

**U12 Norfolk & Suffolk Youth League Division One
Sunday 6 December, Waveney Youth U12A 2 Gorleston Rangers A 2**

Waveney U12A welcomed Gorleston Rangers A to Denes High School on Sunday and on a heavy pitch these two top sides entertained the crowd with a pulsating match. Waveney began strongly and dominated the early exchanges and when Phillips and Gallant combined for a short corner, Woods was on hand to head the opener. Rangers came straight back and equalised within two minutes when the home side failed to clear their lines from a routine free-kick.

French had a chance to restore Waveney's lead but was just crowded-out and then Rangers' keeper somehow smothered Phillips' close-range effort. One-all at the break Waveney continued to press, but against the run of play the visitors edged ahead in cruel fashion when Meades slipped in the cloying mud and could not recover sufficiently to prevent the resultant lob creeping into the net.

Waveney were not deterred, however, and after Meades made a fine save to keep them in the game, the home team forced Rangers back. French and Woods were a handful and Anderson was prominent in the centre, and spurred on by Butler and Evans, Waveney eventually grabbed the leveller they deserved when once again Woods burst clear to finish in the corner. The match was a credit to both teams and the league and the spectators will go a long way to see a better one this season.