

# CONCHAS DAM COUGARS

First year in NMAA: 1940  
 First year in State: Never

Colors: Unknown  
 Location: San Miguel Co.

YEAR	HEAD COACH	DIST	INC SCH	SEASON			DT	RT	ST	NOTES
				W	L	PCT.				
1940		2	*	0	2	.000				
1941		2	*	1	2	.333				
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

## History of Community & School by Steve Flores

The town of Conchas Dam was born on July 23, 1935. That's when the Public Works Administration recommended to Congress and President Franklin D. Roosevelt that a dam be built in the area. That was the middle of the Great Depression, and New Mexico was suffering from a severe drought. There was also high unemployment in the area. The dam would solve both problems by bringing thousands of jobs to the area, and would provide irrigation to the farmers. President Roosevelt approved the plan and the process began! Within a year, four communities sprung up in the area. Conches was the main site where the headquarters and most of the people lived. Gates City, Mesa Rica, and Hooverville were the other three towns, with Gates City being the largest of these three. There were 3,000 people in the four towns and there were several businesses including grocery stores, department stores, barber and beauty shops, a hospital, and a 675 seat movie theater. The dam was completed in 1941. Many of the residents followed the construction work to other sites. The three other towns vanished years ago, and there are about 300 people in the area today.

The school building was torn down years ago. There was never a gym to play basketball; the team used an outside court. After the dam was completed and the population decreased substantially, the junior and senior high school students were sent to Tucumcari.