

Commerce Records

Coach Howard Chambers

1946 (6-3-1) ^, ***

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

			We	They
S20Fri,	Lavonia	1A .	1	0 <6-19>
S27Fri,	OPEN			
O4Fri,	Monroe	2A .*	13	13
O11Fri,	Cornelia	3A .*	12	7
O18Fri,	Lavonia	1B *	19	6
O25Fri,	Gainesville		0	31
N1Fri,	Eastanollee		* 41	0
N8Fri,	Monroe	2B .	6	12
N15Fri,	Washington	.*	12	6
N22Fri,	Buford		* 14	33 ^^
N28Thu,	Cornelia	3B	<u>26</u>	<u>0</u> &, ^^
			144	108

*----- Home game

< >---- Actual score of this forfeit game; Lavonia played an illegal player who was ineligible because of age and who had formerly served in the US Navy.

This forfeit win was Coach Howard Chambers' first victory as Tiger head coach and a very unusual one it was.

This is one of only two forfeit games in which Commerce has been involved. The other one was in 1958.

***-- Howard Chambers' cousin Ralph Chambers was Assistant Coach of the Tigers (1946-47) and Tiger Head Coach (1948-51).

^-----All games from 1940-1946 were played at Hardman Field or the field behind the old Commerce Grammar School located beside the First Baptist Church which was situated on Elm Street.

^^----- This was the last home game played at Hardman Field next to the First Baptist Church. This was a gridiron that was only 80 yards in length from goal line to goal line.

&----- Herman Smallwood made the first known Tiger kickoff return for a touchdown, a distance of 70 yards.

^^^--- The game was played on Thanksgiving morning.

. ----- 5 games were decided by 7 points or less. (3-1-1)

--Source of all games in 1946 is *The Commerce News* on microfilm at the Commerce Public Library

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	We	They
S26Fri, Ellijay	* 25	7 #, ^
O3Fri, Eastanollee	* 31	0
O10Fri, Toccoa	* 0	27
O17Fri, Jefferson (1)	* 32	0 ##
O24Fri, Washington	6	14 ^^
O31Fri, OPEN		
N7Fri, Jefferson (2)	13	0 ###
N14Fri, Jonesboro	14	0
N21Fri, Buford	. 0	7
N26Wed, Cornelia	. * 6	0 &
	<u>137</u>	<u>55</u>

*----- Home game

#----- First home game at the new Commerce High School Football Field on Shankle Heights Road.

^----- Most helmets for Commerce were black, however a few were gold with a black stripe (N) to (S) and (E) to (W) giving the helmet the look of a big plus sign (+) on the top of the helmet.

This was the first game that black pants were used by the Tigers—(1947-48) and were not used again until 1962.##----- First Commerce-Jefferson game; also this was the first Commerce-Jefferson game in Commerce:Hayward Tarpley was the first Tiger to score a TD with a blocked punt, when he recovered a blocked Jefferson kick in the Mud Turtle's end zone. Tarpley also added a 55-yard TD run. Tommy Syfan added a 50-yard punt return for a TD.

C.W. Crawford had a 1-yard TD run and also threw a touchdown pass to Howell Little.

It was a very rainy, muddy game. C-J Record (1-0-0)

^^----- C.W. Crawford had 3 long TD runs nullified by penalties.

###----- First Commerce-Jefferson game in Jefferson:It was another very rainy and muddy game at the old Jefferson Memorial Stadium which is now the Jefferson football practice field.Curtis Elliott had a 3-yard TD run and C.W. Crawford scored on a 35-yard touchdown run to defeat Jefferson for the second time in 1947. The only other time that Commerce played Jefferson twice in a year was in the 1995 season. C-J Record (2-0-0)

&----- Final game coached for the Tigers by Coach Howard Chambers; His coaching record at Commerce was -- (12-6-1).

***-- Assistant coach Ralph Chambers, cousin of head coach Howard Chambers, became Tiger head coach in the following year - 1948.

.----- 2 games were decided by 7 points or less. (1-1-0)

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