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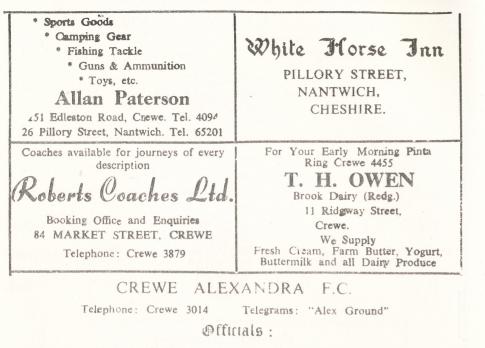
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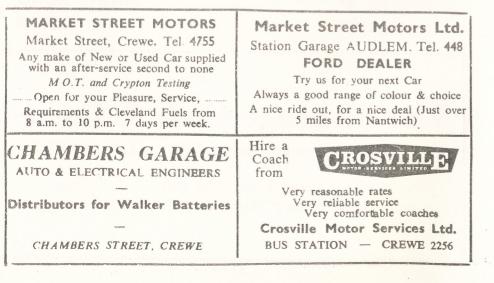
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#### MATCH BALL

The Board of Directors wish to thank Mrs. Lawton, Crown Hotel, Goostrey, who has donated the ball for this afternoon's game.



#### CLUB NOTES AND COMMENTS

Almost five years ago, Wednesday 22nd May, 1963, we found ourselves in exactly the same position as we do to-day, just one game to play with promotion to the Third Division hanging in the balance. On that occasion, a single goal scored by Frank Lord at the Gresty Road end of the ground proved decisive and as the final whistle sounded Gresty Road erupted, for the club had achieved promotion for the first time in its long history.

A victory to-day could see us back in the Third Division but we shall have to wait for the result of the game between Bradford City and Doncaster Rovers to be sure.

We welcome as our visitors for this vital game, Luton Town, already assured to promotion and also Champions of the Fourth Division, they have proved themselves well worthy of the title and it will be an extremely hard game to-day.

Our last three games produced just two points, once again Wrexham proved to be a bogey side at Gresty Road, Luton inflicted upon us our heaviest defeat of the season and last Friday evening we earned a point at Southend. The draw at Southend removed them from being promotion contenders. In each of our away games at Luton and Southend we had a goal disallowed for some obscure reason, Gordon Wallace at Luton, this being before Luton had scored and Tommy Lowry at Southend. If only those had counted the position would have been somewhat easier.

Despite the distance involved and an evening kick-off which complicated travel arrangements there were some Crewe supporters at each game, it is known that some took part of their annual holiday to be there. Such support does not go un-noticed by players and club officials.

It has been a hard season as always, success is never easy to achieve however hard you try, it is unfortunate that although we have been in the leading group for the majority of the season that the gates have been so low in comparison to the other promotion contenders.

As a final note to this season, what could be more appropriate than the following which appeared in the programme when we played Exeter for that vital game:-

"The boys know what they have to do, so give them all the encouragement you can".

#### JUST FOR THE RECORD

Where the goals have been scored: Railway End: Crewe 28 Opponents 11. Gresty Road End: Crewe 14 Opponents 7. Attendances: Twenty-two games Aggregate: 127, 549. Average: 5, 797.

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#### NEXT HOME GAMES

Monday, 6th May Ch	eshire Bowl Final v. STOCKPORT	kick-off 7-30 p.m.	
Wednesday, 8th May	Johnny King Testimonial	kick-off 7-30 p.m.	
CR	EWE ALEX. PAST v. PRESENT		
Saturday, 11th May	Lancs. Lge. v. EVERTON 'A'	kick-off 3-00 p.m.	



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#### LUTON TOWN.

Goalkeeper, TONY READ. Born Haydock. His first club was Sheffield Wednesday, later going to Peterborough from whom Luton signed him in March, 1965. He is equally at home in the centre forward position.

Right Back, MAX DOUGAN. Cost Luton a sizeable transfer fee in December, 1966. His two previous clubs were Queens Park and Leicester City. Gained five Amateur International Caps while with the former.

Left Back, FREDDIE JARDINE. Born Edinburgh, he played for Dundee before coming south to Luton in 1961. Although originally an outside left, he has now settled into the left back position.

Right Half, ALAN SLOUGH. Born at Luton, he has graduated through the ranks of schoolboy, amateur and apprentice before accepting full terms in May, 1965. He is a versatile player who can also play at full back and inside forward.

Centre Half, TERRY BRANSTON. Signed last June from Northampton Town for whom he played regularly and he has appeared in all four divisions of the Football League. The only ever-present this season. Born Rugby.

Left Half, JOHN MOORE. Now in his third season at Luton, being a regular member of the first team. He previously played for Motherwell. Born Hart Hill, Scotland.

Outside Right, GRAHAM FRENCH. Born Wolverhampton. Has previously played for Shrewsbury Town, Swindon Town, Watford and Wellington before joining Luton in October, 1965. Has several Youth International Caps for England.

