

Commerce Records

Coach Graham Hixon

1954 (5-3-2) ** (4B) North 3rd
 S. Reg. H(2-0-0), A(3-1-1) (5-1-1)
 H(2-2-1), A(3-1-1)

| | | We | They | |
|---------|-----------------|--------|------|-----|
| S3Fri, | Hartwell | * .12 | 13 | \$ |
| S10Fri, | Tallulah Falls | # * 20 | 7 | |
| S17Fri, | Lavonia | # .20 | 13 | |
| S24Fri, | Jefferson | # .13 | 13 | ^ |
| O1Fri, | North Habersham | # .26 | 25 | ^^ |
| O8Fri, | Oglethorpe Co. | # * 26 | 13 | |
| O15Fri, | Winder | * .12 | 12 | + |
| O22Fri, | Rabun County | # 34 | 13 | ^^^ |
| O29Fri, | South Habersham | # 6 | 26 | ++ |
| N5Fri, | Toccoa | * 20 | 33 | & |
| | | 189 | 168 | |

*----- Home game

#----- Sub-Region game

\$----- This was Coach Graham Hixon's first game as the new Tiger head coach.

^----- Favored Jefferson once more failed to beat Commerce. Commerce overcame a (0-13) first quarter deficit to tie Jefferson at halftime and the game ended tied with a scoreless second half.

Richard Crocker tied the game at (13-13) on a 95-yard left end run for a TD. However, the PAT was missed. This TD run by Crocker remained the longest Tiger run from scrimmage until Monte' Williams broke it with a 97-yard Tiger TD run vs. Landmark Christian in 1997.

Earlier in the second period of the 1954 game, Tiger QB Jimmy Wheeler's 55-yard TD pass to end Willard Epps had cut the Dragon lead in half at (7-13). C-J Record (6-0-2)

^^----- Bootsy White had an 80-yard punt return for a TD.

+----- Ed & Bill's Photo Shop filmed the first Tiger game.

Richard Crocker ran for a TD from 40 yards out with less than two minutes left to tie the score, however, Commerce missed the PAT attempt that would have given the Tigers the win and the game ended in a tie score.

^^^-- Richard Crocker had a 90-yard pass interception for a TD and a total of four touchdowns for the game.

**---- Both tie games in 1954 with Jefferson and Winder ended tied when Commerce rallied from deficits to tie each game, but the Tigers failed on the PAT attempt in each contest for the win.

++----- This loss caused Commerce to lose the sub-region title>Jefferson.

&----- This was Graham Hixon's final game as head coach of the Tigers. His final Commerce record was – (5-3-2).

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

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Coach Clyde Harrell

1955 (5-5-0) (4B) North 3rd
 S. Reg. H(3-3-0), A(1-0-0) (4-3-0)
 H(3-3-0), A(2-2-0)

| | | We | They | |
|---------|-----------------|----------|------|--------|
| S2Fri, | Hartwell | 6 | 31 | ^ |
| S9Fri, | Tallulah Falls | # * 25 | 0 | & |
| S16Fri, | Lavonia | # * . 0 | 7 | |
| S23Fri, | Jefferson | # * 13 | 27 | && |
| S30Fri, | North Habersham | # * 19 | 0 | |
| O7Fri, | Oglethorpe Co. | # 12 | 0 | |
| O14Fri, | Winder | . 27 | 20 | |
| O21Fri, | Rabun County | # * 39 | 13 | |
| O28Fri, | South Habersham | # * . 20 | 26 | |
| N4Fri, | Toccoa | . 6 | 13 | ^^, ^^ |
| | | 167 | 137 | |

*----- Home game

#----- Sub-Region game

^----- First game for new Tiger head Coach Clyde Harrell;
 Gene Brake had a 70-yard TD run.

&----- Tallulah Falls played all of their games away until 1956,
 so Commerce had six home games in 1955.

&&----The Tigers blew a second quarter (13-0) lead for their
 first loss ever to the Dragons. Jefferson scored 27
 unanswered points for the win. The series record after
 this (27-13) loss was (6-1-2) in favor of Commerce.
 This was not only the first Tiger loss to Jefferson, but it
 was also the first loss to Jefferson in Commerce.

HB Gene Brake's 51-yard TD run and a 40-yard TD
 gallop by halfback Richard Crocker had built the
 Tigers' halftime advantage with a margin of (13-7).

^^----- This was the final game for Coach Clyde Harrell as
 head coach of the Tigers. He ended his coaching
 career at Commerce with a record of – (5-5-0).

^^^--- This was the last game in which Commerce ever
 wore solid silver helmets – (1952-55).

. ----- 4 games were decided by 7 points or less. (1-3-0)

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