

2007 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



FULTON FOOTBALL 2007

Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004, 2006

Fulton Falcons (0-1) vs. Anderson Co. Mavericks (1-0)

September 7, 2007

Paul Bostic Sports Complex

Fulton Quick Facts

Location..... Knoxville
Opened..... 1951
Enrollment..... 956
District/Region... 2-3A
Home Field..... Bob Black Field
Principal..... Kitty Hatcher
Athletic Director.. Jody Wright
Head Coach..... Buck Coatney
Seasons..... 16
Record..... 113-74
Seasons Played... 57
All-Time Record...338-264-11
Playoff Appearances..17
Playoff Record... 27-14

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

NOTABLE

- Fulton will try to defend its 3rd Class 3A state football championship this season.
- The Falcons dropped their season-opener last week 30-14 to Oak Ridge. The Wildcats rolled up 291 rushing yards in Fulton's worst loss since 2005.
- QB Jock Stinson had a career night against Oak Ridge, passing for 198 yards and two TDs.
- Fulton is 1-4 against the Mavs at Anderson Co., including a 27-26 OT loss here in 2005.
- The Falcons lost 21 seniors from last year's team, and only return 9 lettermen in 2007.
- Three offensive and five defensive starters return in 2007.
- Offensive and defensive lines will be a primary concern for Fulton this year. No starters or primary backups return in the line positions this year.

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. After a disappointing 2005 season, the Falcons returned to championship form, finishing with a 14-1 record and a BlueCross Bowl victory over David Lipscomb.

Coach Buck Coatney

Fulton High School's 26-7 season-opening win over Austin-East on 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 arch-rival West. The Fulton program improved throughout the early 90s. The Falcons made their first of 14 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. Currently, Coatney has a 113-74 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'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

2007 Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | |
|-------------|--------------------|----------|
| 8/17 | West @Farragut | L, 14-8 |
| 8/31 | Oak Ridge | L, 30-14 |
| 9/7 | @Anderson Co. | |
| 9/14 | @Chatt. Tyner | |
| 9/21 | Stone Memorial | HC |
| 9/28 | @Morristown East | |
| 10/5 | Scott | |
| 10/12 | Kingston | |
| 10/19 | @Catholic | |
| 10/26 | @ Austin-East | |
| 11/2 | Livingston Academy | |

2007 Region 2-3A Standings

| Place | Team | Reg | Over |
|-------|---------------|-----|------|
| | | . | |
| 1 | Catholic | 1-0 | 2-0 |
| 2 | Scott | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| 3 | AC | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| 4 | Kingston | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| 5 | Fulton | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| 6 | AE | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| 7 | Livingston | 0-0 | 0-2 |
| 8 | Stone | 0-1 | 1-1 |

Last Week

Anderson County 23 Clinton 6
Scott 47 Gibbs 3
Kingston 27 Harriman 3
Knoxville Catholic 48 Stone Memorial 3
Knoxville Webb 35 Austin-East 27
Trousdale Co. 28 Livingston 13
Oak Ridge 30 Fulton 14

This Week

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

Next Week

Anderson County at Lenoir City
Kingston at Rockwood
Carter at Austin-East
Catholic at Knoxville Webb
Fulton at Tyner
Stone Memorial at Ensworth
Taft Youth Center at Scott County

Fulton vs Anderson Co.- The Series

Fulton meets Anderson Co. tonight for the tenth time. Anderson Co. won the first four meetings and leads the all-time series 5-4. Fulton defeated Anderson Co. last year with a 32-0 shutout, while AC won the last meeting in Clinton as the Mavs upset the Falcons 27-26 in overtime. Fulton holds a 3-1 advantage in games played at Bob Black Field, while the Mavericks lead the series 4-1 in games played at Anderson Co. The series dates back to 1993, when Buck Coatney's second Fulton team traveled to Clinton to face Larry Kerr's first group of Mavericks. Anderson Co. held off a late Fulton rally to defeat the Falcons 22-15 in that first game. The two teams have played three overtime classics. In the 2001 second round of the playoffs, Anderson Co. stormed from behind to send the game into overtime. The next year, Fulton kept its undefeated season alive by winning the two-overtime thriller 26-23. Fulton has played more overtime games against Anderson Co. than any other school.

Fulton/AC Scoreboard

| Year | W/L | Score | Site |
|--------|-----|-----------|------|
| 1993 | L | 25-15 | A |
| 1994 | L | 22-18 | H |
| 2001 | L | 16-7 | A |
| 2001 p | L | 39-36 OT | A |
| 2002 | W | 26-23 2OT | H |
| 2003 | W | 14-10 | A |
| 2004 | W | 35-7 | H |
| 2005 | L | 27-26 OT | A |
| 2006 | W | 32-0 | H |

Last Year

The Fulton Falcons improved to 2-0 in region play for the first time since 2002 last year as they defeated Anderson Co. 32-0 at Bob Black Field. Once again for the Falcons, it was the Dennis show, as Dennis Rogan and Dennis Freaney accounted for all 5 FHS touchdowns. Rogan had another productive night, rushing for 192 yards and three touchdowns. His 93-yard TD run in the 4th quarter capped the scoring for Fulton. Freaney intercepted a Paul Longmire pass in the 2nd quarter and returned it for a 16-yard TD, and caught a 12-yard touchdown pass from Jock Stinson. The Fulton passing game looked sharp, as Stinson passed for 139 yards in the air. Defensively, the Falcons allowed the Mavericks only 90 total yards of offense. Antonio Hamilton recorded a season high 11 tackles in the winning effort. Fulton shook off a slow start to take a 20-0 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Last Week- Oak Ridge 30 Fulton 14

Oak Ridge running back Jared Stephens made sure that Fulton would not knock off the Wildcats for the first time since 1967. Stephens' 205 yards and three touchdowns squashed any hopes of an opening victory for the Falcons. Oak Ridge quickly took a 13-0 lead in the first quarter on a pair of 6-yard runs by Stephens. The Wildcats took a 16-0 lead into halftime, as the Fulton offense sputtered. Stephens' third touchdown, a 48-yard jaunt through the middle of the Falcon defense, put the game out of reach. Fulton got on the scoreboard twice in the final period thanks to two Jock Stinson TD passes to Derrick Humphrey.

