorite as any of the other lady pros. In this game any one of these girls could easily be the favorite.

Here's our selection for the first hole:

1. Mary Lena Faulk
 2. Betty Jameson
 3. Marlene Bauer
 4. Fay Crocker
 5. Beverly Hanson
- Here are some of the other top lady pros on the list. Alice Bauer, Peggy Kerk, Bill Joyce, Zick, Gloria Armstrong, Sally Seaborn and Dickie Wright.

HOW DO YOU PICK THEM FINISH?

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