

Uganda's golfer Amon Bwambale reacts

Uganda face uphill battle after slow start

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Uganda 2pts
Kenya 6pts

Uganda will have to dig deep if it is to defend the Victoria Cup golf title after trailing Kenya by four points as the first day's action ended at Entebbe Club yesterday.

Uganda had a shaky start, trailing Kenya 2.5-1.5 points in the opening round foursomes in the morning, before it got worse for them in the afternoon fourballs, where they only managed a half point to Kenya's three. The opening round was played under the foursomes format (players play alternating shots until the ball is holed), while the afternoon session was played under the fourballs (where players play with their own ball on that hole, with the best-performing player winning the hole for their team). Apart from the pair of Reagan Akena and Peter Mayende, who won their match decisively against Daniel Kiragu and Isaac Makokha, 4&3 in the morning session, the rest of the team, Uganda, struggled. Kenya edged the opening round foursomes 2.5-1.5 points, with the pair of Elvis Muigai and Junaid Manji winning their match against Joseph Kasozi and Elton Thembo 2up, despite the Ugandans starting the match strongly. Kasozi and Thembo led early on but lost concentration and momentum, allowing their opponents to win the match. John Lejrimah and Kevin Anyien also beat Andrew Ssekibejja and Godfrey Kambale by the same score.