

Commerce Records

Coach Ralph Chambers

1948 (7-2-1) ##, ++ (4B) 6th of 15 teams
 Reg. H(2-0-0), A(2-2-0) (4-2-0)
 H(5-0-1), A(2-2-0)

		We	They	
S24Fri,	Covington	# *	39	0 &
O1Fri,	Jonesboro	*	26	6
O8Fri,	Toccoa	#	20	35
O15Fri,	Manchester	*	26	13
O22Fri,	Monroe	# .	6	13
O29Fri,	Cornelia	#	27	7
N5Fri,	Campbell of Fairburn	*	41	7
N12Fri,	Clarkesville	#	31	13 \$
N19Fri,	Buford	* .	6	6
N24Wed,	Jefferson	# *	38	6 ^, ^^
			260	106

*----- Home game

#----- Region Game

##----- Region games and the GHSA or the Georgia High School Association began in 1948. www.ghsfha.org

The Tigers finished the season with a (4-0-1) record in the final five games.

++----- Gold jerseys with homemade black numbers, which were sewed onto the jerseys by the girls in the FHA department of CHS were used for the 1948 season only.

&----- Coach Ralph Chambers' first game as Tiger coach

\$----- Friday the 13th record, (2-1-0)

^----- Ebb Kilpatrick had a 62-yard touchdown run, and a 70-yard interception return for a TD, as the Tigers smothered the Mud Turtles.
 Otho Dodd scored on a 5-yard end around play;
 Richard Alexander tallied from 3 yards out, and
 Gene Baird scored on a 35-yard burst up the middle.
 C-J Record (3-0-0)

^^----- This was the last game that black pants were used by the Tigers until the 1962 season.

This game was played on the Wednesday afternoon before Thanksgiving.

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

--Source of most games in 1948 is *The Commerce News* on microfilm at the Commerce Public Library

--Source of the Jonesboro game is *The Atlanta Journal* on microfilm at UGA

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1949 (8-2-0) ##, &, ** (4B) 3rd of 16 teams
Reg. H(3-1-0), A(3-0-0) (6-1-0)
H(3-1-0), A(5-1-0)

		We	They	
S23Fri,	Covington	# 40	0	\$
S30Fri,	Buford	27	0	++
O7Fri,	Toccoa	# *. 23	27	+++
O14Fri,	Manchester	6	32	
O21Fri,	Monroe	# * 59	28	
O28Fri,	Cornelia	# * 38	0	
N4Fri,	Campbell of Fairburn	47	0	
N11Fri,	Clarkesville	# * 61	6	
N18Fri,	Winder	# 41	0	
N23Wed,	Jefferson	# <u>61</u>	<u>0</u>	^, ^^
		409	93	

*----- Home game, #-----Region Game

**----- This is one of the best Tiger teams not to make the playoffs.

##----- The 1949 team shut out six opponents for the season.

Four of their last five games were shutouts. In the last six games, Commerce gave up only 34 points, while scoring a grand total of 307. However, the Tigers lost to a fine Toccoa team early in the season which caused Commerce to miss the playoffs.

&----- Commerce scored (40) or more points (6) times during this ten game season and 409 total points for the year.

++++- In this victory over Buford, Commerce returned three interceptions for TD's—Gene White had two returns of 45 and 50 yards, while Otho Dodd had one return for 65 yards for a score.

This was the first and only time that this Tiger feat has ever happened for Commerce.

++++- In this loss to Toccoa, the Purple Hurricanes had a blocking back named Paul Anderson who later would win the 1956 Olympic gold medal in heavyweight weightlifting at the Melbourne, Australia Olympic Games.

\$----- This was the first game that gold pants were used again by the Tigers since 1946. They were used by Commerce from 1949-51 and once more beginning in 1960.

^----- Most points scored by a Tiger team vs. Jefferson Dragons; Gene White scored (5) TD's and 32 points, while Gene Baird tallied (3) TD's and 23 points in this rout of the Dragons. Game played on Wed. afternoon C-J Record (4-0-0)

^^----- In 1949 for the Tigers, fullback Gene Baird had 22 TD's and 30 PAT's for a total of (162) total points and was one of the leaders in points scored in Georgia.

. ----- One game was decided by 7 points or less. (0-1-0)

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