

2009 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



FULTON FOOTBALL 2009

Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004, 2006

Fulton Falcons (7-3) vs. East Ridge Pioneers (7-3)

November 5, 2009

Fulton Stadium/Bob Black Field

About Fulton Stadium/Bob Black Field

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

Fulton Stadium at Bob Black Field is celebrating its 45th year of service in 2009, which makes it the oldest high school field and stadium still in use in Knoxville. The facility has received several upgrades through the years including a new lighting system, a resurfaced track, and a new sound system in 2006. 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. Local personality Cas Walker lent his support to the fundraising efforts. 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. Fulton Stadium has stood the test of time. While several younger stadiums in Knox Co. have been torn down in favor of aluminum bleachers in the name of safety, there are currently no plans to tear down the sturdy Fulton Stadium.

Fulton Stadium/Bob Black Field Timeline

- 🏈 **1964** Groundbreaking for new stadium
- 🏈 **1965** 1st 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 1st 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.

Gameday Forecast

Clear skies are in the forecast for tonight, with no rain in the forecast. The temperature at kickoff will be 52 degrees.

Fulton at Home

Fulton Stadium at Bob Black Field celebrates its 45th season this year, making it the oldest high school football stadium in Knoxville still in use. Fulton completed a disappointing 2008 season with a 1-4 record at home. It was the first losing season at home for the Falcons since posting a 2-4 mark in 2000. 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 135-97-3, and Coach Coatney is 62-40 at home. Currently, Fulton has a 12-game winning streak in home playoff games, and has a home record in the playoffs of 13-2.

Setting The Scene

Fulton and East Ridge meet for the first time ever in the opening round of the Class 4A playoffs...The Falcons are making their 19th playoff appearance, while the Pioneers are in the playoffs for the 11th time...Fulton has won 12 consecutive playoff games at home...Dametrius Thomas scored three touchdowns on only three carries in last week's 66-7 victory over Union Co. Fulton's 66-point output was the second most in school history... Last week's win marked Fulton's 100th of the decade...East Ridge is the third place finisher in district 6-AA, and is on a four game winning streak.

Fulton Quick Facts

Location.....	Knoxville
Opened.....	1951
Enrollment.....	983
District/Playoff Class...	3-AA/4A
2008 Record.....	4-6
Home Field.....	Bob Black Field
Principal.....	Dr. Jon Rysewyk
Athletic Director.....	Jody Wright
Head Coach.....	Buck Coatney
Seasons.....	18
Record.....	136-84
Seasons Played.....	59
All-Time Record.....	361-274-11
Playoff Appearances..	19
Playoff Record.....	31-15

2009 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	
8/14	Karns (Jamboree)	W, 16-0
8/22	@Morristown West	W, 16-13
8/28	@Powell	W, 21-13
9/4	@Austin-East	L, 20-14
9/10	Alcoa (Thurs.)	L, 27-7
9/18	@Pigeon Forge	W, 48-7
9/25	@West	W, 14-13
10/2	@Gibbs	W, 42-14
10/9	Gatlinburg-Pittman	L, 14-11
10/16	Carter	W, 42-22
10/30	Union Co.	W, 66-7
11/6	East Ridge	

Falcon Talk

- The 2009 Falcons will return to the playoffs after missing the postseason in 2008. It was the first time Fulton had not earned a playoff berth since 1992.
- The Falcons failed to have a player earn a spot on the All-State, All-PrepXtra, or All-KFL teams last year.
- Fulton leads Class 4A with three victories over teams in higher classifications.
- As a sophomore, Ben Winters was selected by his teammates as a co-captain of the 2008 Fulton football team. Winters was also selected as a member of the All-Region 2-3A team
- Junior running back Dametrius Thomas accounted for over 1000 all-purpose yards last year.

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. A fifteen million dollar renovation of Fulton High was completed in 1998 which created new classrooms, including band and music rooms, and a new gymnasium.

Fulton High School responded to the challenges of the No Child Left Behind Act during the 2008-2009 school year by completely changing its organizational structure to focus on small learning communities. This change will allow Fulton High School to become an innovative center of learning, and produce students who enter to learn and go forth to serve.

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. The Falcons returned to championship form in 2006, finishing with a 14-1 record and a BlueCross Bowl victory over David Lipscomb. The Fulton basketball team earned its first AA state championship in 2008 with a 74-68 victory over Memphis Mitchell, and defended that title in 2009.

