

## **Chiefs Beat Farmingdale in Season Finale**

In their 2008 season finale, the 7-year-old Chiefs played on the road and beat the Farmingdale Hawks 19-6, to finish in 1<sup>st</sup> Place with a record of 7-1.

The Chiefs Offense and Quarterback Michael O'Connell were able to move the ball because of great blocking by the offensive line centered by Joe Martello and anchored by Lineman Kevin Parente, Patrick McTiernan, Matty O'Connell, Anthony Giunta and Spenser Warantz. Strong runs by Running Backs Matt Sluka, Lance Costa, Thomas Albig, Jason Eccher and Philip Arnold 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 Dylan Vincenti, Michael LaGinestra, Steven Mushorn, Jack Nichols, Nicholas Vitanza, Jack Duff, and Aidan Hornberger kept the pressure on Farmingdale's offense all day. The Chiefs Linebackers O'Connell and Sluka were fearless as they attacked the ball. The Defensive Backs finished the job; they were lead by Andrew Casoria, Matt Grimm and Kieran Hendry.

The entire Mineola 7-year-old team and coaching staff showed outstanding character and sportsmanship. All the boys played and participated in the victory. Scoring is summarized below:

- Matt Sluka 17 yard Touchdown Run (xpoint failed)
- Michael O'Connell 35 yard Touchdown Run (Matt Sluka xpoint Run)
- Michael O'Connell 42 yard Touchdown Run (xpoint failed)