

Commerce Records

1940 (1-6-0) ^^^, **, *** Coach Richard Nix
 H(1-3-0), A(0-3-0)

		We	They	
O11Fri, Washington		0	53	#
O18Fri, Winder	1A	2	46	&
O25Fri, Eastanollee	1B	19	37	+, \$
N1Fri, Cornelia		* 6	20	##, ^
N8Fri, Winder	2A	* 3	21	&&
N15Fri, Royston		* 33	0	++
N21Thu, Eastanollee	2B	* 7	33	^^
		70	210	

*----- Home game

**----- Home games were played at the Old Grammar School Field sometimes called Hardman Field located next to the present First Baptist Church off South Elm Street. An unusual fact was that the field was only 80 yards long. Coach Richard Nix gave the NICKNAME of TIGERS to the 1940 Commerce team before the season started and stated to the team, "You will be called Tigers". --Felton Cronic

#----- First Tiger game in the modern era; First loss; First game coached by Coach Richard Nix; Commerce wore home black jerseys and gold pants from 1940-1942. Some were tan practice jerseys from UGA according Ellsworth Allen who was a Tiger player in the early 1940's.

&----- This is one of only two games in Commerce history where the first Tiger score of the game was a SAFETY; also--2001

+----- The Tiger's first touchdown of the modern era was a pass from Clarence "Tater" Page to end Herbert Nix in this away game; distance unknown

\$----- Lemuel Blalock made the first Tiger interception return for a TD; distance unknown

##----- The Tiger's first home game in the modern era; Georgia Tech gave the Tigers their first game uniforms just prior to the Cornelia game.

^----- First home touchdown in the modern era was a TD pass again from Clarence "Tater" Page to end Herbert Nix; distance unknown

&&--- Tigers' first field goal; thought by Welton Cronic to have been kicked by Jeff McConnell; not verified

++----- Tiger's 1st win in the modern era; 1st win at Commerce

^^----- The game was played on Thanksgiving morning.

^^^--- Commerce used black helmets from (1940-1951), although a few gold ones were used in 1947.

***---- This was the first Commerce team since 1928. – Com. News article 9/5/40

. ----- No games were decided by 7 points or less.

--Source of most games in 1940 is *The Commerce News* on microfilm at the Commerce Public Library

--Source of the Winder(2) game is the Winder paper on microfilm at UGA

--Source of both Eastanollee games is the Stephens County paper on microfilm at UGA

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Coach Richard Nix

1941 (0-10-0) **, *, ^**
H(0-4-0), A(0-6-0)

			We	They	
S19Fri,	Winder	1A	0	67	#
S26Fri,	Madison	*	0	20	
O3Fri,	Eastanollee	1B	12	34	
O9Thu,	Washington	.	7	8	
O17Fri,	Toccoa		7	52	
O24Fri,	Warrenton	*	0	20	
O31Fri,	OPEN				Cornelia game canceled
N7Fri,	Winder	2A *	0	33	
N14Fri,	Lavonia		6	40	
N21Fri,	Greensboro		6	47	###, ^^--rod, 2/2/08
N27Thu,	Eastanollee	2B *	13	38	^^^
			51	359	

*----- Home game

** ---- Worst Tiger season record; Commerce lost every game for the only time in Tiger history during the Modern Era (1940-2007).

#----- 2nd Worst Tiger defeat; one of few night games

^----- The football schedule in *The Commerce News* --- page 1, Sept. 25, 1941

^^----- source---rod, 2/2/08---email

^^^--- The game was played on Thanksgiving morning.

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

--Source of most games in 1941 are articles from opponent's home town newspapers on microfilm at UGA

###----- --source-*The Greensboro Journal*—rod, 2/2/08---email

***-- In the 1940's, Hardman Jones was the public address announcer for the Tigers from 1940 to about 1966. He was a businessman in Commerce. From 1940-46, he announced the games from the second floor of the Commerce Elementary School. A rear window of the school, which sat in front of the football field, was opened and the game announcing was done from that position as Jones looked out over midfield. Before the game began, not only was *The Star-Spangled Banner* of the US played over the public address system, but also *Grand Old Flag* and *God Bless America*. ----- Welton Cronin
 It was indeed a patriotic setting for the football battle that was about to begin in these early days of renewed Commerce football.