Coach Buck Coatney

Fulton High School's 44-16 semi-final win over Pearl-Cohn in 2007 a milestone victory for Head Football Coach Buck Coatney. The Falcons gave Coatney his 125th coaching victory as FHS head coach. This is an amazing feat, considering that when Coatney was hired in 1992, Fulton was scheduled 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 arch-rival West. The Fulton program improved throughout the early 90s. The Falcons made their first of 15 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. Fulton returned to the pinnacle of Class 3A football in 2006, as the Falcons ended the season with a 14-1 record and the school's third state championship. Fulton showed constant improvement in 2007, and earned another trip to the BlueCross Bowl. Currently, Coatney has a 136-84 record as Fulton's head coach.

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. He earned his fourth PrepXtra Bob Polston Coach of the Year award, and his third TSWA state Coach of the Year honor following the 2006 season. Coatney is scheduled to serve as the Head Coach of the Tennessee team in the 2010 Border Bowl all-star game.

Coatney's Milestone Victories

- #1 1992- FHS 14 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
- #125 2007- FHS 44 Pearl-Cohn 16

Meet The Coaching Staff

Bob Black

Offensive/Defensive Line

Years at Fulton: 45, 1st Year: 1965

Coach Bob Black has been a staple of Fulton athletics for nearly 50 years. Black graduated from Fulton in 1960, and played football collegiately at Carson-Newman. He returned to coach at his alma mater in 1965, and has served as an assistant coach for his entire stint, except for two years as head coach in 1969 and 1970. He was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in 2008, and into the Fulton Wall of Fame in 2009.

Rob Black

Offensive Coordinator

Years at Fulton: 19, 1st Year: 1991

Coach Rob Black has been the architect of Fulton's record setting offense. Nearly every offensive school record has been set during his tenure since 1992 as Offensive Coordinator. Black graduated from Fulton in 1984, and was a three-sport athlete. He played both football and baseball while at Carson-Newman. Black served as a volunteer assistant at Fulton for several years before joining the staff full time in 1991.

Vincent Lambdin

Tight Ends/Defensive Ends

Years at Fulton: 12, 1st Year: 1998

Vincent Lambdin is one of the most versatile members of the Fulton staff, coaching numerous positions while on the staff at Fulton. He joined the staff in 1998 as Head Freshmen coach. Lambdin serves as an academic counselor to Fulton athletes through the Play It Smart program. He was a member of the Fulton football teams during the mid-80s.

Jay Humphrey

Running Backs/Defensive Backs/Special teams

Years at Fulton: 9, 1st Year: 2001

Texas High School Football legend Jay Humphrey joined the Fulton staff in 2001, and has tutored some of Fulton's greatest running backs. Humphrey had the honor of coaching his sons Derrick and Desmond during Fulton's 2006 championship season. He will take over Special Teams coordinator duties in 2009.

Micaiah Smoker

Wide Receivers/Defensive Backs

Years at Fulton: 4, 1st Year: 2006

Coach Micaiah Smoker is another former Falcon that is now a member of the coaching staff. Smoker played running back for Fulton from 1989 to 1991. In addition to his coaching duties, Coach Smoker helps coordinate Fulton's Strength and Conditioning program.

Pete Stout

Offensive/Defensive Line

Years at Fulton: 4, 1st Year: 2006

Pete Stout joined the Fulton coaching staff in 2006 after a long stint as an assistant coach at Union Co. High School. Stout handles coaching the offensive and defensive line for the Falcon freshmen. He played in high school at Central, and was a member of the University of Tennessee basketball team during the Ernie and Bernie era of the 70s.

Jason Myers

Freshmen Head Coach

Years at Fulton: 1, 1st Year: 2009

Coach Jason Myers takes over the helm of the Fulton freshmen program in 2009. Myers is a graduate of Lenoir City High School, and played on some of the Panther's outstanding teams of the mid-90s. He was a member of the Lenoir City coaching staff that upset Fulton in 2004.

Jason Harbison

Freshmen Assistant

Years at Fulton: 1, 1st Year: 2009

Jason Harbison joins the Fulton coaching staff in 2009 after serving in various other capacities in the program. Harbison was a teammate of Rob Black on the Fulton teams of the early 1980s. Harbison played football and baseball at Maryville College, and was inducted into the Scot's Wall of Fame in 2008.

Justin Long

Freshmen Assistant

Years at Fulton: 1, 1st Year: 2009

Justin Long will long be remembered by Falcon fans for quarterbacking Fulton to its first state championship in 2003. Long accounted for a combined 49 rushing and passing touchdowns in the championship season. He continued his football career at Carson-Newman College, where he played both quarterback and wide receiver.

