

Chiefs open season with a Win

After an undefeated season in the 2008 campaign, the Mineola Chiefs 6th Grade Boys Lacrosse team went on the road for their first 2009 season game and beat the Wantagh Warriors 5-3 in front of crowd of screaming fans. The team is coached by Mineola High School Coaches Mike Perro, Chris Grimm and Brian Grodotzke.

It was a rough and physical game. Midfielders Thomas O'Connell, James Gerstner, Peter McCormack, Brian Smith and Kyle Dunleavy passed the ball around the field and out hustled Wantagh 39-17 on ground balls. The Chiefs Attackman Chris Lockwood, Mike Patalano and Dominic Paggi kept the heat on the Warriors Goalie throughout the day. The Defense of the Chiefs was all over the place causing havoc, led by Gavin Dowd and Jake Connors. Goalie John Clancy was unconscious in front of the cage while making saves. O'Connell and Dunleavy combined to win 9 of the 10 face-offs. The game scoring is summarized below:

- Goal by Thomas O'Connell (assist by Brian Smith)
- Goal by Thomas O'Connell (unassisted)
- Goal by Chris Lockwood (assist by Thomas O'Connell)
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- Goal by Brian Smith (assist by Peter McCormack)

The entire Mineola 6th Grade team and coaching staff showed outstanding character and sportsmanship. All the boys played and participated in the victory. Other players that contributed in the victory were Alex Taveira, Gerard Boniello, Trifon Boniello, Tom O'Dwyer, Teddy Capsis, Mark Sarnell, Anthony Sarno, Chris Limazopoulos, Chris Berger, Eric Pacher, Jacob Correia and Kyle Leinhart.