

# **2007 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES**



## **Welcome to Fulton High School Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004, 2006 Fulton Falcons (5-1) vs. Kingston Yellow Jackets (5-1) October 12, 2007**

### **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 Tuesdays and Wednesdays of game weeks preparing the field for Friday's game. The drop wing falcon on the 50-yard line first appeared during the 1992 season. This is the fifth 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 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday this season, and the Falcons have been successful in the past in defending their home turf. Fulton is 2-1 at home this year after dropping their 2007 home opener to Oak Ridge. The Falcons were 5-1 in home games last year. 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 127-91-3, and Coach Coatney is 54-34 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.. Jody Wright  
 Head Coach..... Buck Coatney  
 Seasons..... 16  
 Record..... 118-74  
 Seasons Played... 57  
 All-Time Record...343-264-11  
 Playoff Appearances..17  
 Playoff Record... 27-14

### **Coach Buck Coatney**

Fulton High School's 26-7 2006 season-opening win over Austin-East on 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 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. Entering the 2007 season, Coatney has a 113-73 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 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 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. Earlier this year, Coatney was honored by the TSSAA as the state football coach of the year.

### **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.	W, 44-7
9/14	@Chatt. Tyner	W, 30-27
9/21	Stone Memorial	W, 36-0
9/28	@Morristown East	W, 34-0
10/5	Scott	W, 42-6
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	4-0	7-0
2	Fulton	3-0	5-1
3	Kingston	2-1	5-1
4	A-E	2-1	4-2
5	AC	1-2	4-2
6	Scott	1-2	4-2
7	Livingston	0-3	0-6
8	Stone M.	0-4	1-5

### **Last Week**

**Fulton 42 Scott 6**

**Kingston 35 Stone Memorial 0**

Austin-East 42 Livingston Academy 7

Catholic 27 Anderson Co. 14

### **This Week**

**Kingston at Fulton**

Anderson County at Austin-East

Bledsoe County at Stone Memorial

Kingston at Knoxville Fulton

Knoxville Catholic at Open

Livingston Academy at Scott County

### **Next Week**

**Fulton at Catholic**

Anderson County at Livingston Academy

Austin-East at Stone Memorial

Scott County at Kingston

### **Last Time Out...**

Fulton finished one quarter shy of recording their third consecutive shutout last week, but still defeated the Scott Highlanders 42-6 on Homecoming at Fulton. A 3-yard touchdown run by Scott's Justin Jeffers in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was the first score the Falcon defense had given up in 11 quarters. The defense was impressive again, allowing Scott only 39 rushing yards, and 141 total yards.

The Falcons took advantage of two key mistakes by Scott to set up 1<sup>st</sup> quarter scores. After taking the opening kickoff, Scott was forced to punt. The snap sailed high over the punter's head, and Fulton recovered at the 3-yard line. Terrence Cobb's 1-yard run and 2-point conversion gave Fulton a quick 8-0 lead. Marco Golliday blocked Scott's second punt, and freshman QB Dametrius Thomas scored a 6-yard touchdown on the ensuing drive.

Jonathan Blair had another strong performance for Fulton, completing 10-14 passes for 179 yards and 2 TDs. Blair's favorite target on the night was Vic Smith. Smith pulled in 6 passes for 150 yards, including touchdowns of 88 yards and a 27-yard TD on the last play of the 1<sup>st</sup> half to give Fulton a 36-0 halftime lead.

The Fulton rushing attack rolled up 192 yards, and was led by Cobb with 90. Derek Wilcox scored on a 30-yard run late in the 1<sup>st</sup> half, and fullback Bubba Stokes closed the scoring for the second consecutive week on a 36-yard jaunt.

## **Tonight's Opponent- Kingston**

Kingston enters their region 2-3A match-up with Fulton with a 5-1 record for the second consecutive year. Only a 21-13 loss to Anderson Co. in week four blemishes their record. Kingston will need a strong second half of the season to earn their 23<sup>rd</sup> playoff appearance. The Yellow Jackets were the 1973 class AA state champions, and have made 4 other championship appearances.

Vic King's teams are known for a strong rushing attack, and the ability to make big plays when needed in the passing game. Kingston has a two-headed rushing attack, led by James Sams and Zach Zeigler. The combo has recorded 12 TDs in 2007. Sams leads Kingston with 575 yards, and Zeigler follows with 496 yards. Senior QB Heath Bailey has thrown for 332 yards and four TDs. Sams has caught 5 passes for 131 yards out of the backfield. Junior Alex Roberts leads Kingston with 33 tackles.

