

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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KIERON VAN WYK (-17)

Q. Kieron, when we spoke yesterday you said entering the week making the cut was kind of a goal, obviously now top of the leaderboard. What was your goal entering today?

KIERON VAN WYK: I just wanted to keep the ball in front of me. I know I've been hitting the ball pretty good all week. And then most importantly putting, putting well. I knew if I gave myself chances today that I could go ahead and get a low one out there and it's worked out.

Q. You've played here a couple times in college events so you know the course, you're familiar with it. Are you surprised at all at your performance this week in your first Tour start?

KIERON VAN WYK: A little bit. I think I was surprised with how good I'm putting. It's generally not a strength of my game but it has become one over the last cup of months and I'm happy that the hard work has paid off.

Q. And who do you have caddying this week?

KIERON VAN WYK: My old assistant coach, JP.

Q. Is he at College of Charleston?

KIERON VAN WYK: He was the old assistant coach at College of Charleston. He's also from South Africa.

Q. So he's also familiar with the course?

KIERON VAN WYK: Yeah.

Q. Can you talk a little bit about support you've been feeling, whether it's text or phone calls or on social media? I'm sure you're getting flooded.

KIERON VAN WYK: Yeah, it's a little overwhelming but all appreciated. And I'm happy to be representing South Africa and Golf RSA, the national squad. So I truly appreciate all the texts and the good luck messages and all the support.

Q. How difficult is it for you to focus, whether hole by hole or round by round, and not let yourself think, all right, Sunday evening where do I stand?

KIERON VAN WYK: Yeah, I think my caddie just does a good job of that with me, keeping me present and in the moment out there. Energy's one thing when it gets so hard to stay focused. I've really been trying to just maintain my energy levels and making sure that I'm eating enough out there just so I don't lose focus. Yeah, just take it shot by shot.

Q. Are you trying to treat this like any other golf tournament you're participating in or are you allowing yourself to kind of soak in each moment?

KIERON VAN WYK: Definitely soaking in every moment, and the crowds and having the people cheer me on, we don't get that every week playing in college. As far as golf goes, I think it's just like every other tournament I play, just take it as it is and hit the golf ball.

Q. It's rare to see an amateur perform this well through three rounds. What's your goal entering the final round knowing you were the only of six amateurs to make the cut, and not only make the cut, now you're top of the leaderboard?

KIERON VAN WYK: Yeah, like I said, just stick to my processes, it's got me this far in the golf tournament. Just keep on doing what I've been doing the last three days and hopefully it pays off by the end of tomorrow.

Q. Outside of this tournament, what's your tournament schedule looking like?

KIERON VAN WYK: I've got a college event next week in Myrtle beach, so that'll be my next college event. We've got a couple. I'll just be finishing out my college season for the next couple months.

Q. This week have you had any flashbacks to your week at Torrey Pines?

KIERON VAN WYK: Not necessarily, no. I think I'll get a few when I'm out there tomorrow. No, none, none yet.

Q. And then only other question, on site this week, is it just you and your caddie or do you have any other family or friends?

KIERON VAN WYK: My agent is with me and then my caddie and his partner. Yeah, just the three of us.

Q. And how do you plan to spend the rest of the evening?

KIERON VAN WYK: Get some dinner, I'm pretty hungry right now, get a lot to drink and yeah, just hang out. I think I'll go to the pool for a bit before the sun goes down. I don't know how much time I have left, but definitely want to do that.