This Day In Fulton History-November 6

-Fulton has a record of 2-4 in games played on November 6. Here are some highlights...

-1958 Fulton suffered their worst loss in history, a 61-0 defeat at the hands of Oak Ridge at Evans-Collins Field. Oak Ridge earned the mythical HS football national championship that year.

-1964 The Falcons sewed up their first ever bowl invitation following a 33-7 win at Wartburg. The Falcons were invited to play Greeneville in the Burley Tobacco Bowl.

-1998 DeMarcus Fine helped erase a 12-0 deficit with three rushing touchdowns as the Falcons rallied to defeat Sullivan North 32-20 in the 1st round of the Class 3A playoffs. Fulton reeled off 32 consecutive points in the road victory.

Last Week- Fulton 66 Union Co. 7

Dametrious Thomas made the most of his three carries against Union Co. The junior running back returned to the starting lineup following an injury, and scored touchdowns on all three of his touches, as the Falcons defeated visiting Union Co. 66-7 on Senior Night. It was Fulton's largest scoring output since 2001. Eight different Falcons scored on the evening.

Fulton raced out to a 43-0 lead at halftime thanks to two TD runs by Thomas, a 59-yard run by Javonte Cotner, a 2-yard run by QB Nick Lethgo, a 76-yard scamper by Ben Winters, a Winters to Antonio Barfield TD pass, and a 28-yard field goal by Brad McKeehan to end the half.

Thomas scored his third TD of the game on a 72-yard run on Fulton's first play of the second half. Thomas' 169 yard effort overshadowed a strong effort by Union Co. running back Michael Hickman. Hickman eclipsed the 1000-yard plateau for the season with his 132 yard rushing night. His 20-yard run gave the Patriots their only points of the night.

The Falcons closed out the scoring in the 4th quarter with a 22-yard Lethgo scoring strike to Brandon Taylor. It was Lethgo's first career TD pass, and Taylor's first TD reception. Amir Chapman scored from 26 yards out to give Fulton the final scoring margin.

Senior LB Jared Mynatt had a career night on defense for the Falcons. He led the Falcons with eight tackles, and recorded three sacks. Mynatt was nominated for player of the week honors by PrepXtra and WBIR, while Thomas earned an offensive player of the week nomination by WBIR.

Final District 3-AA Standings

Place	Team	Reg	Over
1	A-E	6-0	7-3
2	G-P	5-1	9-1
3	Fulton	4-2	7-3
4	Gibbs	3-3	6-4
5	Carter	2-4	4-6
6	P-F	1-5	4-6
7	Union Co.	0-6	1-9

Bold indicates Class 4A Teams. The top two 4A schools automatically qualify for the playoffs.

Last Week in District 3-AA

Fulton 66 Union Co. 7

A-E 19 Gibbs 7

G-P 28 Pigeon Forge 14

This Week in District 3-AA

East Ridge at Fulton

Gibbs at Red Bank

Happy Valley at Gatlinburg Pittman

Johnson Co. at A-E

Fulton vs. East Ridge - The Series

Fulton and East Ridge meet for the first ever time tonight, although the Falcons have played a game at East Ridge's Raymond James Stadium. Fulton played at East Ridge in 1973 in the Pioneer Bowl. Jim McClain's Falcons completed a 9-2 season with a 14-7 victory over Brainerd.

Fulton vs. Chattanooga Teams

This will be the 13th time that Fulton has faced a team from Chattanooga, and the first time Fulton has faced a Chattanooga squad in the playoffs since 1974. The first meeting with a Chattanooga team 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 a 10-2 all-time 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 40-6 during the 2006 season in Chattanooga, and knocked off Tyner the following week. Fulton dropped a heartbreaking 32-28 decision to Tyner last year. The Falcons are 5-1 in games played in Chattanooga. Fulton has also played several southeast Tennessee schools including Bradley Central, Rhea Co., Marion Co., and Whitwell.