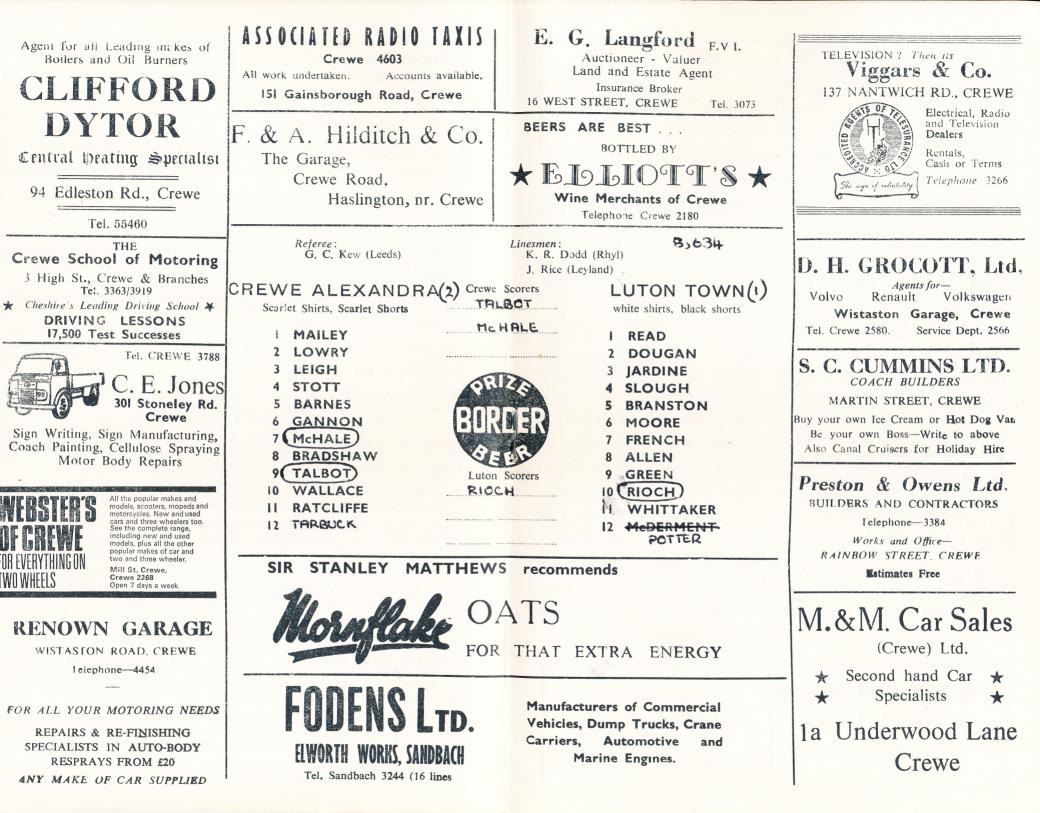
Inside Right, KEITH ALLEN. Joined Luton from Stockport in exchange for Derek Kevan in March, 1967. Quickly became a favourite here. Previously played for Grimsby Town and Portsmouth. A native of the Isle of Wight.

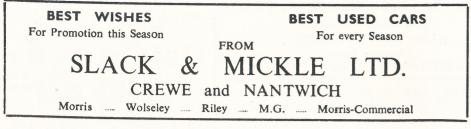
Centre Forward, GREEN. Was signed from Charlton Athletic last year. but has been out of the team for most of the season following a knee injury.

Inside Left, BRUCE RIOCH. Born Aldershot. Lived in Luton for most of his life. First signed for Luton as an apprentice in 1963. Turned full-time professional in September, 1964. He is a regular member of the first team and is also the leading scorer this season with 22 goals to his credit.

Outside Left, RAY WHITTAKER. A Londoner from Bow, he played for Arsenal with whom he gained England Youth International Caps before coming to Luton in March, 1964. Has been the first choice for the left wing position ever since.

Substitute, BILLY McDERMENT. Born Paisley. Was transferred from Leicester City in July, 1967, and came with the reputation of being a rugged type of player.





#### SUPPORTERS' JOTTINGS

Following close upon the victory which assured Luton of the championship, a sharp reminder that life is tough at the top with Bradford City inflicting upon them their first home defeat of the season bringing to an end a run of 19 games without defeat and also conceding their first double of the season. Our game at Luton attracted their highest gate of the season, 18,904.

Two players should complete maximum appearances this season, Willie Mailey and Mick Gannon, so far as Mick is concerned it will be the second successive season he has achieved this. Peter Leigh, who sustained a muscle injury in the home game against Wrexham, had to miss the Luton game and will be just one short of the maximum.

Gary Talbot is assured of being the leading scorer this season with 19 goals to his credit and Gordon Wallace needs just a single goal to take him into double figures.

