

# 2006 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



## Welcome to Fulton High School Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004 **Fulton Falcons (4-0) vs. Tyner Academy Rams (3-1)** **September 22, 2006**

### About Fulton Stadium/Bob Black Field

**“Knoxville’s oldest and most exciting high school football venue.” - Tim Parker**

Fulton High School has played its home games on Bob Black Field for 41 years, which makes it the oldest high school field and stadium still in use in Knoxville. For the 2006 season Fulton Stadium received a new lighting system, a resurfaced track, and a new sound system. Long before Fulton played its first home game at the school, what is now known as Bob Black Field served as Fulton’s practice field. Home games from 1951-1964 were played at Evans-Collins Field. In 1964, the North Knoxville Stadium Association was established with the goal of building a football stadium at Fulton High School. The NKSA worked hard to raise money for the project from local businesses and individual donors. In October of 1964, local dignitaries gathered for the ground breaking of Fulton Stadium/Falcon Field. The original stadium, consisting of the middle section of the current stadium’s bleachers, along with temporary stands, seated 3000 people and was ready for the first game of the 1965 season on August 27, 1965 against Unicoi Co. On that historic evening, a full house watched the Falcons defeat the Blue Devils 13-0. The stadium was expanded to its current configuration before the 1969 season. Fulton lost to Sevier Co. 14-8 in the first game in the completed stadium. Falcon Field was renamed “Bob Black Field,” in honor of the coach and athletic director on September 12, 1986. In the dedication game,

Fulton defeated Alcoa 10-7 on Mike Potter’s overtime field goal. Fulton concluded the 2002 season with a perfect 8-0 home record, including three consecutive home victories in the TSSAA Play-offs. For the first time ever on November 1, 2002, Fulton hosted a live regional cable broadcast on CSS, as the Falcons defeated the Gibbs Eagles 47-7.

### Fulton Stadium/Bob Black Field Timeline

- **1964** Groundbreaking for new stadium
- **1965** 1<sup>st</sup> season at Falcon Field, Fulton completes the season with a perfect 5-0 home record.
- **1967** Fulton defeats Oak Ridge 14-13 on Falcon Field en route to an undefeated season.
- **1969** East and West stands added to existing stadium.
- **1974** Perfect 5-0 record at Fulton.
- **1979** Fulton hosts 1<sup>st</sup> home play-off game. Oak Ridge 28 Fulton 14.
- **1986** Falcon Field renamed Bob Black Field.
- **2000** Press Box renovated creating a new second level.
- **2002** Fulton wins all 8 home games and advances to the BlueCross Bowl.
- **2003** Fulton posts an undefeated 7-0 home record and defeated Macon Co. 26-0 to advance to their second consecutive BlueCross Bowl.
- **2004** New scoreboard installed honoring 2003 state champions.
- **2006** New lighting system installed by McGaha Electric. Improvements also made to the track.

### Field Decorations

Fulton takes great pride in the appearance of Bob Black Field. Many fans have said that Fulton's field is the best-decorated field in the area. The coaching staff spends many hours on Wednesdays painting the field for Friday's game. The drop wing falcon on the 50-yard line first appeared during the 1992 season. This is the fourth season that the falcon has been painted black. The FHS designs in both end zones debuted in 1993. The current field design has been in use since the 1996 season. The drop wing falcon logo is outlined by hand prior to the start of the season by Fulton graduates Tim Parker and Jason Harbison.

### **Fulton at Home**

Fulton Stadium/ Bob Black Field celebrates its 41<sup>st</sup> birthday this season, and the Falcons have been successful in the past in defending their home turf. Fulton rallied from a disappointing home opening loss to Alcoa to post a 4-1 record in home games in 2005. The 2004 season saw the end of a record 19-game winning streak at home that began in 2001. The Falcons opened their stadium with a 19 game unbeaten streak (17-0-2) from 1965-1968. Fulton's all-time home record is 122-89-3, and Coach Coatney is 49-32 at home. Currently, Fulton has an 8-game winning streak in home playoff games, and has a home record in the playoffs of 10-2.

### **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..... 103-72  
 Seasons Played.... 55  
 All-Time Record...328-262-11  
 Playoff Appearances..16  
 Playoff Record... 22-14

### **Coach Buck Coatney**

Fulton High School's 26-7 win over Austin-East on August 25<sup>th</sup> was a milestone victory for Head Football Coach Buck Coatney. The Falcons gave Coatney his 100<sup>th</sup> 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. Coatney earned Honorable-Mention All-American honors at Furman University. 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Tennessee High School All-Star team in its 2005 game with Kentucky in Louisville.