Fulton vs. Chattanooga Scoreboard

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
2006	Tyner	W, 22-7	H
2007	Tyner	W, 30-27	A
2008	Tyner	L, 32-28	H
2009	East Ridge		

2009 Pioneer Schedule (7-3)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
8/28	@Silverdale	W, 34-9
9/4	Red Bank	L, 38-7
9/11	Bradley Central	L, 28-10
9/18	@Brainerd	W, 12-7
9/25	Sweetwater	W, 41-0
10/2	Tyner	L, 27-12
10/8	@Hixson	W, 35-7
10/16	East Hamilton	W, 47-7
10/23	@Chatt. Central	W, 10-0
10/29	@Howard	W, 20-18
11/6	@Fulton	

East Ridge Football Records

1997	10-2	P
1998	6-5	P
1999	4-6	
2000	5-6	P
2001	10-2	P
2002	7-4	P
2003	5-6	P
2004	5-6	P
2005	6-5	P
2006	4-6	
2007	4-6	
2008	6-5	P
2009	7-3	P

Pioneer Notes

Thanks to the Maroon and White Report at www.fultonfalcons.blogspot.com

The Pioneers finished the regular season 7-3, on a 4 game winning streak, and clinched a playoff birth with a 10-0 victory over district rival Chattanooga Central in week 9...East Ridge closed the 2009 regular season with a 20-18 win over Brianerd... The Pioneers are 5-0 on the road this year... East Ridge’s only losses came at the hands of Red Bank, Bradley Central and Tyner...The Pioneers lost in the first round of last years Class 3A playoffs to semifinalist White House 39-0...East Ridge is lead by second year head coach Mike Martin. Martin is a 1986 graduate of Sweetwater High and attended Tennessee Wesleyan College. Prior to East Ridge, he was the head coach at Meigs County for 5 years and amassed a record of 34-16. Martin is 13-8 at East Ridge...East Ridge’s overall playoff record is 2-10 and their best years were 1997 and 2001, when they advanced to the second round...The Pioneers sport a hardnosed defense that is led by tackles Ben Hunsucker (6’0”, 245) and Logan Roberts (6’0”, 235) and linebacker Clinton Harris (6’1”, 180). Other lineman standouts include Zach West (6’2”, 265), Branden Morgan (6’3”, 245), Keyonte Bush (6’0”, 255) and twins Micah and Makal Kidd. The skill positions are led by 2008 All-Region performer DB/WR Dominique King, who has recorded 6 interceptions the past two years. Other standouts include backs Josh Francisco, Breuante King and Chase Steele, and quarterback Jerrell Quarles.

Poll Watching

Poll	Fulton	E. Ridge
AP	8	12
Earl Nall	7	17
Sonny Moore	6	21
Murphy Fair	NR	NR
tnvarsity.com	8	NR
maxpreps.com	9	12
Massey	11	16

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 51 team in the entire state of Tennessee. East Ridge is the number 144 team in the state. 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 #6 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 #5 AP (Class 3-A)
2007 #5 AP (Class 3-A)

Fulton 2009 Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Carries	Yards	TD
Dametrious Thomas	138	954	13
Marco Golliday	33	268	4
Receiving	Catches	Yards	TD
Micah Pitchford	22	301	3
Xavier Bridges	18	147	1
Passing	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Ben Winters	70/126	841	5
Tackles	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Quientest Vinson	74	10	2
Antonio Barfield	57	.5	0
Ben Winters	56	4	.5

Offensive Notes

- Fulton is outscoring opponents 97-13 in the 1st quarter this year.
-The FHS offense is averaging 28.1 points per game.
- Fulton recorded season highs in points scored (66), rushing yards (349), passing yards (176), and total yards (525) in the 66-7 victory over Union Co.

-Jared Mynatt's 79-yard TD run on the last play of the game against Pigeon Forge was Mynatt's first career carry and touchdown.

-Junior RB Dametrius Thomas has rushed for over 100 yards in 7 of his last 12 games, including a 130 yard effort against Catholic last year. His career high is 194 yards against Scott in 2008.

-Thomas was nominated for WBIR's Varsity 10 player of the week honors for his 190-yard, two TD performance against Gibbs, and his 3 TD game against Union Co.

-Marco Golliday earned a PrepXtra player of the week nomination for his three touchdown, 120 yard performance against Carter.

-Mynatt's 79-yard touchdown run against Pigeon Forge is Fulton's longest offensive play of the year.

-Senior Xavier Bridges and Junior Javonte Cotner recorded their first career receptions against Morristown East.

-Quarterback Ben Winters threw his first two interceptions of the season in week five against West.

-QB Ben Winters will be making his 22nd career start tonight. He is 12-9 as a starting quarterback.

-Winters' best career start came against Tyner in 2007. He completed 9 of 18 passes for 176 yards and 3 TDs. It was his first career start.

-Winters has completed 175 of 328 passes for 2430 yards and 24 TDs in his career at Fulton.