### **2007 Kingston Scoreboard**

Date	Opponent	
31-Aug	Harriman	W 27 3
07-Sep	at Livingston Academy (R)	W 54 14
14-Sep	at Rockwood	W 21 18
21-Sep	at Anderson County (R)	L 21 13
28-Sep	at Oliver Springs	W 28 6
05-Oct	Stone Memorial (R)	W 35 0
12-Oct	at Knoxville Fulton (R)	
19-Oct	Scott County (R)	
26-Oct	Knoxville Catholic (R)	
02-Nov	Austin-East (R)	

### **Fulton vs. Kingston- The Series**

The Fulton Falcons and Kingston Yellow Jackets meet for the 14<sup>th</sup> time tonight at Bob Black Field. The Fulton leads the all-time series 7-6, and has a 4-1 advantage in games played at home. Fulton has won the last six games in the series, and the last four games played in Knoxville. The teams have met in the post-season on three occasions, dating

back to the schools' first meeting in 1988. Kingston has won all three playoff meetings. The Yellow Jackets have made 22 playoff appearances, winning the state championship in 1973. Coach Vic King is in his 22<sup>nd</sup> season as the head coach of the Yellow Jackets; holding a 171-77 record.

Year	W/L	Score	Site
1988p	L	13-12	A
1993p	L	21-0	A
1997	L	54-16	H
1998	L	30-20	A
1998p	L	46-6	A
1999	W	52-29	H
2000	L	22-12	A
2001	W	35-28	H
2002	W	28-13	A
2003	W	54-12	H
2004	W	35-0	A
2005	W	44-28	H
2006	W	40-13	A

### **Last Year- FHS 40 Kingston 13**

Fulton rolled into Kingston short-handed for last year's region 2-3A match-up, and left with an impressive 40-13 victory over the home standing Yellow Jackets. Dennis Rogan celebrated his commitment to Tennessee with his best performance of the year, rushing for 251-yards and returning a Kingston kickoff for a touchdown.

Kingston's option attack gave the Falcon defense fits on a time consuming opening drive, but the Falcons thwarted the Yellow Jacket scoring attempt. As soon as Fulton got their hands on the ball, they found the end zone. Rogan scored his first of three rushing TDs on the Falcons first offensive play. His 70-yard TD run marked the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive week that Rogan has scored on Fulton's initial drive of the game. The Falcons squandered two other first half scoring drives before putting together an 11-play, 78-yard drive capped off by Rogan's 2<sup>nd</sup> TD run of the game. Fulton led 14-0 at half, and Rogan increased the lead to 20-0 on the first drive of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half on a 59-yard run. Kingston answered by putting together a hard-nosed 11-play TD drive. Josh King converted a 4<sup>th</sup> and short into a 36-yard touchdown run. Rogan

then squashed any hopes of a Kingston rally by returning the ensuing kickoff 79-yards for a FHS TD. It marked the second consecutive year that Rogan returned a kickoff for a touchdown versus the Yellow Jackets.

QB Jock Stinson finished the Fulton scoring with touchdown passes to the Humphrey brothers. Stinson hit Desmond Humphrey on a 27-yard scoring strike, and Derrick Humphrey on an 18-yard pass. Stinson finished the night hitting a season best 14 of 22 passes for 141 yards. Bubba Stokes led the Falcon defense with 10 tackles.

### **Subway Players of the Week**

These Falcons earned the Subway Player of the Week Award following the Stone Memorial Game. Each player receives a trophy from City Councilman Mark Brown.

Offense: Vic Smith. Smith had a career night against Scott, hauling in 6 passes for 150 yards and 2 touchdowns. He caught an 88-yard TD pass from Jonathan Blair; the longest pass of the year.

Defense: Stefan Matthews. Matthews made the most of his first career start at linebacker by recording 5 tackles and 1.5 minus yard hits.

### **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 has moved to linebacker after seeing action against Oak Ridge in the secondary. He has recorded 184 tackles and four interceptions in his career. Wilcox will also see time in the offensive backfield, where he has rushed for 916 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, threw for three TDs against Tyner in week 3, has seen extensive action at

QB, linebacker and tight end this season. Mychal Cason will try to help the young FHS offensive line come together from the right tackle position. Dametrius Thomas has seen extensive action at linebacker, and scored his first career touchdown on a QB sweep against Scott.

