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McCann and Van Wyk win gold in Italy regatta

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Two rowers from TuksRowing, Kirsten McCann and Nicole van Wyk, both raced to gold at the Memorial Paolo d'Aloja international regatta in Italy last weekend

Last year's Olympian rower, McCann, won the women's single sculls while Van Wyk was victorious in the lightweight women's single sculls.

Lawrence Brittain, silver medallist at last year's Olympic Games in Rio, teamed up with Jake Green to win a silver medal in the men's pair final.

On Saturday, they finished third. It was the first time the South Africans raced internationally this season. Roger Barrow, South Africa's national

rowing coach, said he was thinking about altering things a little for the rest of the season. "During the last Olympic cycle we might have partnered certain people

too early. For me it is not about making 'boats' now. It is about making individuals very fast," said Barrow

That is why he thought McCann should

compete in the single sculls this year rather than pairing her with somebody in the lightweight double sculls boat.

For the same reason Nicole van Wyk, who won a silver medal at last year's World u.23 championships, will also still be competing in a single boat

Barrow said he wanted her to win a gold medal at the same championships "It is all about doing the right thing at

the right time "I really don't want to put pressure on a team boat too early on.

"Do we know whether Kirsten and Nicole are going to be very fast? Yes they are. Are they going to be at the top end of world rowing? Sure. "But do we expose them too early? The same goes for the other boats," Barrow explained He said South Africa had a small pool

of top rowers. Therefore, he did not want to put too much pressure on the team too early. "It is going to be about doing the right thing at the right time."



Nicole Van Wyk was victorious in the lightweight women's single sculls at the Memorial Paolo d'Aloja international regatta in Italy.





