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GOLF: DP World Tour Championship Hatton's Dubai despair after losing by a shot

MARLOW golfer Tyrrell Hatton came so close to winning the European Tour's final event of the season, finishing runner up at the DP World Tour Championship at Jumeirah Estates in Dubai last Sunday.

Hatton finished one shot behind eventual winner, England's Matthew Fitzpatrick, with a total of -16 after an epic day's golf in the desert.

The 25-year-old had a great chance to win the tournament going up the par 5 18th but ended up putting his second shot into the water and had

to make do with bogey.

Hatton had produced a moment of genius at the previous hole when he made par with an outrageous bunker shot which he holed.

His finish for second ensured he finished fourth on the Race to Dubai leaderboard, with Sweden's Henrik Stenson being crowned the European Tour's leading golfer for the second time, after winning the title back in 2013.

Hatton took to social media to express his disappointment at losing by a solitary stroke but was mag-



nanimous in defeat.

He tweeted: "Tough finish but these things happen. All you can ever do is try your best. Big congrats

to Matthew Fitzpatrick for the win."

It has been a huge breakthrough season for the Harleyford Golf Club professional. He won his first European Tour title last month with a win at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship in Scotland last month.

The win north of the border was richly deserved as he had a truly brilliant season on the European Tour with top five finishes in many esteemed tournaments including finishing fifth at The Open at Royal Troon back in July.

Hatton has also climbed to 33rd in the world rankings, ensuring he will likely make his Masters debut next April at the famed Augusta National.

England have an array of young golfing talent coming through the ranks including Hatton, Fitzpatrick, Andy Sullivan and Chris Wood. This quartet could be the fulcrum for years to come and taking on the mantle from the likes of Lee Westwood, Luke Donald, Justin Rose and Paul Casey.

WYCOMBE: Double away day joy for Chairboys Wycombe wonders' week to remember!

A WEEK is a long time in politics - but in football terms, two away wins on the trot in the space of four days were sweet to savour for in-form Wycombe.

The Chairboys host Hartlepool United tomorrow at Adams Park - seeking revenge from a 1-0 reverse earlier this season.

This time last week, Wycombe were 16th and nervously looking over their shoulders.

Now, two six-pointers on the trot has propelled the League 2 side to the nose-bleeding heights of eighth, and just a point off the play-off zone.

"It is fantastic to be on this run but Hartlepool are a good side although we seem to do well against them at home," insisted boss Gareth Ainsworth.

"However, it will be a tough game and we will make sure we are ready for that."

Ainsworth was still smiling after enjoying Sido Jombati's late winner which beat Newport County 1-0 on Tuesday evening.

Jombati, who replaced the injured Michael Harriman in the starting line-up, struck a fantastic 88th minute free kick off the underside of the crossbar to seal victory in South Wales.

The victory extended Wycombe's run to four games unbeaten in the league and followed victory at Cambridge United on Saturday, their first away league win since

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February at Dagenham & Redbridge.

Ainsworth was delighted with the victory but admitted he wasn't completely overjoyed with his side's first half performance. He said: "I had to go in to the lads at the break and rattle a few cages but to be fair I certainly got a reaction in the second half.

"There were some brilliant individual performances. Matt Bloomfield, Sam Wood, Luke O'Nien all ran themselves into the ground and I am really pleased to have got out with a win as with 20 minutes to go I would have taken a point."

The win on a difficult pitch at Rodney Parade followed a gruelling match against Cambridge on Saturday and Ainsworth praised his side's energy levels and efforts just three days later.

"The energy levels were really high and credit to them on a sapping pitch, which had taken a lot of rain," explained Ainsworth.

"We were worried about one or two of them after the game on Saturday as we were penned back for long periods and when that happens, you run more and do more work.

"It was really pleasing to see the lads' fitness come through, as well as rotating a couple of the lads who were missing. The strength in depth shone through."



Sido Jombati scored a wonderful free-kick late on to down Newport

Bayo taunted by race slurs

WYCOMBE WANDERERS forward Adebayo Akinfenwa has taken to social media claiming he was racially abused by a small section of Cambridge United fans during their 2-1 win on Saturday.

Akinfenwa made the claim long after the match at the Abbey Stadium had finished. He tweeted: "Good 3pts 2day, great support again. It's a shame that a small group of Cambridge fans focus on colour rather than the game #KickOutRacism."

A spokesman for Wycombe Wanderers said: "Wycombe Wanderers have offered their full co-operation to Cambridge United in their investigation into racist abuse during Saturday's fixture at the Cambs Glass Stadium.

"The two clubs will work together to ensure appropriate action is taken against a small number of home supporters who are alleged to have made racist remarks to Wycombe striker Adebayo Akinfenwa in the first half of the match."

Detective Chief Inspector Steve Kerridge, of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary, said: "We are working closely with Cambridge United and Wycombe Wanderers to identify the people involved.

"The behaviour that has been alleged against a small minority is at odds with the core community and family-orientated principles of the club. It is totally incompatible with the spirit of tolerance and diversity for which the city of Cambridge is known."

Anyone with information call 101 and ask to speak to DC Chris McLoughlin.

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