### **Poll Watching**

Poll	Fulton	Kingston
AP	3	NR
Sonny Moore	2	15
Murphy Fair	4	NR
Earl Nall	2	16
etpreps.com	3	NR

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 17 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Kingston is listed as the number 87 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)

### **Why Go For 1?...**

Football observers are always amazed that Fulton goes for two after every touchdown. This offensive strategy has been effective for Fulton in the past, and in 2007. The Falcons are 16 of 28 on two-point conversions this year. That means that Fulton averages scoring 1.14 points after every TD. Opponents are 7 of 9 on extra point attempts this season, and 0-1 on 2-point conversions, averaging 0.70 points after every TD.

### **2007 Conversion Chart By Game**

Game	Fulton (2pt)	Opp (1pt)
Oak Ridge	1/2	3/4
Anderson	4/6	1/1
Tyner	3/4	3/4
Stone	3/5	0/0
M. East	2/5	0/0

Scott            3/6            0/0  
 Total            16/28 (57%) 7/9 (78%)

**Inside The Numbers...**

The Falcons have scored on their opening drive 3 times this year. ... Fulton running backs Terrence Cobb and Derek Wilcox have a chance to go over the 1000-yard career rushing mark tonight. Cobb, with 958 career yards, needs 42 yards tonight fore the milestone. Wilcox is only 84 yards away from 1000. ...Fulton's 11-quarter shutout streak ended last week in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter vs. Scott ...Fulton is outscoring opponents 50-20 in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. ... Quarterback Jonathan Blair will make his 10<sup>th</sup> career start tonight. His career record is 8-1 as a starter. Fulton's 259 rushing yards versus Morristown East was a season high. ... Fulton's 14 penalties for 126 yards vs. Stone Memorial were season highs. Fulton held Stone Memorial to 39 total yards; the fewest of the year. Senior Derrick Humphrey leads the Falcons receiving yards (360), and receiving TDs (4). ...Terrence Cobb's 122-yard rushing performance against Stone Memorial was his career-best rushing game. Cobb has carried the ball 16 times in three games this year (AC, Tyner, Stone Memorial), and has 3 100+ yard rushing games this year. ... Ben Winters, Marco Golliday, and Derek Wilcox scored their first career touchdowns for Fulton against AC. ... 6 different receivers caught passes for the Falcons versus Anderson Co.

**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' 14<sup>th</sup> 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 three 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Fulton 2007 Statistical Leaders**

<b>Rushing</b>	Carries	Yards	TD
Terrence Cobb	89	568	5
<b>Receiving</b>	Catches	Yards	TD
D. Humphrey	17	360	4
Vic Smith	20	272	3
<b>Passing</b>	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Jonathan Blair	31/46	454	6
Ben Winters	8/17	153	3
<b>Tackles</b>	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Bubba Stokes	64	4	1.5
Jabriel Siler	33	2	.5
Vic Smth	27	2	1

**Yearly Passing Leaders 1983-2006**

<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

### **Falcons Earn 79<sup>th</sup> Shutout**

Defense has been a hallmark of Fulton Football down through the years. Fulton's win over Morristown East two weeks ago set a defensive milestone for the Falcons. The 34-0 victory over Morristown East was the 79<sup>th</sup> all-time shutout for Fulton football, and marked back-to-back shutouts. Fulton has recorded at least one shutout for the last 11 seasons. Coach Coatney's teams have recorded a total of 23 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

2007 Stone Memorial	36-0
2007 Morristown East	34-0

### **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

### **Falcon Talk**

Former Falcon, Mississippi State Bulldog, and Dallas Cowboy D.D. Lewis will return to Fulton on Monday Morning to address the student body. He will also interviewed on WKCS-FM 91.1. Lewis will be addressing the Knoxville Quarterback Club later in the day. ... Tonight's game is being taped by Bryan Moss of etpreps.com for rebroadcast on the ION channel (Comcast Channel 3). The game will be replayed on Monday, October 22 at 4PM. ... The Sports Animal 99 has selected tonight's game as one of its games of the week. John Wilkerson and Tim Stafford will handle the play-by-play broadcast. All Fulton games are broadcast on WKCS 91.1 FM with Russell Mayes, Chuck Wilson and Bradley Cooper on the call.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Next week**

Fulton will square off with the Catholic Fighting Irish next week at Blaine Stadium. Both teams have won 2 games in the series. It will be the rematch of last year's 18-13 Fulton win in the playoffs last year. The game will be telecast on CSS. Kickoff is at 7:30.

<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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