

Luton's goal ace worth top pay

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JOHN O'ROURKE,
Luton's brilliant goals
kid, expects to miss the
next three games. The
right ankle he damaged
at Brentford had swollen
painfully yesterday, and
it looks as if the liga-
ments are damaged.

O'Rourke, whose 22 goals in
23 games saved Luton last
season, scored in the first
minute at Brentford.

Almost as painful to O'Rourke
as his ankle is the fact that
Luton have not yet rewarded
him with top wages. When he
joined them from Chelsea last
mid-season he signed a con-
tract covering the whole of
this season.

His wonderful form earned him a
rise, yet Luton's shining asset
is denied top pay because of
his age.

Surely it does not matter whether
he is 19 or 90 as long as he
proves he can do the job!

Luton, with Billy Hails hurt
and Ray Smith a.w.o.l., will
start looking for an inside
forward. Spurs' Eddie Clayton
may be their target, but they
must hurry. Reading have
joined Orient. Exeter and
Northampton in pursuit of him.