



Waveney Youth F. C.

Match Report



Competition	Anglian Combination:			Division / Round	5
Date:	23.01.2010		Kick Off:	2pm	
Waveney FC	2	V.	2	Hellesdon Reserves	
Joe Barker Alex Salmon					
Referee:	K. Howlett				

Report:

In challenging conditions, Waveney initially struggled to come to terms with a sticky pitch and an extended Christmas break. This showed, as for most of the opening half, Waveney were second best in all areas to a combative Hellesdon side. It took only a matter of minutes for the away side to break the deadlock. A sweeping move down the left side of the pitch and a number of neat passes on the edge of the area split the home defence wide open. This left Willgoss with little chance as the ball was drilled into the far corner of the net.

The second did not take long to follow with most Waveney heads yet to emerge from the dressing room. A defensive mix-up left the Hellesdon forward in space, thirty yards from goal. With time and space to shoot he grasped the opportunity with both hands, firing low past Wilgoss. Waveney had a mountain to climb, with the away team a constant threat. Despite being presented with a number of half chances throughout the first half, a lack of any real opportunity made it difficult to see where a Waveney goal was coming from.

However, the home team got a break through just before the interval. Aldis delivered a testing free kick into the corridor of uncertainty. With a number of Waveney players queuing up to convert, the scorer could have been any of three, but as it was, Barker stooped to head the ball into the roof of the net. This provided the home side with a much needed lifeline.

Waveney were now galvanised and a much different side entered the pitch for the second half. Salmon and Sam Willgoss were beginning to get more of a foothold in the game, providing Scarff and Littler with the license to drive at the Hellesdon defence. It was this combination that provided the equaliser. Littler surged down the left flank and Scarff squared to transfer coup Alex Salmon, who slotted home his debut goal.

The momentum was firmly with the home side, as they now were producing free flowing, attractive football. Despite this, they failed to capitalise, as opportunities slipped away after good interplay from Littler and Aldis. In the dying minutes it was actually the away side who could have stolen all three points, but the defensive trio of Wilgoss, Beecher and Evans in the held firm. In reflection, after the disastrous start, Waveney can be pleased with the draw, but more clinical finishing will be needed to maintain their pursuit of the title.

CDS - Player of the Match:

Alex Salmon / Richard Littler



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