



Mine hosts take top Poppleton honours

HOSTS Poppleton Juniors FC were the first winners of the under-16s Poppleton (Munster) Invitation Trophy.

Touring side TuS Hilstrup, from the German city of Munster, competed alongside the host club and Pocklington, York RI, Hamilton Panthers, Rawcliffe and Wigginton Grasshoppers.

Pocklington Town and Poppleton finished top of the seven-team group and

contested the final.

In a close fought match, Poppleton emerged as 1-0 winners with Gareth Fisher scoring the only goal.

The third place play-off went to penalties after Hamilton Panthers and TuS Hilstrup were locked at 0-0. Panthers missed two spot-kicks and Hilstrup won the shoot-out 4-2.

Trophies for the tournament were sponsored by Paul Mason, of Becketts

Guesthouse, in Bootham.

Meanwhile, during their stay in this country, the Hilstrup squad attended the Premier League game between Middlesbrough and Manchester City, seeing the Riverside Stadium club triumph 8-1.

The tournament proved so successful that Poppleton are aiming to make it an annual event, and there are plans for Munster to host next year.



ABOVE:
Pocklington
Town FC
Under-16s
with their
runners-up
medals

LEFT:
Touring
German side
TuS Hilstrup,
who finished
third in the
tournament
at Poppleton

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