

Commerce Records

Coach Jeff Davis

1960 (7-2-1) ^ (4A) South 3rd
S. Reg. H(1-1-0), A(2-1-0) (3-2-0)
H(4-1-0), A(3-1-1)

		We	They	
S2Fri,	Madison County	# *	31	6 &
S9Fri,	Winder-Barrow	# *	19	7 ^^
S16Fri,	Central Gwinnett	#.	7	13 \$
S23Fri,	Jefferson	.	0	0 ^^
S30Fri,	Monroe Area	#.	7	0 ^^
O7Fri,	So. Habersham`	###	48	0
O14Fri,	Toccoa	### *	25	13
O21Fri,	St. Pius	#.*	6	12
O28Fri,	Stephens Co.	###.*	7	0 \$\$
N4Fri,	South Hall	#	41	0 &&
			<u>191</u>	<u>51</u>

*----- Home game

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

&----- Coach Jeff Davis' first game as Tiger head coach;

gold pants with black and gold jerseys were used (1960-61).

^----- The Tigers shut out five opponents and gave up only 51 points during the entire season. The 1960 team was one of the finest Commerce teams not to make the playoffs and played one of the toughest regular season schedules of any Tiger team.

^^----- Tigers upset eventual Class 4A South Sub-Region champion Winder-Barrow; the Commerce defense picked off a single game school record eight interceptions from the Bulldogs.

\$----- Unusual game circumstance when the lights went out in the fourth quarter; the down marker seemed to have been changed in the dark from 3rd to 4th down and goal to go with the Tigers inside the Cent. Gwinnett ten yard line; Commerce later failed on its fourth down pass attempt to score and lost this heartbreaking game.

^^^--- In this monumental defensive struggle, the Tigers stopped the Dragons on two consecutive plays from inside the Tiger one-yard line late in the fourth quarter to preserve the tie. HB Billy Hendricks was injured early in the game, and QB Leon Ellis punted the Tigers out of continuous 4Q trouble deep in Tiger territory to help stave off the Dragon threat. One punt was a 55-yarder. Together, C & J had 4 punts of over 50 yards. JH C-J Rivalry (8-3-3)

^^^--Monroe was led by All-State halfback Tony Adams.

\$\$----- Billy Hendricks scored a late TD from inside the Stephens County 20 yard line to lift the Tigers to victory.

&&---- This game was played at the Gainesville City Park.

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

--Source of most games in 1960 is *The Commerce News* on microfilm at the Commerce Public Library

--Source of the Madison Co. game is the *Athens Banner-Herald* on microfilm at the UGA Library

--Source of the South Hall game is *The Atlanta Journal* at UGA

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(4A) South Sub-Region Champs

1961 (9-3-0) (4A) Region Champions

S. Reg. H(3-0-0), A(1-1-0) (4-1-0)

H(5-0-0), A(4-3-0)

			We	They	
S1Fri,	Madison County	#	26	7	
S8Fri,	Winder-Barrow	#	33	13	
S15Fri,	Central Gwinnett	# *	19	7	
S22Fri,	Jefferson	*.	13	7	\$
S29Fri,	Monroe Area	#*.	20	13	
O6Fri,	So. Habersham	###*	33	13	
O13Fri,	Toccoa(1)	###	6	33	\$\$, %
O21Sat,	St. Pius	# .	13	20	^
O27Fri,	Stephens County	###	32	7	
N3Fri,	South Hall	#*	61	0	^^
N10Fri,	OPEN				
N17Fri,	Toccoa(2)	####	19	6	&
N24Fri,	Carrollton		0	30	&&
			275	156	

*----- Home game, #----Sub-Region game, ###----Region game

\$----- Tiger halfback Roger Love had TD runs of 58 and 48 yards and punts of 58 and 50 yards to help the Tigers secure the victory. C-J Rivalry (9-3-3)

\$\$----- The eight game winning streak dating back to the ninth game of 1960 ended with this loss.

%----- Friday the 13th record, (5-3-0)

^----- At Decatur's stadium, the Tigers lost to St. Pius when two questionable calls by the referees on obvious Tiger scores denied Commerce a victory that they should have had.

^^----- In pre-game warm-ups, legendary barefooted Tiger punter Roger Love boomed a punt 100 yards from the Tiger goal line to the South Hall goal line following the roll. Love had TD runs of 75 and 70 yards. Ken Davis passed for two TD's of 70 and 55 yards to end Runt Smith.

At Winder, the Bulldogs upset St. Pius (12-0) on the same night enabling the Tigers to win their first sub-region title and gave Commerce the chance to play Toccoa for the Region 4A title.

####-- Region title playoff game at Stephens County High School's neutral site in Eastanollee; Commerce won its first region title with its upset of the (9-0-1) top ten ranked Hurricanes and avenged an earlier regular season loss at Toccoa.

&----- Playoff game, Roger Love had a 53-yard punt from the end line and a 25-yd. TD run; Ken Davis had 2 TD runs (2 and 47 yards).

&&--- The Tigers lost a final four playoff game to eventual state champion Carrollton in Carrollton. Carrollton all-state tailback Gerald Gross later attended Auburn.

Only game in which a Com. opponent has scored two safeties.

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

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