

2006 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



FULTON FOOTBALL 2006

Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004

Fulton Falcons (12-1) vs. Pearl-Cohn Firebirds (10-3)

November 24, 2006

Nashville, TN

Fulton Quick Facts

Location..... Knoxville
Opened..... 1951
Enrollment..... 956
District/Region... 2-3A
Home Field..... Bob Black Field
Principal..... Kitty Hatcher
Athletic Director.. Bob Black
Head Coach..... Buck Coatney
Seasons..... 15
Record..... 111-73
Seasons Played.... 56
All-Time Record...336-263-11
Playoff Appearances..17
Playoff Record... 25-14

About Fulton High School

Fulton High School opened in 1951 as one of Tennessee's first comprehensive high schools, combining a complete academic curriculum with a full vocational program. Fulton is located in historic North Knoxville just 5 minutes from the University of Tennessee campus. The school is named for noted industrialist and inventor Weston M. Fulton. Fulton has developed a reputation for turning out graduates who have followed the school motto "enter to learn- go forth to serve." A tradition of outstanding athletic teams has been born at the school. Famous former Falcons include College Football hall of famer and former Dallas Cowboy D.D. Lewis, UT

basketball All-American Bill Justus, former Vol linebacker Jackie Walker, and four-sport letter winner Ron Widby. Fulton's destiny was almost sealed in 1992 when the Knox Co. School Board voted to close the school, but strong protests by alumni and supporters helped to reverse the decision. The Falcons clinched their first state championship in any sport in 2003 defeating Covington for the class 3A football title. Fulton began their title defense on a rocky note in 2004, losing 2 of their first 4 games, but showed constant improvement throughout the season. The Falcons hit their stride in the playoffs, advancing to their 3rd consecutive BlueCross Bowl. Fulton's 2nd state championship was sewn up after a 34-6 defeat of Greenbrier.

Coach Buck Coatney

Fulton High School's 26-7 win over Austin-East on August 25th was a milestone victory for Head Football Coach Buck Coatney. The Falcons gave Coatney his 100th coaching victory as FHS head coach. This is an amazing feat, considering that when Coatney was hired in 1992, Fulton was slated to be closed. Coatney's job looked to be a temporary one. Interest in football was slipping at the school, as many players moved to other schools due to the proposed closing. The 1992 team suffered through a 1-9 season, but the lone win was an overtime victory over West. The Fulton program improved throughout the early 90s. The Falcons made their first of 13 consecutive playoff appearances under Coatney in 1993. By the year 2000, Fulton had re-established

itself as a football power in the Knoxville area. In 2002, Coatney led the Falcons to their first undefeated regular season since 1974, ending the season at the BlueCross Bowl. Coatney became the first-ever coach in Knoxville to lead his team to back-to-back state football championships in 2003 and 2004.

Coatney's roots are colored maroon and white, as his father John captained Fulton's 1959 team. Coatney was known as a hard-nosed linebacker and tight end on the Falcon teams of the late 70s. He was named to the all-state team and the *Knoxville Journal* defensive player of the year, as he led Fulton to a region championship in 1979. Current Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson recruited Coatney to Furman University where he earned Honorable-Mention All-American honors. He began his coaching career at Furman as a graduate assistant. After leaving Furman, Coatney spent two years as an assistant coach at Middlesburg High School in Florida. He returned to Fulton in 1987, where he served as Defensive Coordinator. He was named Fulton's 11th head coach in 1992. Coatney is the only football coach to win three consecutive KFL/PrepXtra Coach of the year honors (2002-2004). For his work in 2004, Coatney was named state coach of the year by the Tennessee Sportswriters Association, and the Tennessee Titans. Coatney served as the defensive coordinator of the 2005 Tennessee High School All-Star team.

Coatney's Milestone Victories

#1 1992- FHS 17 West 7 (OT)
 #25 1998- FHS 1 Union Co. 0 (forfeit)
 #50 2001- FHS 36 Seymour 26
 #75 2003- FHS 42 Seymour 10
 #100 2006- FHS 26 Austin-East 7

2006 Schedule (11-1)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	
8/11	Bearden	W, 6-0
8/25	Austin-East	W, 26-7
9/1	Anderson Co.	W, 32-0
9/8	@Alcoa	W, 24-21
9/15	@Boyd-Buchanan	W, 40-6
9/22	Tyner	W, 22-7
9/29	@Scott	W, 56-0
10/6	@Kingston	W, 40-13
10/13	Catholic	L, 27-14
10/20	Carter	W, 48-3
10/27	@ Livingston Ac.	W, 54-0
11/3	Claiborne	W, 64-8

