

TIGER FLASHBACK MADISON COUNTY 1960

In the third game of the young series between the Tigers and Madison County, the Red Raiders rolled westward along Highway 98 into Commerce to endeavor to win their first game over the 'Cats. Their effort came to naught however, as the striped felines welcomed their foe to the jungle and clawed their eyes out 31-6 in the first game of the 1960 campaign.

Fullback Ken Davis ran back the opening kickoff 50 yards to the Raider 25 setting up the Tigers first drive in excellent field position. Three plays later, halfback Billy Hendricks swept right end from the 10 but a holding penalty caused the Tigers to retreat to the 25. Not to be denied, Commerce would eventually score, as quarterback Leon Ellis dropped back to pass and finding no open receiver began to scramble a la Fran Tarkenton and maneuvered his way into the end zone on a 25 yard scamper for the game's first tally.

The PAT failed, but the Tigers held an early 6-0 lead.

Later in the first period, Commerce again regained possession of the ball and begin its second TD march. A five play 60 yard drive was highlighted when Ellis again faded to pass and found Hendricks all alone down the left sideline for a 40 yard touchdown strike as the quarter came to a close. After another unsuccessful extra point, the Tigers held a 12-0 lead that they would never surrender.

Defenses on both sides began to dominate in the second stanza, as neither team could mount a sustained drive.

Late in the quarter, after the ball had exchanged hands a number of times, the Tigers began a short 6 play, 52 yard drive that came to an end with three seconds left before the half when Davis threw an aerial to Hendricks streaking down the right sideline who gathered it in over his left shoulder as he strode into pay dirt untouched. Davis tacked on the PAT as he bulled over right tackle to put another nail in the Madison County coffin for a 19-0 halftime advantage.

In the middle of the third quarter following a series of punts by both teams, the Tigers drove 65 yards in 8 plays down to the Raider 10 where Davis took a pitchout from Ellis and lumbered around right end behind great line blocking for the fourth Tiger tally of the

evening. The PAT run by Hendricks was good and the Tiger margin had increased to 25-0.

With half of the fourth stanza gone, Madison County got on the board with a short 48 yard drive when a Raider halfback scored on a 3-yard run. The PAT failed and the Tigers now led 25-6.

In the waning moments of the game, a Raider halfback fumbled at midfield and Tiger linebacker Ronnie Farmer scooped up the tumbling pigskin and raced 50 yards for the games final touchdown to make the final score 31-6.

The Tigers went on to post a fine record of (7-2-1) also defeating Winder, Monroe, South Habersham, Toccoa, Stephens County and South Hall. The Commerce also played a scoreless tie with Jefferson.

Others on the 1960 Tiger team were: Bill Carnes, Kenneth Lord, Buzzie Blalock, Jimmy Moss, Sammy Massey, Tim Childs, Roger Love, Joseph Beauchamp, Jack Deadwyler, Raymond Nelson, Johnny Langston, Thomas Winn, Wesley Wells, Tommy Touchstone, Jewell Barnett, Buford Howell, Dennis Lord, Roy Savage, Farris Gary, Shelby Massey and Toye Brown.

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