

Commerce Records

Coach Hayden Hays

1966 (10-1-0) ^^^^ (4A) North Sub-Region Champs

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

(7-0-0)

H(4-0-0), A(6-1-0)

		We	They	
S2Fri,	Stephens County	* 20	7	+
S9Fri,	East Hall	# 83	0	\$, &
S16Fri,	South Habersham	# 41	0	++
S23Fri,	Jefferson	31	0	^
S30Fri,	North Habersham	# * 54	7	&&
O7Fri,	Madison County	# * 42	6	\$\$
O14Fri,	Toccoa	# 21	12	
O21Fri,	Rabun County	# * 34	0	
O28Fri,	Hart County	27	6	
N4Fri,	Norcross	# 40	0	^^
N11Fri,	OPEN			
N18Fri,	Central Gwinnett	### <u>14</u>	<u>28</u>	^^^, +++, %
		407	66	

*----- Home game, . ----No games were decided by 7 points or less.

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

+----- Coach Hayden Hays' first game as head coach of the Commerce Tigers; first game with a black helmet and "two" white stripes and a black "C" with white background.

\$----- Tony Davis had the most Tiger PAT's in a game in Tiger history with a total of (9).

&----- Most points scored by a Commerce team in a game; Commerce did not score in the first period---(0-0) tie.

At halftime the score was (35-0); but (48) second half points
 ++----- Halfback Steve Gary had a 90-yard interception TD.

^----- The Tiger defense put a halt to the Dragon's offensive attempts. Steve Gary had TD runs of 4, 17 and 2 yards. Jimmy Bray had a 3 yd. TD run & Donald Wilson hit end Wilton Hood with a 4 yd. TD pass. C-J Rivalry (13-3-4)

&&--- QB Jimmy Bray threw the most Tiger touchdown passes in a single game with a total of (5).

\$\$----- Steve Gary had the longest punt return in Tiger history with a (95) yarder. It was a weaving thing of beauty, as he reversed his field on numerous occasions to score.

^^----- The score at the end of the third quarter was (0-0);
 The Tigers then scored (40) points in the fourth period.

###----- Region playoff game played at Monroe Area's neutral site

+++----- Coach Hays' final game as Tiger coach, and his final record at Commerce was – (10-1-0).

^^^--- Last game that black helmets are used by the Tigers --- (1956-66) until they were worn again in 1974. However, this helmet had two center white stripes and a black "C" with white background on each side of the helmet--'66 only.

%----- A ten game winning streak ended with this loss.

^^^---Tigers record (5) shutouts for the season. 2nd (10-0-0) year.

--Source of most games in 1966 is *The Commerce News* on microfilm at the Commerce Public Library

--Source of the scoring in the Stephens Co. game, *Athens Banner-Herald* at the UGA Library

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Coach Ray Lamb

1967 (3-6-1) **, ^^ (4A) North 6th

S. Reg. H(2-2-0), A(0-2-1) (2-4-1)

H(3-3-0), A(0-3-1)

		We	They	
S1Fri,	Stephens County	. 19	21	&, +
S8Fri,	East Hall	# * . 13	6	
S15Fri,	South Habersham	# * . 6	7	
S22Fri,	Jefferson	* . 6	7	^
S29Fri,	North Habersham	# . 0	7	
O6Fri,	Madison County	# . 13	20	
O13Fri,	Toccoa	# * . 6	7	\$
O20Fri,	Rabun County	# . 20	20	
O27Fri,	Hart County	* 27	7	
N3Fri,	Norcross	# * . <u>26</u>	<u>20</u>	\$\$
		136	122	

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

**----- Commerce was a snake bit team in 1967 losing three games in 5 weeks by a (6-7) score, and lost all six games for the year by a total of only (19) points.

Missed extra points were a killer for the 1967 team.

The Tigers could have avoided four losses and a tie if they could have made PAT's.

&----- Coach Ray Lamb's first game as Tiger head coach; Coach Lamb used home black jerseys and gold pants during his entire tenure as Tiger coach—(1967-88).

+----- First time that Tigers used a gold helmet. It had a white stripe down the center flanked by two black stripes -- (1967-73).

There was NO "C" on each side of the helmet for the 1967 season. The black "C" was added in 1968.

^----- Tigers scored on a 3-yard run by Wendell Wilson to gain an early lead but lost to the Dragons, as

Jefferson rallied for seven points in the second half.

Dragons began a five year win streak over the Tigers.

C-J Rivalry (13-4-4)

\$----- Friday the 13th record, (6-4-0)

\$\$----- QB Jimmy Bray had a 73-yard TD run.

^^----- The Tigers had a (0-5-0) record at one point in the middle of the season in games three through seven, but they went (2-0-1) in the final three games to end the season on a positive note.

. ----- 9 games were decided by 7 points or less. (2-6-1); these were 8 games in a row, the first eight of the season plus the final game of the year.

--Source of all games in 1967 is *The Commerce News* on microfilm at the Commerce Public Library