## 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 (4-0)

<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	HC
9/29	@Scott	
10/6	@Kingston	
10/13	Catholic	
10/20	Carter	
10/27	@ Livingston Ac.	

## 2006 Region 2-3A Standings

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

## Last Week

Anderson County 15 Kingston 30  
Knoxville Catholic 49 Livingston Academy 0  
Knoxville Fulton 40 Boyd-Buchanan 6  
Scott County 18 Austin-East 70

## This Week

Austin-East at Brainerd  
Clinton at Anderson County  
Oliver Springs at Kingston  
Tyner at Knoxville Fulton  
Wartburg Central at Knoxville Catholic  
York Institute at Livingston Academy

## Next Week

Kingston at Loudon  
Knoxville Catholic at Anderson County  
Knoxville Fulton at Scott County  
Livingston Academy at Austin-East

## FHS Rolls Past Boyd-Buchanan

Dennis Rogan had another big night for Fulton as the Falcons defeated Boyd-Buchanan 40-6 last week in Chattanooga. The senior RB rushed for four touchdowns and added a TD catch in the victory. The Fulton defense was also impressive, holding the Buccaneers to only 14 yards of offense on the game. The Falcon offense had good field position all night long, and turned it into two short first quarter scoring drives. Rogan's scoring runs were for 2, 4, 29, and 6 yards. The Falcons converted on a 4<sup>th</sup> and 25 from midfield when Jock Stinson hit Rogan down the middle on a 49-yard TD pass. FHS led 34-0 at half, and opened the second half with a 9-play 80-yard drive capped off by a 22-yard score by Terrence Cobb. Boyd's Anthony Hathaway ended the scoring with a 7-yard run. Fulton out gained Boyd by 304 yards on the night Stinson had another big night passing, hitting of 9 passes for 113 yards and one TD. Terrence Cobb led the Falcon defense with 6 tackles.

## Rogan Earns Another Nomination

Senior RB/DB Dennis Rogan earned his second PrepXtra player of the week nomination following his 5-touchdown performance against Boyd Buchanan. Rogan rushed for 144 yards on 22 carries, and had 3 catches for 54 yards and one touchdown. He also added an interception on defense. Dennis earned area-wide player of the week honors following his week one performance against Austin-East.

## 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. Kristi often performed with the FHS alumni cheerleaders, and tonight's homecoming performance will be in honor of her. 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.

### **Fulton vs. Chattanooga Teams**

Tonight marks the second ever meeting between Fulton and Tyner, and the tenth time that Fulton has faced a team from Chattanooga. The Falcons defeated Boyd-Buchanan 40-6 last week in Chattanooga. The first meeting came in 1956 when Fulton faced the powerhouse Purple Pounders of Chattanooga Central. Central claimed four state championships in the 50s, but the Falcons pulled off a 20-14 upset in Knoxville. FHS assistant coach Pete Craig called the win "the greatest single victory by a Fulton football team in six years." The Falcons have an 8-1 record against Chattanooga teams including a 14-7 win over Brainerd in the 1973 East Ridge Pioneer Bowl, and a 21-7 victory over McCallie in the 1974 state semi-final. The Falcons defeated Boyd-Buchanan 43-7 last year in Knoxville, and knocked off Tyner 16-13 the next week. Tonight will only be the third time that a Chattanooga team has played on Bob Black Field. Fulton has also played several southeast Tennessee schools including Bradley Central, Rhea Co., Marion Co., and Whitwell.

Year	Team	Result	Site
1956	Central	W, 20-14	Knox
1957	Central	L, 41-0	A
1973	Brainerd	W, 14-7	E.Ridge
1974	McCallie	W, 21-7	UT
1977	Kirkman	W, 14-6	H
1978	Kirkman	W, 14-12	A
2005	Boyd Buch.	W, 43-7	H
2005	Tyner	W, 16-13	A
2006	Boyd-Buch.	W, 40-6	A

### **Last Year**

Fulton completed the 2005 "Chattanooga Sweep" last year with a comeback 16-13 victory at Chattanooga Tyner. The first-ever meeting between the schools turned out to be a defensive slugfest. Tyner took advantage of a Fulton turnover to take the lead in the second quarter. Keelyn Craddock hit Kelvion Jones on a 23-yard touchdown pass to give Tyner a 7-0 lead. Fulton drove 65 yards on seven plays for a touchdown on its opening possession of the second half. Dennis Rogan's 41-yard TD run and JaMichael Mathis' conversion catch gave the Falcons a 8-7 lead. Tyner answered on the next possession to retake the lead 13-8, but Fulton's John Burnette blocked the extra point. Fulton rallied for the winning touchdown with 7:15 left in the game as QB Jock Stinson hit Mathis on a 40-yard strike on 4<sup>th</sup> down and long. The Fulton defense prevented a Tyner comeback in the waning moments of the game; sacking the Tyner QB for a safety on the last play of the game. Dennis Rogan led all rushers in the game with 88 yards on 22 carries. John Burnette's 8 tackles and blocked extra point led the Fulton defense.

