

Commerce Records

Coach Andy Anderson

1952 (6-3-1) ^, ## (4B) 8th of 19 teams
 Reg. H(3-1-0), A(1-2-1) (4-3-1)
 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	&&, ++
O10Fri, OPEN			
O17Fri, Greensboro	# * 20	12	+++
O24Fri, Elberton	.20	18	
O31Fri, So. Habersham	# 7	30	\$
N7Fri, Winder	* . 7	2	\$\$
N14Fri, Oglethorpe Co.	# * 19	0	
N21Fri, No. Habersham	# <u>19</u>	<u>6</u>	
	131	138	

*----- Home game, #-----Sub-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 began 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-yard TD run. The tie foiled favored Jefferson's first win over the Tigers when Jefferson missed the game-winning PAT following a game tying TD in the second period. After a scoreless second half, the game ended tied (6-6).

This was the last C-J Thursday night game. 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.

++----- Commerce and Jefferson made an arrangement that since both teams had home games on Friday, Oct. 3, that Com. would play its game on Thursday to allow Jackson Co. fans to see the Jefferson Friday game also. Many Tiger fans complained, since Friday was a more convenient night to watch games, therefore the idea was squelched for future games.

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

\$----- Halloween record, (0-1-0)

\$\$----- Burley Hemphill had an 85-yard game-winning TD run.

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

--Source of all games in 1952 is *The Commerce News* on microfilm at the Commerce Public Library

Commerce Records

Coach Andy Anderson

1953 (7-3-0) ** (4B East) 5th of 10 teams

S. Reg. H(2-1-0), A(1-1-0) (3-2-0)

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	### 32	13	^^
O9Fri,	Stephens County	* 40	0	
O16Fri,	Greensboro	# . 13	14	
O23Fri,	Elberton	* . 7	12	##
O30Fri,	So. Habersham	# * . 20	19	+
N6Fri,	Winder	26	13	^^^
N13Fri,	Oglethorpe Co.	# <u>34</u>	<u>13</u>	&&,\$
		225	113	

*----- Home game,

#-----Sub-Region game, ###----Region game

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

&----- Tallulah Falls played all of their games away until 1956,
so Commerce had six home games in 1953.

^----- The Tigers rallied from a (7-0) deficit at the half; Richard Crocker scored 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)

Beginning in 1953, all C-J games have been on Friday nights.

^^----- Richard Crocker had a 70-yard KO return for a TD.

##----- 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 connection.

+----- Tigers upset arch region rival and eventual Region 4B East champion South Habersham at Commerce.

^^^--- 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).

\$----- Friday the 13th record, (4-1-0)

. ----- 5 games were decided by 7 points or less. (2-3-0)

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--Source of the Tallulah Falls game was the Clarkesville paper on microfilm at the UGA library

