

TNT varsity team opens with a win

It was a great day for the TNT Express Football clubs as the atom, peewee and varsity squads hit the field for their first home games of the season in Beeton.

The atoms and peewees learned a lot in their open-game action and the varsity team did what truly great teams do; found a way to notch a win while not being at their best.

About half of the varsity squad is made up of returning players, with new players filling out the 35-man roster. That is uncommon, as they have not had more than 30 payers for the past three years.

Last Sunday (May 19), they played the new and improve Orangeville Outlaws, who were much bigger and had more than 40 players. TNT moved the ball very well their first drive, but did not score any points. It wasn't until late in the first quarter that Andrew Tee and Colin Hall got together for a 60-yard pass and catch that ended up as a touchdown for TNT. Hall added the extra point that gave TNT a 7-0 lead. The advantage was short-lived, as Orangeville came up with 14 unanswered points and took that lead way into the fourth quarter. The TNT defence did their job and kept Orangeville from scoring any more points.

With 1:06 remaining in the game, TNT had the ball on their 10 yard line with no time outs. The offence took the field and with some timely plays by Matt Biamonte and Hall, along with a with few Orangeville penalties, TNT found themselves on the Outlaws' 30 yard, line. With six seconds left in the game, Hall and Tee teamed up again for the game tying TD, sending the match into OT.

TNT got the ball first, and scored with a QB sneak by Tee from the one yard line. Orangeville did not waste any time and answered right back with their own TD. TNT got their second possession and with a determined run from Brian Ellerby, they found themselves on the 15 yard line. On the first down, TNT went to the air and found Biamonte all by himself for the go ahead TD. Orangeville could not answer and with a desperation pass TNT defensive back Gary Valentini intercepted to give TNT the win 27-21.

This game sure did not disappoint the TNT fans, as they cheered on the team with every turn of the ball.

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