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# Huntington on top amid new school futsal venture

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TO THE MANOR BORN: Organisers are hoping that a futsal tournament, run by Manor School, will lead to the first secondary schools league of its kind in York. Pictured are players from the competition

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**HUNTINGTON School players emerged unbeaten from the first two futsal matches to ever take place between York secondary schools.**

More than 30 pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 played in the games, which saw **Huntington** beat Manor School 12-5 in the boys' contest.

A mixed Huntington and Manor girls team, meanwhile, shared the spoils during a 3-3 draw against Millthorpe.

The boys' match saw Huntington's Eddie Hopper net four times with Max Speich and Joe Stamp also hitting hat-tricks and Tom Speich and Tom McCullough also netting.



In response, Oli Stephens claimed a hat-trick for Manor with Noah Burley and Lee Taylor joining him on the scoresheet.

Stephens opened the scoring when he converted a Joel Bond cross after just ten seconds and, after Tom Speich levelled, the Manor marksman finished smartly at the far post and

claimed the goal of the night when he smashed the ball high into the net to complete his treble.

But a quick break and smart finish by Hopper was followed by a deflected Max Speich effort to get Huntington on terms.

A long-range Stamp shot and McCullough tap-in then gave Huntington a 5-3 half-time lead.

Manor replied after the restart with Burley's toe-poke, but Hopper ran from halfway to complete his hat-trick with a smart left-foot finish.

A cool Max Speich finish extended the lead and he soon got his third.

Taylor hit back for Manor before further strikes from Stamp (two) and Hopper secured a comfortable triumph.

In the girls' game, Millthorpe captain Denva Coupland bagged a brace and team-mate Issy Corker also hit the target, with Grace Gallimore, Issy Finch and Ruby Bragan responding for Huntington & Manor.

Katie Sayles was kept busy in the Huntington & Manor goal early on before a solo run by Coupland brought the opening goal.

In the second half, Gallimore levelled from a narrow angle having been played in by Bragan.

Coupland restored her team's advantage from a quick corner before Finch equalised with a fine individual effort.



Another corner saw Corker pounce at the near post, but Bragan ensured honours ended even with a smart finish from Kimberley Samson's superb ball.

The tournament was organised by Pro Coaching Academy coach Chris Collins, who guided York RI under-12s girls to the National Futsal finals in Birmingham this year.

He is now looking to broaden the appeal of futsal in York secondary schools with the aim to launch a league with weekly matches.

Manor Futsal Club have received funding from North Yorkshire Sport through their Satellite Club scheme.

Development manager Jane Ratcliffe said: "Research has shown the step from school or college sport to community sport can be too great for young people and is one of the main reasons so many 11 to 25-year-olds drop out of sport.

"Satellite clubs aim to make it easy for young people to stay in sport, try a new activity or play sport for the first time."

Collins would like to hear from any teacher interested in introducing futsal at their school and would also welcome anybody interested in providing sponsorship and venues for the proposed league. He can be contacted by emailing [info@procoachingacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@procoachingacademy.co.uk) or phoning 07720 441953.