

**Norfolk & Suffolk Youth League Division 1**  
**Sunday 8 November, Waveney Youth U12A 2 Hempnall 3**

Depleted by injuries and call-offs Waveney U12A welcomed Hempnall to Barnard's Meadow on Sunday and put up a tremendous fight against resolute visitors, only to lose unluckily by the odd goal of five. Waveney's parents and coaches could all be immensely proud of the boys' efforts in more than holding their own despite being a player short throughout.

In perfect conditions, both teams settled quickly and a close match developed with Hempnall edging ahead midway through the half when Waveney failed to clear a ball across their box. Woods soon brought the home team back into it with a fine lob from wide on the left and with stand-in skipper French driving the team on Waveney were competing in all areas. Hempnall then regained their lead just before the break following sloppy defending from a throw-in.

Waveney played some excellent football in the second period and Woods was again on hand to finish for a second equaliser. Jermy and Anderson were increasingly influential and there looked to be only one winner until Meades and Walpole – who both enjoyed a fine match – were involved in a cruel mix-up at the back to allow Hempnall a third. The home team threw everything at the visitors in the final ten minutes and Woods, Mahoney and Jermy all had good chances but the equaliser would not come despite the constant pressure.