

Luton pep new boss

By Bob Morley

LUTON 2, CREWE 1

LUTON welcomed their new manager Allan Brown with a confident aggressive performance—and a good win over hard-fighting Crewe.

Two well-headed goals by Gordon Riddick did the trick.

If much of Luton's finishing had been more accurate, and they had been luckier with long-range efforts, even the alert bravery of goalkeeper Mailey would not have saved Crewe from a hammering.

Said Brown afterwards: "They gave me all that any manager can ask of his players—100 per cent. effort."

Crewe never yielded and soon after Matthews had swerved a shot over Read's head to equalise Riddick's first goal, he nearly beat him again with a high, looping volley.

And ten seconds from the end Regan should have salvaged a point. But he hooked the ball over Luton's bar from five yards.

It was a duel between Crewe's stubborn defence and Luton's brisk, well-supported attack.

LUTON: Read 6; Thomson 6, Moore 7, Slough 7, Jardine 7; Conboy 7, *RID-DICK 8; Pleat 6, Thear 6, Rioch 7, Whittaker 7.

CREWE: *MAILEY 8; Marshall 6, Barnes 7, Gannon 7, Cuthbert 6; Bradshaw 6, Harley 6, Archer 7; Regan 6, Mahoney 6, Matthews 7.

Referee: C. H. Nicholls (Plymouth) 7.