

2009 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



FULTON FOOTBALL 2008

Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004, 2006

Fulton Falcons (0-0) vs. Morristown West Trojans (0-0)

August 22, 2009

Burke-Toney Stadium

Setting The Scene

Fulton opens its 59th season of football this afternoon in Morristown. The Falcons are 25-28-5 in season opening games...Today marks the first time that Fulton has ever played in a Week Zero game, and August 22nd is the earliest Fulton has ever started a season... The Falcons are 10-14 in the month of August...Fulton will try to return to the playoffs in 2009, after missing the postseason for the 1st time since 1992 last year...Both squads return most of their starters from last year. Fulton returns seven offensive starters and eight defensive starters in 2009, while West returns nine on defense and eight on offense...Today will be only the 3rd meeting between the schools. Fulton defeated West 29-8 in Morristown in 1971, and the Trojans returned the honor with a 21-7 victory in Knoxville in 1972.

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.....	129-82
Seasons Played.....	59
All-Time Record.....	354-272-11
Playoff Appearances..	18
Playoff Record.....	31-15

2009 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	
8/14	Karns (Jamboree)	W, 16-0
8/22	@Morristown West	
8/28	@Powell	
9/4	@Austin-East	
9/10	Alcoa (Thurs.)	7:00PM
9/18	@Pigeon Forge	
9/25	@West	
10/2	@Gibbs	
10/9	Gatlinburg-Pittman	HC
10/16	Carter	
10/30	Union Co.	

Falcon Talk

- The 2009 Falcons are trying to 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 returns seven offensive starters, and eight defensive starters in 2009.
- 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.

Gameday Forecast

Partly cloudy skies are on tap for Saturday in Morristown, with the high temperature reaching only 81 degrees.

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 129-82 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 defensive coordinator of the Tennessee team in the 2009 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.

District 3-AA Standings

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

This Week in District 3-AA

Gatlinburg Pittman 7 Onieda 6
Gibbs 60 Grainger 14
Hardin Valley 7 Carter 0
Fulton @ Morristown West
A-E @ Morristown East

Next Week in District 3-AA

Fulton at Powell
Cosby at Gatlinburg-Pittman
Gibbs at Claiborne
Austin-East at Ooltewah
Carter at Grainger
Union Co. at Cumberland Gap
Pigeon Forge at Greenback

Fulton vs. Morristown West Series

Fulton will face Morristown West today for only the third time in school history, and the first time since 1972. Both teams have won one game in the series. Fulton defeated West 29-8 in Morristown in 1971, and the Trojans returned the honor with a 21-7 victory in Knoxville in 1972. Fulton won both games with Morristown East in a two year series that ended last year. Fulton defeated the Hurricanes 31-21 last year, and 34-0 at Burke-Toney in 2007.

2009 Trojan Schedule (District 2-AAA)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
8/22	Fulton	
8/28	Central	
9/4	@Cherokee	
9/11	Science Hill	
9/18	@South-Doyle	
10/2	Morristown East	
10/9	Sevier Co.	
10/15	@Jefferson Co.	
10/23	@Cocke Co.	
10/30	Seymour	

Morristown West Football Records

1997	7-4
1998	8-4
1999	11-1
2000	12-1
2001	12-2
2002	12-2
2003	11-4
2004	4-7
2005	13-1
2006	13-1
2007	7-5
2008	6-5

Morristown West Notes

Coach Lamar Brown is in his 2nd year as Trojan head coach, with a record of 6-5 at West...West has made 12 straight trips to the playoffs...The Trojans ended 2008 with a playoff loss to Tennessee high 49-35...Nine defensive and eight offensive starters return in 2009...West shutout both Jefferson Co. (3-0), and Cocke Co. (14-0) in the IMAC jamboree

last week...Kicker Curt Duncan won the kicking competition with a 45-yard field goal.

Fulton 2008 Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Carries	Yards	TD
Dametrious Thomas	115	730	5
Marco Golliday	55	256	2
Receiving	Catches	Yards	TD
Courtland Styles	30	365	6
Jemichael Williams	29	502	4
Passing	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Ben Winters	96/184	1,413	16
Tackles	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Quientest Vinson	82	6.5	1
Jemichael Williams	62	1	0
Antwan Hamilton	47	7.5	4

Bold indicates 2009 returnee.

Yearly Passing Leaders 1983-2008

<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

* Indicates QB starter as a sophomore

Yearly Rushing Leaders 1983-2008

<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

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. Fulton has recorded at least one shutout for the last 11 seasons. 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 this season, Fulton's longest shutout streak came in the 2002 playoffs where FHS recorded three consecutive

shutouts against Pigeon Forge, Seymour, and Gatlinburg Pittman.

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

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

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

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 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 this 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.

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.

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.