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N&SYL U11 Division One, Gorleston Rangers A 5 Waveney Youth U11A 0

Waveney Youth U11A travelled to Gorleston on Sunday for a top-of-the-table clash with Rangers, and after the euphoria of the previous week's cup final victory, Waveney came crashing back down to earth and with it the end of their proud 17 game unbeaten run stretching back to last October. Playing on a tight Primary School pitch with a prominent slope, the visitors never adjusted to the conditions and failed to get any momentum going or their passing game, whereas Rangers looked much more comfortable on the small pitch.

Waveney conceded an early goal from a free-kick given for what seemed a very soft challenge and then contributed further to their downfall when a second goal came from poor defending and a goalkeeping error. The match was littered with stoppages and offsides denying Waveney their usual high tempo approach and although Woods and French supplied some quality crosses, the Waveney forwards could not take advantage, and on the occasion when Gallant did get a clear run on goal, he was denied by a late offside flag.

With the excellent Walpole and Bush defending with determination, Waveney began the second period with purpose but in conceding a third goal there appeared no way back and despite the promptings of Anderson and chances for French and Mahoney nothing came off for the visitors and Rangers added two more as Waveney chased the game. Although a setback for Waveney, the boys can be immensely proud of their unbeaten run and now they must refocus their efforts in the remaining league games and the forthcoming Suffolk Cup Final. Congratulations to Nathan Philips and Jorin Welton who made their 100th appearance for Waveney.