

**Sunday 18 January 2009**

**Suffolk Open Cup Quarter-final, Waveney Youth U11A 2 Ransomes Sports 1**

Waveney Youth U11A welcomed Ransomes of Ipswich to Barnard's Meadow on Sunday for a much anticipated quarter-final tie. It was quickly apparent that both teams had come to play fine football and it was the home team who almost got off to the perfect start when Butler's terrific shot was just tipped onto the crossbar. Ransomes were weaving some pretty patterns and from one such move, two players found space in the area only for home keeper Meades to tip a close-range shot acrobatically around the post.

French was a threat down the right teasing the Ransomes full-back throughout the half and although Waveney dominated possession it took a penalty to finally break the deadlock as Welton found space down the left and he was clearly barged over. Phillips stepped up for the resulting spot-kick to drive the ball down the centre as the keeper moved to his right for the opener. Anderson then almost profited from Welton's piercing through ball but he shot too close to the keeper.

Ransomes pressed with more purpose in the second period, but it was still the home team who looked more dangerous and Mahoney struck the crossbar before out of nothing the visitors equalised from a shot which eluded Meades and nestled in the corner of the net. Waveney were now in a match and to their credit they stepped up a gear and again it was Mahoney who popped up for the winner this time with a finish low down to the keeper's right. Evans then saved the day for Waveney with a timely challenge late on. This was an eighth successive win for the home team in all competitions and the boys can be proud of their collective efforts in reaching both Suffolk Cup and League Cup semi-finals.