

1976 3A FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS (13-0)



The season was opened with a dominating win against Pleasant Valley, 42-0. A memorable game that season was against Macomb. In a back and forth battle, the Maple Leafs prevailed with a 35-32 victory. The Green Machine was undefeated throughout the rest of their regular season. The first round of playoffs was hosted at Geneseo on November 10th. New Lenox-Providence was the Green Machine's opponent. Round one was completed when the Leafs defeated Providence, 34-6. The following Saturday game was another home game, where the Green Machine took yet another victory, again beating Lisle, 35-6. November 20th the semi-final round was played and won at Geneseo against Sycamore, 25-6. The Green Machine then proudly moved into the Championship game against Metamora, the defending State Champions. Friday, November 26, 1976 at Normal Illinois, on the campus of Illinois State University, in Hancock Stadium, Geneseo came out on top, scoring 20 points to the Red Birds' 12. This win gave the 1976 Green Machine the title of Illinois Class 3A State Champions: a fantastic season ending with a fantastic championship game.

1976 RECORD

Geneseo 42	. . . .	Pleasant Valley, IA	0
Geneseo 13	. . . .	North Scott, IA	6
Geneseo 35	. . . .	Macomb	32
Geneseo 34	. . . .	Mendota	8
Geneseo 46	. . . .	Hall Township	3
Geneseo 21	. . . .	Rochelle	0
Geneseo 33	. . . .	Rock Falls	0
Geneseo 28	. . . .	Princeton	0
Geneseo 35	. . . .	Kewanee	22

PLAY-OFFS

Geneseo 34	. . . .	New Lenox Providence	6
Geneseo 35	. . . .	Lisle Sr.	6
Geneseo 25	. . . .	Sycamore	6
Geneseo 20	. . . .	Metamora	12
