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N&SYL U11 Division One, Waveney Youth U11A 3 Caister A 2

Waveney Youth U11A welcomed newly-promoted Caister to Barnard's Meadow for their opening match of the season on Sunday and what a thriller it turned out to be. Waveney began well and took the game to Caister from the first whistle, creating early chances before the enterprising Evans was felled in the box and the home team was awarded a penalty. French stepped-up but his low shot was well-parried by the keeper who then smothered the follow-up. Waveney continued to press and Phillips, Welton and Anderson all went close, but against the run of play the visitors went ahead following a swift break down the left just before half-time.

The goal seemed to unsettle Waveney in the early stages of the second half and it was no real surprise when Caister increased their lead with a fine strike which gave Meades in the home goal no chance. Waveney kept their heads and with just 15 minutes left they began to pass and use the flanks intelligently. This tactic was to pay dividends and from one such move, the energetic Woods slotted home on his Waveney debut to reduce the arrears. Caister came back and struck the crossbar and Meades was then forced into a fine diving save as the home team dug-in. With time running out, the pace of Mahoney created a chance for skipper Welton to smartly drive home the equaliser. There was no denying Waveney now and with a minute left, Mahoney again got free on the right and his fine cross was bundled home by Lambert for the winner.

This was a great comeback from the home team who never gave up even when two goals down. Caister also contributed to an exciting encounter played in a fine spirit and well-refereed by E. Leach.