



Waveney Youth F. C. Match Report

Competition	U12	Cup	Semi final
Date:	22/02/2009	Kick Off:	12.30
Gorleston Rangers A	2	V.	3 Waveney Youth B
		Lewis Cooper Ryan Nixon Liam Storey-Smith	
Referee:	Andy Watson		

Report.

Waveney travelled to Gorleston for this cup semi final looking to reach their first league cup final after reaching 3 of the last 4 cup semi finals.

Waveney knew that tactics if played right could win the day against a very good Rangers side and each player was given instructions to follow. Waveney set up with a 4-1-4-1 formation with Tom sitting in front of the back four to break up play and Ryan Nixon up front to use his endless energy hassling the Rangers back 4. It was Waveney who set about their business early on and had all the early pressure. Lewis let loose with a fine shot which the keeper gathered. Tom then fired in a super corner which Liam SS headed towards goal only for it to be cleared off the line followed by another excellent corner from Tom that George connected with but just missed the target. The trouble is against Rangers you cannot give them an inch because they are so good at breaking you down and taking their chances. A chance did come along but luckily the forward missed the target when clean through.

This game of football was truly exciting end to end stuff, Waveney's Lewis again shot from distance and then Tom had to be at his best to track back and finally clear of the line when the forward rounded the keeper. Joe was beginning to get more involved in the game and really went at the right back beating him well and putting in some super crosses. Liam Brown then had a shot at goal and from open play Liam picked the ball up to play a neat ball to Joe who masterfully jinxed his way through to the bye line and pulled the ball back to Lewis who found himself in acres of space to take a touch and fire pass the Rangers keeper.

Within minutes Rangers were awarded a free kick and as the Waveney defence came out the Rangers forward just got in front of keeper Bradley and headed over him to level the scores. This fired up Rangers and just before the break a neat move and finish gave Rangers the lead.

After the break Rangers looked hungry in the early minutes and Bradley had to be alert to make a fine save and Waveney can consider themselves lucky not to fall further behind when a clear chance was wasted. From that point Waveney never looked back and the game





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became as exciting as they get with excellent play from both sides. iam Brown burst down the left when he spotted a gap and put in a peach of a ball to the on running Ryan Nixon who scored at the near post just as the keeper came out to gather. Bradley again had to be alert and made a fine save. With 7 minutes remaining first the excellent Bailey had to come off with a massive nose bleed after a clash of heads and then the hugely influential Shaun had to come off after taking a huge knock on his ankle. Waveney had to re-group and the ever so patience Ryan Horton and Jackson came on both bringing fresh legs to the game.

With no score in this time the game went to 5 minutes each way extra time and Bradley was first to be in the action again with another super save. As you can imagine both these teams had ran themselves in to the ground with such excellent work rate and football skills but the game was to have one more twist so that those dreaded penalties would not come in to place. With 2 minutes to go Lewis won the ball in midfield and passed out to Liam Brown who slipped a neat ball for Joe who for the umpteenth time in the game beat the right back with lovely skill and headed to the bye line, looked up and put in a peach of a cross to Liam SS who headed home to the delight of the travelling Waveney supporters.

Waveney held firm and would not allow Rangers a way through and as the final whistle went Waveney celebrated with huge cheers as the Rangers players dropped to the floor exhausted from their efforts. This game was a credit to both teams who enthralled us all with such excitement.

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There is not a man of the match award this week, it is going to be the MEN of the week award and it goes to the whole team for putting in such a sensational game of football.

Guys.

At long last we are there, in a league final.

Get your suits ready lads, Wembley awaits on 5th April (OH NO SORRY THAT IS ME STILL DREAMING) Absolutely brilliant today, you listened, you delivered and you conquered. One ghost has been laid to rest so now just the demon to get out of your system. No one person deserves credit for this as it was the team that got you there but, Ryan Nixon you scared the



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life out of them today, excellent work rate, Tom you played that position very well but there is still more to come from you if you believe, Bradley well done on your goalkeeping performance, Joe the best you have played all season and such a pleasure to watch you play, Shaun as usual excellent until the knock which put you out and both Ryan Horton and Jackson deserves huge credit for waiting in the wings as they realised the performance was more important than their own gains and of course all the other unsung heroes on the pitch who all battled like true Lions.

Congratulations to you all for again I will say it "a hugely impressive performance"

