

Week 3 – Game Reports (June 5 & 6)

The TNT Atoms traveled to Brantford for a week three match-up with the undefeated Bisons. With TNT without captain Will Good, who suffered an upper body injury, the Atoms juggled their line-up and asked Nicholas Hunter, Brady Fidler, Shawn Smith, Travis Brinkman and Daniel Bonsi to hold down both the offense and defense lines.

Brantford opened the scoring on a reverse and despite the efforts of quarterback Jared Salter and halfbacks Ethan Bullivant and Brian Escott the Atoms fell 36-0.

Linebacker Seth Hall played very well in his first game as a starter and speed back Chris Thorne played well until an upper body injury sent him to the bench early in the second quarter.

The Atoms travel to Brampton next as the coaching staff overhauls the offense and rebuilds in an effort to turn the talented Atoms in the right direction.

Despite a shaky start weather-wise, Mother Nature cooperated and the TNT football teams had a lovely day for football. **The Peewee team's** inexperience hurt them in their match against the Halton Cowboys as they took several penalties at inopportune times. One of those penalties would cost them a nifty 62 yard touchdown run by Riley Norcross who played a whale of a game at quarterback and linebacker. Individually the young peewees showed a lot of improvement. Linebacker Nick Grossi was great from his linebacker spot and also saw some action as fullback. Young Aidan Towers filled in for the injured Tristan Weiss and did a great job playing both ways. Converted QB Cameron Moore combined with Rafael Gagne at the corner spots and both played very well. Devon Muncey continues his improvement as a defensive back with a solid performance and Luca Dovigo also made some good tackles.

The TNT Express Bantams improved their record to 2 - 1 with an impressive 62 - 0 victory over the visiting Brampton Bulldogs. After a quick 4 and out series by the Bulldog offence, the Express offence took the field. In short order, running back Bryan Deans took the ball off-tackle and scored the game's first touchdown. The next two Bulldog possessions resulted in TNT defensive touchdowns; one by linebacker Denton Oliver on a pass interception and another by linebacker James Bickerstaffe on a fumble return. The Express offence was able to contribute in the second quarter as running back Brian Palmer-Ellerby scored on a sweep play. The second half belonged to TNT's outstanding defensive back, Hayden Bristow, as he scored 3 touchdowns on punt returns. Slot back, Tyler Kraly, added to the count, scoring on a sweep play. James Bickerstaffe was good on 7 of 8 convert attempts, resulting in a halftime rout of 55 - 0 in favour of the hometeam. The second half saw only 1 touchdown by the Express. DB Gary Valentini picked off a Bulldog pass to allow the offence to retake the field. On the ensuing play, quarterback Roni Remme hit running back Bryan Deans on a screen play which he took to the house for 6. James Bickerstaffe was good on the convert. The team looks forward to next Sunday's game when they face the unbeaten Orangeville Outlaws at Westside High School in Orangeville.

The JV team provided a thrilling conclusion to the day with a hard fought 14 to 13 victory over the Niagara Storm. Mike Gautreau directed the offence which moved the ball well and scored just enough points to notch the victory. Mike would score one major himself and Matt Patterson would add one with both being converted by Bert Dos Santos. The offensive line opened up some good holes for Josh Kraly and Mike Romagnulo and kept the ball away from a very good Storm offence. Andrew Noble and Chayse Oliver were rock solid inside and Eric Hutterer managed to get good pressure all game long. The Storm notched a major with just over 2 minutes left in the game but big Taylor Koz busted in and blocked the convert attempt and the offence was able to keep control of the ball and run the clock out for the victory.