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Under 11 League Cup Quarter-final, Waveney Youth A 3 Gorleston FC A 0

Waveney Youth U11A won a hard-fought cup quarter-final against Gorleston at Barnard's Meadow on Sunday to progress to the semi-finals. The visitors put up a brave rear guard action and in a scrappy first-half limited their hosts to half chances for Woods and Phillips which the Greens' keeper dealt with comfortably. Despite a fair share of possession, Gorleston created little, with Butler at rock at the back for Waveney but at the break it was difficult to see where a goal would come from.

The introduction of super-sub Mahoney swung the game Waveney's way and the breakthrough came midway through the half as Waveney's dominance finally paid off. It required something special to break the deadlock though as Mahoney's clever 30 yard lob deceived the Greens' keeper for the opener. The home team was in the ascendancy now and after Bush won the ball, he released Anderson who combined well with Phillips and Woods, whose cross was swept home by Mahoney for number two.

Despite all their effort and dogged defending, there was no way back for Gorleston and in the final minute Mahoney was denied a hat-trick as his snap shot struck a post, only to be turned in by Gallant for the third, with Evans and French also queuing up to make it count.

Although not at their best, Waveney deserved their victory and a place in the semi-final in January.