

Outlaws Varsity shut-out over the weekend

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Sunday's Ontario Minor Football League Varsity game between the Orangeville Outlaws and the TNT Express turned out to be a low scoring, highly defensive game that saw very little movement on the field, but a lot of kicking.

After the first quarter, the score was tied at zero - a score which lasted for the first three quarters.

The Outlaws had some success in the early going including a nice pass from quarterback Fisher Brown to receiver Alex Iozzo, but they never moved into scoring position.

The second quarter saw both teams stuck at mid field although the Outlaws again had some success with the throwing game including a first down on a pass to Kyle Tuohy that brought the Express down field.

The half ended when the Express had to punt to get out of their end and the Orangeville team had to start at their own 20 yard line.

Harold VanDerVeen started the Orangeville attack in the third quarter when he returned the kick-off to the 52 yard line.

After some back and forth action, the Outlaws had to punt twice in the quarter to get out of danger.

The scoreboard was finally lit up in the fourth quarter when the Express managed to score.

They followed up with a late game field goal to get some extra insurance.

The game ended with a 10-0 loss for the Outlaws.

"The defence was really strong. We were holding up," said Orangeville Outlaw's Josh Van Amelsvoort. "Injuries though, that affects every team. We need to practice more. We need more players at practice. That's one of the main things."

With not much movement on the field, both teams were trying to figure out how to outsmart the other and gain some ground.

"Both team's defence were very strong. Defence kept stopping offence and we had to kick - we were forced to kick," Van Alemsvoort summed up.

The Outlaws Varsity team will be in action this Sunday, July 3, when they host the Cambridge Lions at Westside Secondary School in Orangeville.

The kick-off is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.