-QB Nick Lethgo completed his 1st career pass in the Austin-East game. His only other prior pass attempt came in 2007 vs. Stone Memorial. Lethgo threw his 1st career TD pass against Union Co.

-The Fulton offense is averaging 278.0 yards per game. (177.4 yards rushing, 100.6 yards passing)

-Fulton has committed 16 turnovers this year, and is +4 in turnover margin on the year.

-The Falcons have only converted on 4 of 18 4th down conversion opportunities this year.

- The Falcons have not been able to hit a home run this year through the air. Fulton's longest passing play in 2009 is only 51 yards, coming on a screen pass to Steve Allen.

-Opponents have over a 4 minute time of possession advantage over the Falcons.

Yearly Passing Leaders 1983-2009

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TD</u>
1983	Kevin Roach	69	121	1049	8
1984	Kevin Roach	128	236	1719	15
1985	Scott Vaught	69	146	775	4
1986	Mark Willard	45	95	633	4
1987	Jason Richardson*	35	74	339	0
1988	Ivan Roper*	58	124	904	8
1989	Ivan Roper	68	116	911	6
1990	Ivan Roper	59	109	900	8
1991	Pete Stone	52	112	580	5
1992	Chad Smith	21	54	218	1
1993	Wayne Austin*	89	193	1049	8
1994	Wayne Austin	112	224	1396	12
1995	Wayne Austin	83	182	1354	7
1996	Fred Smith*	100	191	1401	8
1997	Fred Smith	102	206	1502	13
1998	Fred Smith	73	143	1459	13
1999	Chuck Wilson	84	173	1317	11
2000	Jack Whetsel*	40	77	566	5
2001	Jack Whetsel	96	178	1387	12
2002	Jack Whetsel	121	250	1995	19
2003	Justin Long	132	214	2383	35
2004	Ish Young*	88	169	1490	20
2005	Jock Stinson	59	113	1048	12
2006	Jock Stinson*	65	112	969	10
2007	Jonathan Blair	114	187	1553	20
2008	Ben Winters*	96	184	1413	16
2009	Ben Winters	70	126	841	5

* Indicates QB starter as a sophomore

Yearly Rushing Leaders 1983-2009

<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
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	343	2668	42
2007	Terrence Cobb	206	1293	14
2008	Dametrious Thomas	115	730	5
2009	Dametrious Thomas	138	954	13

Defensive Notes

-The FHS defense has held two opponents to under 100 yards of total offense this year. The Falcons have lost both of those games. (Austin-East 90 yds., G-P 95 yds.)

-The Fulton defense is allowing an average of 196.7 yards per game. (114.7 rushing, 82.0 passing) Last year, Fulton gave up 219.4 yards per game.

-Fulton has given up 7 of 18 (38.9%) 4th down conversion opportunities this year.

-Jared Mynatt recorded 3 sacks against Union Co., and received a defensive player of the week nomination from PrepXtra and WBIR.

-Freshman LB Jolante Castle was nominated for player of the week honors by WBIR for his 13 tackle game against Carter.

-Quietest Vinson was named defensive player of the week by the Knoxville QB Club for his 10 tackle performance against G-P.

-Ben Winters was nominated for PrepXtra Defensive Player of the Week honors for his performance against Gibbs.

-Fulton has forced 20 turnovers this season.

-Antonio Barfield recorded Fulton's first interception in the Alcoa game. Fulton picked off three passes in the Carter game.

-Bart Satterfield has recorded interceptions in the last two games.

-Sr. Quietest Vinson led the Falcons in tackles last year with 82 stops as a linebacker. He has moved to defensive tackle in 2009 and leads the Falcons with 74 stops.

-Fulton has allowed only 13 points in the 1st quarter this year.

-The Falcons are averaging just 1.9 defensive penalties per game.

-Fulton recorded eight sacks, and 14 minus yard tackles in the West game.

Falcons Earn 82nd Shutout

Defense has been a hallmark of Fulton Football down through the years. Fulton's win over Anderson Co. in the 2nd round of the 2007 TSSAA playoffs set a defensive milestone for the Falcons. The 24-0 victory over Anderson Co. was the 82nd all-time shutout for Fulton football, and tied a school record with 3 consecutive shutouts. Fulton recorded back-to-back shutouts earlier in 2007 against Stone Memorial and Morristown East. Coach Coatney's teams have recorded a total of 26 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. Prior to 2007, Fulton's longest shutout streak came in the 2002 playoffs where FHS recorded three consecutive shutouts against Pigeon Forge, Seymour, and Gatlinburg Pittman.

