

Ipswich & Suffolk U12 Open Cup Semi-Final Tie
Sunday 28 March, Waveney Youth U12A 1 Stowmarket Town 3

Waveney Youth U12A welcomed Stowmarket Town to Denes High School on Sunday for this Open Cup semi-final in a first meeting between the teams, and despite a determined effort by Waveney the more clinical finishing of their opponents was ultimately the deciding factor in an enthralling encounter.

The hosts had the worst possible start when conceding from a third corner awarded in quick succession in the opening minutes, but to their credit Waveney fought-back although the strong wind and drying pitch made good football difficult. Looking solid at the back, Waveney created two good chances and on both occasions the speedy Gallant shot just wide before Jermy's goalbound free-kick was deflected for a corner.

One down at the break, Waveney chased the game and just when it seemed they were gaining the upper hand they fell further behind to a classic counter attack. Not deterred, Nichols and Evans were thwarted by the Stowmarket keeper from close range and then French was upended but the vital goal would not come. With time running out Stowmarket added a crucial and undeserved third against the run of play, before Mahoney scored the goal of the game and at least some consolation for Waveney with a clever lob from distance.