

# Africa Amateur Championship

## Quick Quotes

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## Kyra van Kan



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**Q. 1-under par-71 today; talk us through your performance and how you felt it went.**

KYRA VAN KAN: So I got off to a good start. I was 2-under through six holes, and unfortunately I messed up 7 and 8. I made two doubles in a row. I was back to square one. But I just put myself together and refocused, and then I played really nicely the back nine. I made three birdies in a row on 13, 14 and 15, and I was really happy to par the 18th hole. That hole doesn't sit particularly well with me. I'm glad I finished pretty well today.

**Q. When you're in position where you've made back-to-back double bogeys, how do you reset and refocus? You talked about those birdies; you must have felt happy with how the round played out in the end.**

KYRA VAN KAN: I really didn't set myself up very well at all. I didn't hit it in great spots on those two holes, so they were bound to happen. It's just one of those things.

I knew it was just a mistake, so I'm much better than that, so I just refocused, went back to basics, and pulled myself together and came back nicely on the back nine.

**Q. Looking forward to tomorrow, you're obviously leading and feeling confident about lifting the trophy tomorrow?**

KYRA VAN KAN: Yeah, I'm really honored to be here. It's such a beautiful golf course. A lot of hard work has gone into this golf tournament. I'm very excited for round 3 tomorrow, the last round. I think if I just play the front nine a lot better and a lot more consistent, I can come in with a low score, and I'm really looking forward to a fun day in the sun again.

**Q. How much fun are you having with the staging and the TV cameras and the TV coverage. I saw your putt on 18 there and composing yourself. How important is it to have the experience of being here?**

KYRA VAN KAN: Yeah, it's honestly amazing. I do feel a little bit of pressure with all the cameras and that, but

you've got to embrace it. I feel like if I just smile in front of the cameras, I'll be okay.

It's been a great experience, big learning curve I've had these past two days. You can honestly just get better from here. So thank you.

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