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PHIL Jagielka (pictured) grabbed a brace as leaders Sheffield United crushed high-flying Luton at Bramall Lane.

Just 18 seconds had passed when Luton winger Carlos Edwards carried the ball forward from the halfway line and hit a well-struck effort from 25-yards which warmed Paddy Kenny's hands.

United came back strongly two minutes later when Alan Quinn cut the ball back from the by-line but Jagielka could only blaze his shot over from 12-yards.

Five minutes later, Luton's vibrant approach almost saw them open the scoring when striker Steve Howard powered a firm header goalwards, which again required Kenny to be alert.

But United began to pin the visitors back inside their own half, and they claimed the all-important opening goal 11 minutes before the break.

Following a Quinn free kick on the left, the ball found its way to Paul Ifill, whose effort was blocked, but Jagielka was on hand to rifle the ball home from six-yards.

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However, a minute before the break Luton were almost level when Kenny was forced to push Warren Feeney's shot out for a corner.

The Blades made the points safe five minutes after the break when Ifill was manhandled and Quinn flighted in the resulting free kick which Chris Morgan nodded home powerfully from 10-yards.

And United made it 3-0 with 19 minutes remaining when substitute Vincent Pericard fired home Derek Geary's low cross.

Jagielka's second of the night came with two minutes remaining as he seized on a loose ball inside the visitors' box and rifled home from 15-yards.