11/10 Carter W, 36-8
 11/17 @ Catholic W, 18-13

2006 Region 2-3A Standings

Place	Team	Reg	Over
		.	
1	Catholic	6-0	12-1
2	Fulton	5-1	12-1
3	A-E	4-2	7-5
4	Kingston	3-3	6-5
5	AC	2-4	4-6
6	Scott	1-5	4-6
7	Livingston	0-6	1-9

Last Week

Fulton 18 Catholic 13
 Pearl-Cohn 32 Sycamore 18
 Lipscomb 21 Giles Co. 14
 Dyersburg 14 Covington 0

This Week

Fulton @ Pearl-Cohn
 Lipscomb @ Dyersburg

Last Week- FHS 18 Catholic 13

For three and a half quarters the Fulton Falcons seemed destined to end their 2006 season in the same place that the 2005 season ended. The Catholic Fighting Irish had dominated Fulton in the third round playoff game at Blaine Stadium. The Irish held a 13-0 lead midway in the 4th quarter. Catholic had taken the lead thanks to two Brian Hartmann touchdowns. Hartmann was the focus of the Catholic offense due to Fulton putting double coverage on Mr. Football finalist Harrison Smith. The senior FB rushed for 107 yards in the game, as Catholic looked to run out the clock.

The Fulton offense again struggled against Catholic. Fulton squandered two scoring opportunities early in the game. Fulton failed to capitalize on a fumble recovery in Irish territory in the first quarter, and on a 1st and goal situation shortly thereafter. Senior RB Dennis Rogan was held to under 100 yards rushing for the first time in 19 games.

Fulton inserted QB Jock Stinson into the game with about 8 minutes remaining, and the sophomore quickly connected with a wide-open Vic Smith on a 45-yard scoring strike to give the Falcons much needed life. Stinson misfired on the conversion attempt, but the Fulton defense quickly got him the ball back. Dennis Freeney returned the ensuing Irish punt to the 15-yard line, and the Falcons wasted no time getting back into the end zone. Rogan knifed in from the 2-yard line with 4:42 left to cut the lead to 13-12. JaMichael Mathis missed a Stinson pass on the conversion attempt.

The Falcons needed one more defensive stop. The Irish went three and out, and Catholic punter Luke Smith's short punt gave the Falcons great field position for the final drive. Rogan made a leaping catch to give Fulton a first down on the Irish 30. Catholic was flagged for pass interference on the next play, giving Fulton a fresh set of chains. Facing a 3rd down at the Catholic 15, Stinson fired a pass into the front corner of the endzone intended for Freeney. Freeney deflected the ball to himself and made the catch on his back to give Fulton their first lead of the game with :39 seconds left. Freeney made the final tackle of the game to preserve the 18-13 upset victory over the previously unbeaten Irish. Stinson finished the game completing 5 of 8 passes for 90 yards and 2 TDs. The Falcons out-gained the Irish with 279 to 236 yards. Bubba Stokes led a solid defensive effort with 14 tackles.

Inside the Numbers

The Fulton defense surrendered a season high 16 first downs to Catholic last week, and a season high 174 rushing yards. Fulton currently has 6 receivers with over 100 receiving yards (Smith, Freeney, Dr. Humphrey, Mathis, Rogan, Tyson). 9 of Fulton's top 10 tacklers are defensive linemen or linebackers. Safety Dennis Rogan ranks 6th in tackles. Fulton has returned both a kickoff (Rogan, Kingston) and a punt (Freeney, Claiborne) for a touchdown this season. ... The Falcons are outscoring opponents 474-113 on the year, and 120-14 in the first quarter. ... Despite using 4 different QB's this season, Fulton out gains opponents by 32.8 yards per game through the air. ... Fulton has a +13

advantage in turnover margin this season. The Falcons have forced 32 turnovers, while only giving away 19 turnovers. ... Fulton has converted on 12 of 38 4th down conversions, while allowing opponents to convert 11 of 32 4th downs.

