**Totnes & Dartington V Torquay United**

**Torquay United win first pre season friendly.**

After suffering the blow of relegation out of the football league at the end of the season Torquay United began their new campaign with an away friendly to Peninsula League Division One East outfit Totnes & Dartington.

Torquay began the better team as many would expect and took an early lead on quarter of an hour when Ryan Bowman was played through by strike partner Ashley Yeoman before tucking the ball past Totnes keeper James Behan.

The hosts were lucky to not concede again when Torquay narrowly put a few shots wide of the post and one just over the bar before they managed to equalise after half an hour. Miles Chalcraft floated a long range free kick into the box which the Gulls keeper Martin Rice parried into his own net to put the hosts back on level terms.

Totnes came out in the second half and scored straight away when sub Matt Price put the hosts ahead only to find out the goal had been ruled out for offside by the man in the red bib.

The Dartington based club did however manage to take the lead ten minutes later when Gareth McEwan set up Sam Heath who struck a beautiful strike from the edge of the box into the top corner to the delight of the crowded home dugout.

The lead didn't last long though as after just three minutes United found a leveller when Daniel Sullivan's cross into the box floated into the top corner past a helpless Dan Woods.

Torquay regained the lead after seventy five minutes as they took control of the game when Daniel Sullivan smashed into the roof of the net from the edge of the box and United completed the scoring five minutes later Toby Ajala weaved around the box and converted from close range.

A cracking ninety minutes of football played in good spirit in front of a crowd of three hundred and fifty plus on a warm summers evening where Totnes proved a tough opposition for a strong Torquay United team.

Totnes & Dartington: James Behan, Leigh Griffin, Miles Chalcraft, Dan Hurrell, Mike Bishop, Liam Collings, Tom Comyn, Gareth McEwan, Mark Titchard, Jack Johansen, Andy Davis, Sam Heath, Matt Price, Joe Souch, Liam Lindon, Alan Maher, Alex Narramore, Dan Wood

Torquay United: Martin Rice, Courtney Cameron, Jake Hutchins, Ashley Yeoman, Niall Thompson, Angus Mcdonald, Ryan Bowman, Luke Young, Godfrey Poku, Levi Ives, Louis Briscoe, Toby Ajala, Jordan Seabright, Jordan Chappell, Courtney Richards, Daniel Sullivan, Sam Chaney, Paddy Cregg, Mickey Parcell, James Alexandroo