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
2007 Stone Memorial	36-0
2007 Morristown East	34-0
2007 Livingston Academy	36-0
2007 Rutledge	26-0
2007 Anderson Co.	24-0

Special Teams Notes

- Fulton kicker Brad McKeehan is 21 of 26 (80.8%) on the year on extra point attempts, including a 6 for 6 performance against Pigeon Forge.
- McKeehan is 2 of 3 on field goal attempts this year. The long was from 28 yards.
- McKeehan's long punt of the year is 43-yards. Only 9 of his 25 punts have been returned.
- Opponents are only averaging 5.2 yards per punt return. Fulton averages 22.5 yards per punt return.
- Steve Allen's 47-yard punt return for TD against Pigeon Forge was the first for Fulton since 2006 when Dennis Freeney had an 86-yard return versus Claiborne.
- Fulton's last kick off return for a touchdown came this year versus Carter. Steve Allen returned the opening kickoff 87 yards for a score.

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 in 2005.

FHS Overtime Games

<u>Year</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>OT</u>
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	@Trousdale Co.	W, 14-13	OT
2003	@Austin-East	W, 12-6	OT
2005	@Anderson Co.	L, 27-26	OT

Sinkhole Scare 2009

The sinkhole that opened up on Fulton's football field during the Alcoa game on September 10 has become one of the most unique stories of the 2009 season. The entire

event was televised live on MyVLT2 as a part of the Rivalry Tuesday telecast. Coverage of the sinkhole was found in news outlets such as *USA Today*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, and MSNBC. One measurement of the sinkhole found it to be as much as 15 feet deep, with tunnels that run down the sideline and under the Fulton bench. Work crews repaired the sinkhole on the next day by digging the sunken area out and pouring concrete into the hole. Sand and topsoil were added to level the area, and new sod was planted in the damaged area.

Did You Know...

-Three former Fulton football players have played in the NFL, while two others participated in NFL camps. D.D. Lewis (c/o 1964) holds an NFL record with 5 Super Bowl appearances with the Dallas Cowboys. D.D. was a stalwart on the Doomsday Defense from 1968-1981. He is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame from his days at Mississippi State... Ron Widby (c/o 1963) was a four-sport letterman at Tennessee, and played in the ABA before moving on to punt for Dallas and Green Bay. He played in 2 Super Bowls with Dallas, and was a member of the 1971 Pro Bowl team. Widby averaged 42 yards per punt in his 5-year NFL career. He also played on the PGA Seniors Tour in 1996...James Yarbrough (c/o 1982) made it to the NFL as a safety for the New York Giants in 1987. Yarbrough recorded 14 interceptions in his college career playing for Frank Beamer at Murray State...Jykine Bradley (c/o 1998) participated in Buffalo's training camp in 2002, before moving on to NFL Europe. He is currently a 5-year veteran member of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the CFL... All-American Linebacker Jackie Walker (c/o 1968) was drafted in the 6th

round of the 1972 NFL Draft by the 49ers, but never played in a game. Walker was inducted into the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame last summer.

-Longtime Fulton coach Bob Black was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in 2008. Black was honored at halftime of Fulton's state championship basketball game versus Memphis Mitchell.

-Knoxville grocer/politician/radio & TV host Cas Walker was a driving force in the building of Fulton Stadium. Walker, who lived in North Hills, would push for donations for the stadium fund on his morning radio show.

-Two other Fulton graduates are head coaches of area high school teams. Steve Brewer is the head coach at Sevier Co., and Eddie Courtney is the head coach of the Farragut Admirals.

-Fulton has had three players named as finalists for the Mr. Football Award. Jeff Mitchell (Back, 2001), DeMarcus Stevens (Lineman, 2002-2003), and Dennis Rogan (Back, 2005-2006) were honored as one of the top players in Class 3A. Despite not winning Mr. Football, both Stevens and Rogan earned BlueCross Bowl MVP honors.

-The three maroon stripes on Fulton Stadium are in honor of the school's three state championships.

-Coach Buck Coatney hosts a weekly community talk show "The Falcon Zone" on Thursdays at 9AM on WKCS-FM 91.1

Falcons On The Web

Every Fulton football game will be broadcast live on WKCS-FM 91.1, and can now be heard on the Internet at www.wkcsradio.org... Fulton's official football website is www.fultonfootball.com...A new place to find out about happenings in Falcon Country is the Fulton Maroon and White Report at www.fultonfalcons.blogspot.com. This blog will cover all Fulton athletics.

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