

ONLY ONE POINT OUT OF LUTON

TORQUAY LOSE AWAY AND DRAW AT HOME

After losing at Luton by three goals to one on Christmas-day, Torquay United got a point from the Town yesterday at Plainmoor, each side scoring once.

The United team was changed yesterday, Butler reappearing at centre-half and Trotter taking his position at centre-forward. Freer played instead of Phoenix at right-half.

The United attacked vigorously at the start, and Harford was repeatedly called upon to save. The home forwards were showing good understanding, but the high wind made ball control difficult. After 15 minutes' defending the visitors took up the attack. Receiving from McNestry, Armstrong shot wide, while Bryce hit an upright. Rennie, the visiting centre-forward, sent in a hard shot, but Wright, who fell with the ball, succeeded in clearing.

TORQUAY'S GOAL.

Luton were enterprising and quick to accept opportunities. Rennie was particularly dangerous, and a hard shot by him was wonderfully cleared by Wright. After half an hour's hard play the United were rewarded with a goal. Trotter, who received the ball from the right, quickly slipped it to Hutchinson, who slammed it into the net.

Thus encouraged, Torquay pressed, but the visiting defence was firm. Luton again became aggressive, and they fully deserved the goal scored just before half-time. McNestry was the successful marksman after a nice piece of work with Armstrong.

After the interval both teams strove desperately for the lead. For a long period play was in the Luton half, and both Clayson and Birkett made good attempts to score, but were unsuccessful. Both teams were playing good football, and were well matched.

Wright (James) and Hill were doing well in the Torquay defence. Butler was a hard worker, but Trotter was given few opportunities. There were some exciting moments when the United pressed. The forwards combined well in mid-field, but on approaching the Luton goal they found Hudson and Smith hard to beat.