

# DP World Tour Championship

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Jumeirah Golf Estates

## Matt Fitzpatrick

### Quick Quotes



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**Q. Give us your thoughts on a round of 70, 2-under par?**

MATT FITZPATRICK: Yeah, just didn't get going early doors there. I just sort of struggled a little bit, got out of position off the tee and from there around this golf course this year with the rough up, it's difficult to do anything.

So felt like I drove it a little bit better on the back nine, and I gave myself a few more chances and made the putts as well, which was a big help.

**Q. You started the round tied for the lead but by the ninth hole you fall behind a flying Tyrrell Hatton. How important is patience and experience at that point?**

MATT FITZPATRICK: Yeah, it's something I've learnt massively this year is to be more patient. I wouldn't necessarily say I'm -- well, I'm not the best at it. I've got so much better, probably, since being told off by Billy in April.

So I think that's been a big thing that's come on for me is just being patient and knowing that I'm playing some good golf. I feel really comfortable with my irons this week, and that's been a big, big change and a big step forward over the last few months. So yeah, looking forward to going into tomorrow.

**Q. If things go your way tomorrow, you cannot only win this championship but potentially be granted European No. 1 at the end; what would that mean to you?**

MATT FITZPATRICK: Yeah, it would mean the world. I'm going to need a lot of things go my way. I feel like this is the -- well, potentially, with what happens tomorrow, could be a third win here, and if it happens, it could be all three times I've not won The Race to Dubai.

So yeah, maybe I guess I just leave it a little bit too late to play well but I've given myself a chance tomorrow, and that's all you can do at the start of the week. I'll do the best I can and fingers crossed.