During the season there have been two departures, John Archer to Huddersfield Town and Ian Sandiford to Wigan. New signings who have appeared in the side have been Tommy Curley, John Edwardson, Kevin McHale, Don Ratcliffe, Alan Tarbuck and Gordon Wallace. The title of unluckiest player of the season must surely go to Graham Mathews who broke his leg in the opening game of the season against Chesterfield, having come on himself as a substitute. Although he has not been able to play since he has resumed training.

What other highlights have their been this season? Peter Leigh scoring his first goal for the club in his 241st game, Eric Barnes breaking the club record, being the first team to defeat Swansea at home, our first ever away win against Port Vale and the first team to prevent Southend United from scoring in a league game.

Several club records have also been broken this season, some may appear obvious, to test your memory these appear on page 11.

Next Monday evening we have the Final of the Cheshire Bowl at Gresty Road against Stockport County, kick-off 7-30 p.m. and on Wednesday evening Johnny King has his testimonial game with a game between Crewe Alex past and present players. So far as is known, these will include Brian Williamson, Stan Keery, Billy Haydock, Albert Harley, Dave Ewing, John Archer, John Mahoney, Frank Lord, Ron Smith, Barrie Wheatley and Terry Harkin. The kick-off will be at 7-30 p.m.

Finally, how have Luton fared on their three previous visits to Gresty Road, each time they have returned pointless being defeated 1-0, 2-0 and 3-1, so if the game runs true to form we should, with your vocal support, achieve what we all so earnestly want - PROMOTION.

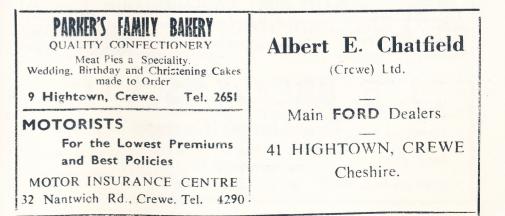
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FIXTURES 1967-68

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Aug.	19	Chesterfield	н 1	1	4799	Jan.	6	FA Cup 2nd Rd.			
Aug.	26	Exeter City	A 4	1	4647	Jan.	20	Workington A	2	2	1800
Sept.	2	Darlington	н 1	1	4209	Jan.	27	(3) Bradford A	2	1	3234
Sept.	6	Chester	A 4	0	7087	Feb.	3	Lincoln City H	2	1	5678
Sept.	9	Aldershot	A 0	2	5536	Feb.	17	(4) Bradford C. H	1	1	5997
Sept.	16	Workington	н 3	2	4400	Feb.	24	Barnsley A	. 1	3	15096
Sept.	23	Lincoln City	A 4	2	6457	Mar.	2	Rochdale E	1 2	1	4570
Sept.	27	Chester	н 2	0	8846	Mar.	5	Halifax Town	. 1	0	5899
Sept.	30	Halifax Town	н 5	1	6006	Mar.	9	(5) Bradford H	4	0	5150
Oct.	4	Notts County	A 0	1	5550	Mar.	16	York City A	. 1	1	4418
Oct.	7	Brentford	н2	0	6246	Mar.	23	Newport Ctv. H	1	1	4738
Ocl.	14	Rochdale	A 1	1	2397	Mar.	27	Aldershot H	1	1	5488
Oct.	18	Bradford City	A 1	2	7401	Mar.	30	(6) Hartlepools A	1	1	5944
Get.	21	York City	н 0	0	6931	Apr.	1	Darlington A	0	0	3378
Oct.	25	Notts County	н4	0	6308	Apr.	6	Swansea Town H	2	0	
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Nov.	4	Hartlepools U.	н 2	1	5604	Apr.	13	Brentford A	1	2	
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Dec.	16	Chesterfield	A 1	4	12345	May	4	Luton Town H			
Dec	23	Exeter City	н 2	0	4595	May	18	FA Cup (FINAL)			
Dec.	26	Doncaster R.	A 2	2	9060						
Dec.	30	Doncaster R.	н 2	2	4791						



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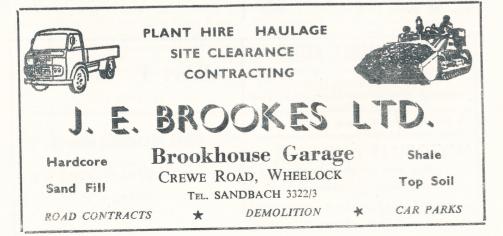
A reminder that our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 9th May at the Sportsmen's Club, Gresty Road, commencing at 7-0 p.m.

#### LEADING LEAGUE POSITIONS

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#### HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

- A Bradford C. v. Doncaster.
- B Leeds v. Liverpool.
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- C Exeter v. Hartlepools. D Tottenham v. Man. C.
- G Q.P.R. v. Birmingham. H. Derby v. Blackpool.





#### Answers to new club records.

1. Most draws in a season 18. Previous highest 14 in season 1954/55.

2. Least defeats in a season 8. previously 11 in season 1962/63.

Much interest has been aroused regarding the position if goal average could decide our promotion prospects over Bradford City, some of the possibilities are shown below.

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3	5-1	75	49	1.530		3-0	74	50	1.480
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