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Waveney Youth U11A visited Beccles Common on Sunday for a top-of-the-table clash with the Wasps and with both teams having identical records there was much anticipation of a close encounter. The visitors, playing in their change strip of blue, began well and created three early chances for the dangerous Woods who shot wide and then saw his near post flick from a corner spin just past the post, before unluckily striking the same post when his first-time effort was just touched onto the woodwork. The pressure eventually told and after good work by Phillips and Nichols, Anderson powered a long-range effort into the top corner to put Waveney ahead.

Back came the Wasps and after Meades made two fine stops lowdown, a right-wing cross was headed home by their number 10 to pull the scores level, and the thrills continued as Gallant then struck the home crossbar just before the whistle blew on a breathless first-half.

The home team came out in determined fashion and pegged Waveney back but the visitors defended resolutely and full-backs Bush and Sissen were terriers in the tackle. Gradually Waveney's centre trio of Anderson, French and Nichols gained a stranglehold on the match and with ten minutes left Walpole won the ball in his own half, moved forward and imperiously struck a piercing through ball to Mahoney, who settled himself and finished in the corner for a goal on his 100th appearance. Butler was then forced into a brave last-ditch tackle as St. Benets pressed again, but Waveney held-out for three points from a pulsating match which was a credit to the league and a further treat is in store this coming Sunday when the teams meet again in the League Cup Final at Emerald Park.