

Commerce Records

1952 (6-3-1) ^, ## (4B) (5-3-1)

Reg. H(4-1-0), A(1-2-1)

H(4-1-0), A(2-2-1)

		We	They	
S12Fri, Rabun County	# *	7	46	+, ^^
S19Fri, Lavonia	#	12	18	
S25Thu, Jefferson	#	6	6	&
O2Thu, Buford	# *	14	0	&&
O17Fri, Greensboro	# *	20	12	++
O24Fri, Elberton		20	18	
O31Fri, South Habersham	#	7	30	
N7Fri, Winder	# *	7	2	
N14Fri, Oglethorpe County	# *	19	0	
N21Fri, North Habersham	#	19	6	
		131	138	

*----- Home game

#----- Region game

##----- After going (0-2-1) to start the season the Tigers rallied and finished the last seven games with a (6-1-0) record.

^----- Commerce only used solid silver helmets for four years in Tiger football history -- (1952-55).

Commerce only used silver pants from (1952-59).

^^----- First game in which solid silver helmets were used and silver pants were used by Commerce.

+----- Tigers begin using the Tight "T" offense.

This was Coach Andy Anderson's first game as the new Tiger head coach.

&----- First of five tie games between Commerce and Jefferson; Tigers' score first on Burley Hemphill's 7-yd. TD run. The tie foiled favored Jefferson's first win over the Tigers after Jefferson missed on its opportunity of a go ahead and eventual game winning PAT following a TD in the second period. After a scoreless second half the game ended tied. C-J Record (5-0-1)

&&--- This victory ended a seven game non-winning streak for the Tigers (0-6-1) dating back to the 7th game of 1951.

+++----- Tigers begin using Split "T" offense after Tiger Coach Andy Anderson saw Maryland use it to beat Georgia. Billy Ray Sanders was the first Tiger player to return a fumble for a touchdown; it was a distance of 30 yards.

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1953 (7-3-0) ** (4B) (6-2-0)
 Reg. H(3-1-0), A(3-1-0)
 H(4-2-0), A(3-1-0)

			We	They	
S11Fri,	Tallulah Falls	# *	33	0	
S18Fri,	Lavonia	# *	6	12	
S25Fri,	Jefferson	# *	14	7	^
O2Fri,	Buford	#	33	12	
O9Fri,	Stephens County	*	40	0	
O16Fri,	Greensboro	#	13	14	
O23Fri,	Elberton	*	7	12	##
O30Fri,	South Habersham	### *	20	19	
N6Fri,	Winder	#	26	13	^^
N13Fri,	Oglethorpe County	#	<u>34</u>	<u>13</u>	&
			226	112	

*----- Home game

**----- Tigers lose three games by a total of only (12) points.

#----- Region game

^----- Tigers rally from (7-0) deficit at the half; Richard Crocker scores twice in the second half on runs of 18 and 3 yards for the win in this very rainy game. Again, favored Jefferson failed to get their first win over the Tigers. C-J Record (6-0-1)

##----- Billy Ray Sanders 80-yard pass to Burley Hemphill stood for 45 years as the longest Tiger TD pass until 1998 when Dustin Allen passed to Monte' Williams for an 87-yard touchdown.

###----- Tigers upset arch region rival and eventual Region 4B champion South Habersham in Commerce in this non sub-region game, although it was a region game.

^^----- Billy Ray Sanders had an 80-yard punt return for a touchdown.

&----- This was Coach Andy Anderson's final game as Tiger head coach; His coaching record at Commerce was – (13-6-1).

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