Falcons To Honor Kristi Walker

The Fulton High Family lost both a family member and a friend this spring with the passing of Kristi Black Walker. Kristi, the daughter of Coach Bob Black and Sister of Coach Rob Black, passed away on May 4, 2006 after a battle with cancer. Kristi was a 1989 graduate of Fulton, and was a member of the cheerleading squad. She was an employee of Knox Co. schools in the employee benefits department. Kristi was one of Fulton's most passionate fans. She was the heart of the Falcon cheering section, often bringing signs and cheering at the top of her lungs. Kristi also was a fixture on the coacht.com message boards, keeping opposing fans in check as screen name kwalker4. To honor her memory, the Fulton football team will have a special logo on the backs of their helmets featuring the initials "KW." Additionally, Coach Coatney announced that Fulton's new black jerseys are dedicated to Kristi. Any memorials can be sent to the Walker Children Trust Fund, c/o Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, 104 East Fourth Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917. The *News-Sentinel* devoted part of a recent PrepXtra section to Kristi's story.

Fulton vs Pearl-Cohn - The Series

Two teams with great football traditions meet for the first time tonight in Nashville. The Falcons and Firebirds have both won two state championships. Fulton won back to back in 2003 and 2004, while P-C won in '96 and '97. Pearl-Cohn defeated Halls for the championship in 1996 (18-14), and Maryville in '97 (36-16). The Firebirds hold an 18-9 playoff record in 12 appearances. Tonight marks the first time that Fulton has played in Nashville since 1959. Fulton is 1-1 in the Music City, winning over Nashville Central 26-7 in 1955, and losing to Hillsboro 19-6 in 1959. This is the 13th time that the Falcons have faced a team hailing from the mid-state. Fulton has a record of 8-4 against teams from

middle Tennessee. Fulton defeated Livingston Academy 54-0 earlier this year.

Fulton vs. Middle Tennessee Teams

1951	Sparta	L, 21-12	Knoxville
1953	Sparta	W, 25-0	Sparta
1955	Nash. Central	W, 26-7	Nashville
1958	Hillsboro	L, 48-26	Knoxville
1959	Hillsboro	L, 19-6	Nashville
1974	Father Ryan	L, 29-28	Cookeville
2002	Trousdale Co.	W, 14-13	Hartsville
2003	Macon Co.	W, 26-0	Knoxville
2004	Smith Co.	W, 33-6	Carthage
2004	Greenbrier	W, 34-6	Murfreesboro
2005	Livingston	W, 18-7	Knoxville
2006	Livingston	W, 54-0	Livingston

Poll Watching

Poll	Fulton	PC
AP	5	NR
Sonny Moore	1	6
Murphy Fair	5	NR
Earl Nall	1	11
ETpreps.com	2	19

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 6 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Pearl-Cohn is listed as the number 45 team in the state. Fulton held the #1 spot for 4 weeks. The Falcons have never ended the season at number one according to AP. Here is how the Falcons have fared in the final polls.

1967	#8 AP, #9 UPI (No Classification)
1974	#2 AP, #3 UPI (Class AAA)
2002	#3 AP (Class 3-A)
2003	#3 AP (Class 3-A)
2004	#6 AP (Class 3-A)
2005	#8 AP (Class 3-A)
2006	#3 AP (Class 3-A)

Playoff Streak Longest in Knox

The Fulton Falcons are the #2 seed from Region 2-3A in the TSSAA playoffs that begin November 3. It marks the Falcons' 14th consecutive playoff trip. This is the longest playoff streak in Knox Co. The streak began in 1993, as Fulton upset Happy Valley 37-8 in the first round. During the streak, Fulton has

compiled a record of 22-11 in playoff games with three championship appearances and two state championships. Fulton's playoff streak is longer than another local power, Maryville. Maryville's streak is only at 10 years. Fulton has made 17 playoff appearances, and holds an all-time play-off record of 25-14. The last two times that Fulton has been a #2 seed, the Falcons went on to win the state championship. Additionally, every time that Fulton has advanced past the 2nd round, they have played in the state championship game.

KFL Playoff Streaks

<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>1st Year of Streak</u>
Fulton	14	1993
Webb	12	1995
Central	9	1998
A-E	8	1999
Catholic	8	1999
Powell	6	2001

Rogan Mr. Football Nominee

Senior RB/DB Dennis Rogan added to his list of accomplishments by being named as a finalist for the American General Mr. Football Award for Class 3A backs for the second consecutive year. Rogan is the third Fulton player to be a finalist for the award. RB Jeff Mitchell was a finalist in 2001, and DE DeMarcus Stevens was a two-time finalist in 2002 and 2003. Rogan earned a nomination in 2005, with White House's Ricky Ladd winning the award. A Fulton player has never won the award. Also nominated are Harrison Smith of Catholic and Randall Toney of Station Camp. Smith has rushed for 1203 yards and 19 TDs during the regular season. Toney led Station Camp to a 9-1 record by rushing for 1594 yards and 16 touchdowns. Rogan out gained both other candidates with 1752 yards and 29 TDs in the regular season. Winners will be announced at the Opryland Hotel on November 27.

