

Commerce Records

Coach Steve Savage

1996 (7-3-0) (8A) Div. A 3rd
S. Reg. H(3-0-0), A(0-2-0) (3-2-0)
H(5-0-0), A(2-3-0)

		We	They
S6Fri,	Madison County	*. 9	7 ^, ##
S13Fri,	Jefferson	### 40	0 \$, \$\$
S20Fri,	OPEN		
S27Fri,	Franklin County	13	35
O4Fri,	Athens Academy	### 34	15
O11Fri,	Oglethorpe County	###* 33	19
O18Fri,	Dawson County	#*. 7	3 ^^
O25Fri,	Rabun County	# 7	21 ^^
N1Fri,	Buford	# 0	41 ^^
N8Fri,	Union County	#* 42	7
N15Fri,	Towns County	#* <u>50</u>	<u>21</u>
		235	169

*----- Home game

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

^----- QB Brandon Bruce kicked a 35-yard field goal within the last minute of the game for the victory.

##----- The Tigers used new black jerseys on black pants for the first time in Tiger football history.

\$----- QB Brandon Bruce scored 26 points and four TD's on runs of (2, 24, 1, and 60) yards in this rout and shutout of Jefferson. C-J Rivalry (31-15-5)
 HB Bradley Cowart added a 76-yard touchdown run along with a 4-yd. TD run by HB Bobby Pattman.
The Tigers spoiled Jefferson's celebration of their 50th anniversary season of football.

\$\$----- Friday the 13th record, (14-6-1)

^^----- Without injured quarterback Brandon Bruce, the Tigers won an unusual game when Chad Scoggins recovered a DC punt snap in the end zone, after it had sailed over the head of the Dawson County punter. Numerous Tigers dove for the ball, as it kept being propelled backward toward the DC goal where Scoggins fell on it for the score just beyond the DC goal line. Other than two past (3-0) Commerce victories on field goals in '83 and '01, this is the only game the Tigers have ever won without an offensive touchdown in the modern era.

^^^--- First and only time that both the Tigers and their opponent each wore black pants in a game.

^^^-- This Buford game was delayed 30 minutes because of lightning. The game was played entirely in a very hard deluge of rain.

. ----- 2 games were decided by 8 points or less. (2-0-0)

--Source of all games in 1996 is the Prickett statbook

(8A) Div. A Champs

1997 (12-1-0) + (8A) Region Champions

S. Reg. H(2-0-0), A(3-0-0) (5-0-0)
H(6-0-0), A(6-1-0)

			We	They	
S5Fri,	Madison County		36	7	
S12Fri,	Jefferson	### *	27	7	^
S19Fri,	OPEN				
S26Fri,	Franklin County	* .	15	13	
O3Fri,	Athens Academy	### * .	16	13	
O10Fri,	Oglethorpe Co.	### .	17	13	
O17Fri,	Dawson County	#	36	16	
O24Fri,	Rabun County	# *	29	12	
O31Fri,	Buford	# *	28	13	^^, %
N7Fri,	Union County	#	26	0	&&, \$
N14Fri,	Towns County	#	49	27	++
N22Sat,	Greenville	*	21	12	&, ^^
N28Fri,	Landmark Christian		27	0	&, \$\$
D5Fri,	Crawford County		<u>0</u>	<u>26</u>	&, \$\$\$
			327	159	

*----- Home game, &----- Playoff game

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

+----- Tigers recorded their 6th perfect regular season and also posted 12 consecutive wins.

^----- New aluminum seating for home and visitor sides of the field was added; Great Tiger defense, along with Dustin Allen's 106 yds. passing and 3 TD runs of (3, 2, 6) yds. led the way for Commerce. C-J Rivalry (32-15-5) Allen also added a 12-yard TD pass to SE Jake Epps.

^^----- The Tigers won the 8A Region title by defeating reigning region champion Buford in a light shower of rain. Fullback Michael Fitzpatrick and HB Monte' Williams each had over 100 yards rushing.

%----- Halloween record, (4-3-0)

&&--- 498 yards rushing was the most by any Tiger team.

\$----- Monte' Williams 323 yds. rushing was the most ever for any Tiger player in a single game.

++++- 13th region title

^^^--- Because of heavy amounts of rain on Thursday and Friday, the game was POSTPONED until Saturday; Dr. Joe Griffeth was accidentally and slightly injured on the sidelines when a Greenville runner ran out of bounds and into him. It was not a very serious injury.

\$\$\$---- Monte' Williams 97-yard run is the longest from scrimmage for any player in Tiger history breaking the old record of 95 yards by Richard Crocker in 1954.

\$\$\$---- This loss ended a school record 14-game winning streak dating back to the ninth game of 1996.

. ----- 3 games were decided by 8 points or less. (3-0-0)

--Source of all games in 1997 is the Prickett statbook

