

LUTON

SCRAPE ^{78/79} (F.C.)

THROUGH

Luton Town ... 2, Crewe ... 1

LUTON reached the fourth round of the League Cup for the second time last night, but only after a stubborn Crewe defence had made them fight all the way for victory.

Crewe, sitting at the wrong end of the Fourth Division, held the Second Division's highest scorers for the first 45 minutes, but were rocked by two goals in as many minutes at the start of the second half.

There was never any doubt about Luton's overall superiority, but Crewe, obviously playing with the hope of a replay, packed their defence and relied on Caswell to make a series of fine saves when Luton broke through.

Six go close

Moss, Stein, West, Hatton, Price and Aizlewood all went close in the first half and it looked, at one stage, that Crewe were capable of forcing a shock result.

But within a minute of the resumption, Hill gave Luton the lead with a fierce 25-yard shot and then Hatton, at the far post, headed a Price cross past the goalkeeper.

Luton paid the penalty for relaxing when Bowles slammed a 70th-minute spot-kick past Aleksic after Donaghy had pulled down Wilshaw.

Luton Town.—Aleksic; Price, Aizlewood, Hill, Turner, Donaghy, West, Fuccillo, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

Crewe.—Caswell; Bevan, Roberts, Rimmer, Bowles, Wilshaw, Davies, Purdie, Nelson, Tully, Robertson.