Rogan has rushed for 2193 yards and 38 touchdowns on 278 carries this year. He also has 14 receptions for 153 yards and 2 TDs. Defensively; Rogan has recorded 50 tackles with 2 interceptions. Dennis ranks 1st on Fulton's all-time rushing yard list with 4786 yards. Rogan has shattered the FHS all-time rushing touchdown record, with 77 TD runs in

his career. Rogan has scored 528 points in his career. A detailed description of Rogan's accomplishments can be found elsewhere in the game notes.

Rogan In Pursuit of History

Dennis Rogan became Fulton High school's all-time leading rusher on his first carry against Livingston Academy three weeks ago. Rogan eclipsed Jeff Mitchell's mark of 4145 yards on a 49-yard TD run in the first quarter. For his career, Rogan has school records in rushing yards (4786) and rushing TDs (77). Rogan's streak of 19 consecutive 100-yard rushing games ended last week against Catholic. That streak of 19 consecutive 100-yard games gives him the second longest streak in state history passing Warren Co.'s Jeff Womack who had 18 consecutive 100-yard games in 1979-1980. The state record is 27 held by Tripp Tucker of University School of Jackson during 1997-1998. Dennis is 5 rushing TDs away from tying the state record for rushing TDs in a season. Rogan will need a strong playoff performance to have a chance to break Jeff Mitchell's FHS single season rushing yard mark of 2334 yards in 2001. He remains 141 yards away from that mark.

1998 Marcus Thomas	150	1015	7
1999 DeMarcus Fine	233	1953	21
2000 Jeff Mitchell	174	1406	13
2001 Jeff Mitchell	296	2334	25
2002 Demetris Davis	224	1250	12
2003 Jam Fine	197	1298	10
2004 Jam Fine	158	1143	11
2005 Dennis Rogan	249	2112	31
2006 Dennis Rogan	262	2193	38

Falcons Earn 77th Shutout

Defense has been a hallmark of Fulton Football down through the years. Fulton's win over Livingston Academy set a defensive milestone for the Falcons. The 54-0 victory over Livingston was the 77th all-time shutout for Fulton football. Fulton has recorded at least one shutout for the last 10 seasons. Coach Coatney's teams have recorded a total of 21 shutouts since 1992. The Falcons recorded a record 6 shutouts during the 1974 season. West High has been blanked by the Falcons on 8 occasions, while Fulton has shutout Bearden 6 times, and Central 5 times. Fulton's longest shutout streak came in the 2002 playoffs where FHS recorded three consecutive shutouts against Pigeon Forge, Seymour, and Gatlinburg Pittman.

FHS Career Rushing Leaders

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Carries</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>TD</u>
Dennis Rogan	03-06	4786	603	7.9	77
Jeff Mitchell	98-01	4145	514	8.1	43
DeMarcus Fine	97-99	3582	468	7.7	39

Fulton Yearly Rushing Leaders 83-05

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Carries</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TD</u>
1983	Rick McGill	116	526	6
1984	Kevin Roach	119	509	6
1985	Nicky Estes	111	588	2
1986	Gary Downs	74	438	2
1987	Tony Flanagan	133	934	7
1988	Tony Flanagan	76	585	11
1989	NA			
1990	Ralph Mathes	69	420	
1991	Ralph Mathes	73	467	
1992	Vernon Davis	131	708	4
1993	Keith Wilson	151	817	6
1994	Brian Tate	103	628	2
1995	Brian Tate	164	977	12
1996	Tyson Porter	69	410	6
1997	DeMarcus Fine	125	748	9

Shutouts Under Coatney

1993 Horace Maynard	33-0
1995 Gibbs	41-0
1995 Claiborne Co.	48-0
1997 West	12-0
1997 Carter	32-0
1997 Lenoir City	24-0
1998 Gibbs	28-0
1998 Austin-East	41-0
1999 Gibbs	56-0
2000 Scott	49-0
2001 Scott	76-0
2002 Pigeon Forge	43-0
2002 Seymour	34-0
2002 Gatlinburg-Pittman	24-0
2003 Gibbs	59-0
2003 Macon Co.	26-0
2004 Kingston	35-0
2005 Carter	42-0
2006 Anderson Co.	32-0
2006 Scott	56-0
2006 Livingston Academy	54-0