The Wildcats out gained Fulton 291-85 on the ground. It was Fulton's lowest rushing output in two seasons. The Falcons were only 3 of 15 in third and fourth down conversions. Bubba Stokes led the Falcons in tackles. In addition to his two TD catches, Derrick Humphrey added an interception and a 22-yard fumble recovery.

A Look at Anderson Co.

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|-------|---------------------|--------|
| 8/31 | @Clinton | W 23-6 |
| 9/7 | Fulton | |
| 9/14 | @Lenoir City | |
| 9/21 | Kingston | |
| 9/28 | Powell | |
| 10/5 | @Catholic | |
| 10/12 | @Austin-East | |
| 10/19 | @Livingston Academy | |
| 10/26 | Scott | |
| 11/2 | @Stone Memorial | |

In With The New...

Several new faces and freshmen will be called on by the 2007 Fulton Falcons to contribute. Transfers Derek Wilcox and Devin Crawford are likely to see action tonight in key roles for Fulton. Wilcox, a senior RB/LB will move to linebacker after seeing action last week in the secondary. He has recorded 165 tackles and four interceptions in his career. Wilcox will also see time in the offensive backfield, where he has rushed for 714 career

yards. Junior Devin Crawford, who moved back to Tennessee from Maryland, is slated to start at defensive tackle, and will relieve Bubba Stokes at fullback.

The freshmen class will have a big impact on the success of this year's team. Two freshmen will start on offense for Fulton, and two others are listed on the two deep. Ben Winters, son of 1988 KFL lineman of the year Chad Winters, will start for Fulton at TE. He will also see time at linebacker, and is listed as a back-up QB. Mychal Cason will try to help the young FHS offensive line come together from the right tackle position. Khiry Riddles is listed as a back up at TE and DE, and Dametrius Thomas saw extensive action last week at linebacker.

Poll Watching

| Poll | Fulton | AC |
|-------------|--------|----|
| AP | 3 | NR |
| Sonny Moore | 2 | 17 |
| Murphy Fair | 4 | NR |
| Earl Nall | 4 | 29 |

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 16 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Anderson Co. is listed as the number 104 team in all of TN. 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)

Playoff Streak Longest in Knox

The Fulton Falcons were the #2 seed from Region 2-3A in the 2006 TSSAA playoffs. It marked 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 25-11 in playoff games with four championship appearances and three 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 27-14. 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 |

Inside The Numbers...

QB Jock Stinson's performance against Oak Ridge set several career highs. Stinson had career bests in attempts (30), completions (15), passing yards (198), and touchdown passes (2).... Derrick Humphrey's 7 catches last week were the most for a Fulton WR since 2004. ...Fulton only had 2 penalties against OR. ...The Falcons' 14 points and 85 rushing yards would have been season lows in 2006.

Falcons Earn 77th Shutout

Defense has been a hallmark of Fulton Football down through the years. Fulton's win over Livingston Academy last year 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.

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 2007 Statistical Leaders

| | | | |
|------------------|----------|-------|----|
| Rushing | Carries | Yards | TD |
| Terrence Cobb | 12 | 55 | 0 |
| Receiving | Catches | Yards | TD |
| D. Humphrey | 7 | 155 | 2 |
| Passing | Att/Comp | Yards | TD |
| Jock Stinson | 15/30 | 198 | 2 |

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------|-----|------|
| Tackles | Tackles | -yd | Sack |
| Bubba Stokes | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Vic Smith | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Antwan Hamilton | 6 | 0 | 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.

| <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 |

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.

-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.

Remembering Bill Wilson

Fulton High School alumnus and long time local high school football coach Bill Wilson passed away this spring due to complications from a massive heart attack. Wilson, 58, was a 1967 graduate of Fulton, where he helped lead the Falcons to an 8-3 record in 1966, and a victory over Loudon in the Rockwood Jaycee Bowl. Wilson played college football at Carson-Newman College, and was named as a member of the Eagles' All-Century Football Team. He replaced Bill Young as head coach at West High in the late 1970s, and held that position except for one year until his retirement in 1998. He was known as a tireless promoter and fundraiser for his program. Wilson created the summer Punt-Pass flag football league in the late 80s. Under Wilson's leadership, the Rebels made three playoff appearances, and earned district championships in 1979, 1993, and 1994. The 1994 West Rebels team defeated Unicoi Co. (21-0), Scott (22-18), and Seymour (14-10) in advancing to the TSSAA state semi-finals. The football field at West was named Bill Wilson Field in his honor. Following his retirement from coaching, Wilson continued to promote high school football as a radio and TV analyst. Wilson served as the Drivers Education supervisor for Knox Co. Schools. In 2006, Wilson came out of retirement to become the head football coach at Bearden High school.

Up Next For The Falcons

Fulton travels to Chattanooga next week to face the Tyner Academy Rams. The Falcons hold a 2-0 advantage in the all-time series against the Class 2A powerhouse. Tyner won a state championship in 1997. Local kick-off is at 7:30.

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