

## **Chiefs 8's Beat Franklin Square in Football Opener**

In their 2009 season opener, the Chiefs 8-year-olds continued their winning ways from last season and beat the Franklin Square Warriors 33-6.

The Chiefs Offense led by Quarterback Michael O'Connell (4 for 4 passing) had a fantastic day and were able to move the ball because of the great blocking by the offensive line centered by Michael LaGinestra and anchored by Patrick McTiernan, Matty O'Connell, Anthony Giunta, Philip Arnold, Dylan Vincenti and Spenser Warantz. Key runs and catches by running backs Lance Costa, Matthew Sluka, Thomas Albig, Jason Eccher and Jack Duff helped the Chiefs Offense control the ball all day long.

The Chiefs Defense was intense, making gang tackles all over the field. The defensive line of Joe Martello, Kevin Parente, Michael Sinisi, Zach Olson, Aidan Hornberger, Chris Marshiano and Andrew Cho kept the pressure on Franklin Square's offense the whole day. The linebackers O'Connell and Sluka attacked the ball and finished the job. Cornerbacks and Safeties were fearless; they were lead by Andrew Casoria, Matt Grimm, Jeremy Samuel and Ryan Calderone.

Showing great sportsmanship, all the boys played and participated in the victory. Scoring is summarized below:

- Thomas Albig 11 yard Touchdown Run (xpoint failed)
- Lance Costa 48 yard Touchdown Run (Jason Eccher xpoint Run)
- Jack Duff 4 yard Touchdown Run (Michael O'Connell xpoint Pass to Matt Sluka)
- Michael O'Connell 50 yard Touchdown Run (Andrew Casoria xpoint Run)
- Michael O'Connell 16 yard Touchdown Pass to Matt Sluka (xpoint failed)