### **Homecoming at Fulton**

2005 marks the 56<sup>th</sup> season of Fulton football, and the 42<sup>st</sup> homecoming game played on the Fulton campus. Prior to 1965 all Fulton games were played at Evans-Collins Field, making homecoming an event that was celebrated in two different places. Fulton's first homecoming game played at Fulton Stadium came in 1965 when the Falcons defeated Holston 20-6. Other memorable

homecoming games include the 1956 victory over powerful Chattanooga Central, and a 27-0 whitewashing of Maryville in 1963. The only blemish on the 1967 team's worksheet was a 12-12 homecoming tie with Holston. Two years ago, Lenoir City spoiled homecoming with a 21-6 upset victory. Fulton defeated Scott High last year on Homecoming 56-24. This edition of Fulton game notes lists all of the known Fulton homecoming games.

### 2006 HC King and Queen Candidates

#### Queen

Sierra Baker	Jenny Harris
Rudy Ball	Kara Hodge
Brittany Blasco	Lindsey Hollifield
LaQuisha Burris	Jessica Justice
Samantha Clanton	Megan McNutt
Ashleigh Critselious	Lkayla Needham
Jessie Daniels	Kensey Parker
Kristin Driggers	Cassie Sikes
Katie Earl	

#### King

Jeffery Marusa  
Desmond Humphrey  
Dustin Parrott  
Brandon Ramsey

### Poll Watching

Poll	Fulton	Tyner (2A)
AP	1	6
Sonny Moore	1	7
Murphy Fair	1	NR
Earl Nall	1	4
ETpreps.com	1	9

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 9 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Tyner is listed as the number 56 team in all of TN. Fulton eclipsed Catholic two weeks ago to take the number one spot in the AP poll. 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)

### Fulton Statistical Leaders

<b>Rushing</b>	Carries	Yards	TD
Dennis Rogan	96	665	12
<b>Receiving</b>	Catches	Yards	TD
Dennis Freeney	8	105	1
Vic Smith	5	124	0
<b>Passing</b>	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Jock Stinson	23/35	340	2
<b>Tackles</b>	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Antonio Hamilton	26	4	1
Bubba Stokes	25	4	2
Blake Gildner	20	4.5	0

### Rams At A Glance

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
25-Aug-06	Walker Valley	W, 40-7
1-Sep-06	Bledsoe Co.	W, 44-0
8-Sep-06	Brainerd	L, 26-6
15-Sep-06	at Marion Co.	W, 43-12
22-Sep-06	at Fulton	
29-Sep-06	Sequatchie Co.	
6-Oct-06	at Howard	
13-Oct-06	at McCallie	
20-Oct-06	at BGA	
27-Oct-06	at Boyd Buchanan	

### Falcon Talk

Tyner's win over Marion Co. last week gave the 40 consecutive region wins. Tyner won the class 2A state championship in 1997. ...Ken Tyson returns to his starting cornerback position tonight for Fulton. Tyson missed last week's game with a thumb injury suffered in the Alcoa game.... 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 has added two new coaches to the staff this year. Pete Stout and Micaiah Smoker have been added to the freshmen staff. Stout played football at Central High and college basketball at Tennessee. He also has coached high school football at

Horace Maynard and Union Co. Smoker was a member of Fulton teams from 1988-1991 as a RB/DB. He will be teaching U.S. History at Whittle Springs. ... 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](http://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, Bradley Cooper, Josh Nevius, and T.J. Earl.

### **Next Week**

The Fulton Falcons return to region 2-3A play next week as they travel to Huntsville to face the Scott Highlanders. Fulton defeated the Highlanders 56-24 last year in Knoxville. Fulton leads the all-time series 8-3.

<p>This edition of the Fulton Football Game Notes was compiled by Russell Mayes. Any media inquires concerning the Falcons should be directed to Mayes at 594-1259.</p>
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