

(8A) East Sub-Region Champs

1976 (11-2-1) (8A) Region Champions

S. Reg. H(3-0-0), A(2-0-1) (5-0-1)
 H(4-1-0), A(7-1-1)

		We	They	
A27Fri, White County	### *	28	0	
S3Fri, Stephens County	*	6	16	&&
S10Fri, Madison County		18	6	
S17Fri, North Gwinnett	# *	22	6	
S24Fri, Jefferson		28	14	^
O1Fri, Central Gwinnett	# .	17	14	
O8Fri, East Hall	# *	13	0	
O15Fri, Oconee County	# *	21	14	
O22Fri, Monroe Area	#	17	0	\$
O29Fri, Duluth	# .	3	3	^^ Open, N5, N12
N19Fri, Cartersville	### .	24	17	&, +
N26Fri, Sylvan		22	8	&, ##
D3Fri, Cedar Grove	. 7	0	0	&, ####
D11Sat, Turner County		<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	&, ^^
		226	112	

*----- Home game, . ---- 5 games decided by 8 points or less. (4-0-1)

#----- Sub-Region game, ###-----Region playoff game

&&--- Stephens County used 12 men on three consecutive plays at one point in the game on a scoring drive.

^----- Fullback David Sanders scored two TD's and he, along with nose guard Ricky Hill, were stalwarts on defense for the Tigers. Tiger TD's came on a 2-yd. run and 12-yd. pass reception by David Sanders, a 33-yd. run by QB Mike Johnston and a 2-yd. run by HB Dean Allen. C-J Rivalry (16-10-4)

\$----- David Stephenson was only the 2nd former Tiger player to coach against Commerce.

^^----- The smallest Tiger defense held Duluth's big George Rogers, 6'2"-215 lbs. of lightning speed to only 21 yards in 19 carries. Lamar Hiland's 31-yard field goal in the last two minutes enabled Commerce to capture the Region 8A crown with the tie. Rogers, four years later, won the 1980 Heisman Trophy as a running back at the University of South Carolina.

+----- 6th region title

##----- Playoff game was played at Lakewood Stadium in Fulton County; first Tiger game on artificial turf;

The Tigers upset #1 ranked Sylvan. &-----Playoff game

####---Playoff game played at Panthersville Stadium in Dekalb Co.

^^^--- Tigers lost their attempt for a state championship at muddy, muddy Turner Co. by fumbling on their own one and eleven yard lines to set up opponent scores. Otherwise, it was a great defensive standoff on the part of both teams. 11 game Tiger unbeaten streak ended. Commerce finished 2nd in the state rankings.

