

O'ROURKE SHINES FOR MANAGERS

Luton 4, Doncaster 3 65/66

JOHN O'ROURKE, 20, Luton's transfer-listed centre forward, studded a lively performance with a well-taken hat-trick in front of a large group of managers last night.

His goals gave Luton victory and must have impressed Bill McGarry of Ipswich, Dave Sexton of Leyton Orient and Dave Bowen of Northampton.

O'Rourke also hit a post and had a shot cleared off the line. His lively play and cleverness on the ball made him the outstanding player and he tormented Ripley, Doncaster's stand-in centre half.

But Doncaster fought hard. Alick Jeffrey put them ahead before O'Rourke and Whittaker replied for Luton and then Ogden put Doncaster level at 2—2.

Wasted

Luton wasted more first-half chances before O'Rourke hit top form. The centre forward scored in the 54th and 71st minutes to give Luton a 4—2 lead.

Doncaster were not finished, however. Jeffrey scored a splendid goal with nine minutes to go and they pressed hard for the equaliser.

Luton survived a tense finish, and two points were no more than they deserved despite a disturbing weakness in the middle of their defence.

FAIR PLAY : 80%, 80%.

Luton.—Tinsley ; Thomson, Jardine ; Reid, Rivers, Moore ; Gibson, Read, O'Rourke, Stark, Whittaker.

Doncaster.—Potter ; Kelly, Nicholson ; Wylie, Ripley, Ricketts ; Robinson, Sheffield, Ogden, Jeffrey, Grainger.