

Stowmarket 3

Newmarket 0

New season, old rivalry. Carrying high hopes for the season ahead, an unfamiliar Newmarket starting six made the trip to Stowmarket for the first Suffolk Cup match of the season. On arrival they found a fired up team with a point to prove. Unfortunately a strong showing in the warm up wasn't carried into the first set as Stowmarket found composure and took an early lead. One rotation effectively ended the first set as Stowmarket clocked up 8 points in a row. The second set saw some changes made as Newmarket looked to get back in the game. Simon Holroyd began to get good service in the middle to win some fine points and debutant Michele Solazzi put in a solid performance with some good passing. However Stowmarket's unorthodox defensive pickups kept them in control and their outside hitters proved clinical to close the set out. The third set saw Charlie Reed shift to setter and the team finally began to gel. Newmarket became more competitive and Dan Rice won several points with some effective back court hitting. However it was too little too late and Newmarket fell 3-0 to a strong Stowmarket side.