Fulton Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Carries	Yards	TD
Dennis Rogan	278	2193	38
Receiving	Catches	Yards	TD
Vic Smith	21	401	2
Passing	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Jock Stinson	53/90	755	8
Jonathan Blair	18/34	351	2
Tackles	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Bubba Stokes	112	14	4.5
Antonio Hamilton	65	10	2.5

Firebirds at a Glance

Date	Opponent	Result
18-Aug-06	at Glenclyff	W 34 - 6
25-Aug-06	Maplewood	L 7 - 43
1-Sep-06	Macon Co.	W 42 - 2
8-Sep-06	at John Overton	W 30 - 26
15-Sep-06	Sycamore	W 28 - 21
22-Sep-06	Stratford	L 6 - 14
29-Sep-06	DeKalb Co.	W 47 - 6
6-Oct-06	at White House	L 28 - 35
13-Oct-06	at Greenbrier	W 35 - 0
27-Oct-06	at Station Camp	W 21 - 16
3-Nov-06	Polk Co.	W 6 - 0
10-Nov-06	White House	W 29 - 9
17-Nov-06	Sycamore	W 32 - 18
24-Nov-06	Fulton	

Fulton In Overtime

Fulton has played in 10 overtime games in its football history. The Falcons' record in overtime affairs is 7-3. Coach Buck Coatney's record in overtime is 4-2. His first career victory came in 1992 in overtime versus Bill Wilson's West Rebels 14-7. Anderson Co. has played three overtime games against Fulton, including a 27-26 Fulton loss last year.

Year	Opponent	Score	OT
1981	Bearden	W, 42-41	2OT
1985	Central	L, 10-7	OT
1986	Alcoa	W, 10-7	OT
1991	@Halls	W, 21-14	OT
1992	West	W, 14-7	OT
2001	@Anderson Co.	L, 39-36	OT

2002	Anderson Co.	W, 26-23	2OT
2002	@Trousedale Co.	W, 14-13	OT
2003	@Austin-East	W, 12-6	OT
2005	@Anderson Co.	L, 27-26	OT

Falcon Talk

This is Fulton's 4th appearance in the 4th round of the playoffs. Fulton is 3-0 in 4th round games. ... Fulton's 2006 opponents have a combined record of 95-55, while Pearl-Cohn's opponents have a combined record of 80-66. ... Local rapper Splo has produced two rap songs in honor of Fulton's season. Splo is former Fulton player Jamie Gass. ... P-C's schedule is ranked by CoachT.com as the 16th toughest in 3A, while Fulton's is ranked 3rd. ... Fulton averages scoring 36.5 pts/gm, and allows 8.7 pts/gm. Pearl-Cohn averages 26.5 pts/gm and allows 15.1 pts/gm. ... Fulton has scored on its opening drive in 5 games this year. ... Desmond and Derrick Humphrey became the first brothers to catch touchdown passes in the same game for the Falcons. Both of their catches came in the 4th quarter against Kingston. Terrence and Tyrone Cobb both had rushing TDs against Rutledge in 2004. ... Fulton Senior OL/DL Mark Brown is currently featured in a PSA airing on local TV touting the free Flu Mist vaccine given to Knox. Co. students. Brown is featured along with "Dr. Bob" Overholt. He was also featured in a recent *News-Sentinel* feature. ... Region 2-3A has produced teams that have played in the BlueCross Bowl for the last five years, and four state champions. Livingston Academy was state champion in 2005 ... Fulton's 2006 schedule features six schools (A-E, Alcoa, Boyd-Buchanan, Tyner, Kingston, Livingston Academy) that have won a combined total of 14 state football championships ... Five teams on this year's schedule advanced to at least the third round of the playoffs last year (Alcoa, Boyd-Buchanan, Tyner, Catholic, Livingston Academy). ... Media members can find complete coverage of the Falcons on the web at www.fultonfootball.com. This year's website will feature audio replays of every game courtesy of WKCS Radio and Kidd's Plumbing. WKCS-FM 91.1 will have the live radio broadcast with Russell Mayes, Chuck Wilson, and Bradley Cooper.

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