

LUTON FAIL SO TORQUAY GO UP

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Newport gave a strangely listless and unlucky Luton a sound beating, and in the process guaranteed promotion for Torquay, to the Third Division.

So now Luton, away to Chester on Saturday, and Colchester, away to Newport, must fight it out for the one remaining promotion place.

With Colchester's goal average the better, their chances are the brighter, although if Luton fail they will never forgive the cloudburst which caused their game at Chester to be abandoned two weeks ago when they were two goals up.

Newport scored first and last, last night and had rather more to say in between. Luton's manager George Martin was understandably bitterly disappointed afterwards at his team's lack of thrust.

BIG HANDICAP

O'Rourke goes off

Luton often played neatly, but were heavily handicapped when their dangerous leader O'Rourke was led off at the start of the second half with injuries. Gibson substituted.

Hale (4th minute and 60th) and Woods (80th minute o.g.) scored for Newport, Reid (70 minutes) scoring for Luton.

Newport.— Beswick; Williams, Bird; Rowland Rathbone. Hill; Thomas, Pugh, Jones, Hale Morgan,

Luton.—Read; Thomson, Slough; Riddick, Woods, Moore; French, Reid, O'Rourke, Rioch, Harber.