

2007 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



Welcome to Fulton High School Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004, 2006 Fulton Falcons (7-2) vs. Livingston Academy Wildcats (1-8) November 2, 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** 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. 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 42nd birthday this season, and the Falcons have been successful in the past in defending their home turf. Fulton is 3-1 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 128-91-3, and Coach Coatney is 55-34 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..... 120-75
 Seasons Played... 57
 All-Time Record...345-265-11
 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 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 120-75 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. 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	W, 34-2
10/19	@Catholic	L, 27-0
10/26	@ Austin-East	W, 34-21
11/2	Livingston Academy	

2007 Region 2-3A Standings

Place	Team	Reg	Over
1	Catholic	6-0	9-0
2	Fulton	5-1	7-2
3	A-E	4-2	6-3
4	AC	3-3	6-3
5	Kingston	3-3	6-3
6	Scott	2-4	5-4
7	Livingston	1-5	1-8
8	Stone M.	0-6	1-8

Last Week

Fulton 34 Austin-East 21
Livingston Academy 24 Stone Memorial 21
 Catholic 14 Kingston 6
 Anderson Co. 42 Scott 21

This Week

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

Next Week-Playoff Possibilities

Region 1

- If Carter wins and Seymour wins, Carter is first, Seymour is second, Rutledge is third, and Gibbs is fourth unless Pigeon Forge wins, in which case Pigeon Forge is fourth.
- If Carter loses and Seymour wins, Seymour is first, Rutledge is second, Carter is third, and Gibbs is fourth unless Pigeon Forge wins, in which case Pigeon Forge is fourth.
- If Carter wins and Seymour loses, Carter is first, Seymour is second, Rutledge is third, and Gibbs is fourth.
- If Carter loses and Seymour loses, Rutledge is first, Carter is second, Seymour is third, and Gibbs is fourth.

Region 2

- Knoxville Catholic is first.
- Knoxville Fulton is second.
- If Austin East wins, Austin East is third and Anderson County is fourth.
- If Austin East loses and Anderson County wins, Anderson County is third and Kingston is fourth.
- If Austin East loses and Anderson County loses, Kingston is third and Austin East is fourth.

Last Time Out...

A second-place finish in Region 2-3A was on the line last week when Fulton traveled to face Austin-East. On a night featuring several special teams bloopers, and almost no passing game, the Falcons took advantage of late Roadrunner mistakes to win 34-21. Each team committed 4 costly turnovers in the game.

Terrence Cobb opened the scoring for Fulton with an 83-yard run late in the first quarter.

The score was Cobb's longest run of the season. Fulton then committed two special teams mistakes that led to A-E scores. On Fulton's next possession, punter Derrick Humphrey tried to avoid a safety in the end zone by throwing the ball away. His ill-fated aerial was intercepted by Adrian Harris for a Roadrunner TD. A-E took the lead at 15-8 following a 1-yard run by Lincoln Anderson. That score was set up by a fumble recovery on a punt by the Roadrunners at the Fulton 6-yard line. Austin-East only needed two plays to score. The lead was short lived, as Fulton's Vic Smith returned the ensuing kick-off 85 yards for a TD. Fulton held a 16-15 lead at the half.

A-E took the lead again in the 3rd quarter, thanks to a long pass from Mark Montgomery to Daniel Anderson and a 5-yard TD run from DeAndre Brinson. A-E missed the 2-point conversion, but led 21-16 going into the 4th quarter. The Falcons then took advantage of A-E mistakes to seal the victory. Fulton posted scoring drives of 10, 8, and 16 yards in the last quarter. Fulton's go-ahead score came on a pass from Jonathan Blair to Derek Wilcox. It was a tough night for Blair, who only threw for 18 yards on the night. Terrence Cobb iced the game for Fulton, scoring on runs of 4 and 18 yards late in the game. Cobb, who played the game with a hip pointer, rushed for a season high 166 yards and 3 touchdowns.

The win over the Roadrunners marked Fulton's first back-to-back wins in the series since 1977-1978. Bubba Stokes played through a knee injury to lead Fulton with 13 tackles. Ken Tyson intercepted 2 passes, and an interception by Humphrey set up a late Cobb score.

Tonight's Opponent- Livingston Ac.

The last two Class 3A State Champions meet tonight at Bob Black Field. Livingston Academy finished the 2005 regular season with a 5-5 record, but reeled off 5 consecutive shutouts to earn the school's first-ever football championship. The last two seasons have not been kind to the Wildcats. After losing the strong 2005 senior class, LA has had to rebuild with freshmen and sophomores. The Wildcats finished with a 1-9 record in 2006, and coach Grant Swallows' team is 1-8 this

year. The Wildcat's first win of the season came last week over Stone Memorial, ending a 13-game losing streak. The 24-21 victory ended in dramatic fashion, as Livingston kicker Josh Huitt kicked a 35-yard field goal at the horn to give LA the victory. QB Brannon McCain completed 5 of 10 passes for 122 yards, and Cody Stafford rushed for 145 yards in the win. The Wildcats' schedule has been brutal in 2007. Their schedule is ranked as the toughest in class 3A.

Livingston Academy is located in Overton County. The school opened in 1909 as a Christian school. It became an Overton Co. public school in 1947, and is the only high school in the county. The Wildcats have made 14 appearances in the TSSAA football playoffs. They reached the state quarterfinals on two occasions, 1996 and 2004, before earning the state championship in 2005.

2007 Wildcat Scoreboard

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
24-Aug	Smith County	L 28 0
31-Aug	at Trousdale County	L 28 13
07-Sep	Kingston (R)	L 54 14
21-Sep	at Knoxville Catholic (R)	L 54 12
28-Sep	at York Institute	L 33 0
05-Oct	Austin-East (R)	L 42 7
12-Oct	at Scott County (R)	L 28 10
19-Oct	Anderson County (R)	L 41 7
26-Oct	Stone Memorial (R)	W 24 21
02-Nov	at Knoxville Fulton (R)	

Fulton vs. Livingston- The Series

Tonight marks the third-ever meeting between Fulton and Livingston Academy. These two teams have combined to win the last 4 Class 3A state championships, with Fulton winning in 2003-2004, 2006, and Livingston Academy earning the title in 2005. Fulton won two years ago at Fulton 18-7, and won in the mud at Livingston 54-0 last year. The schools have met one time on the hardwood, with the Wildcats defeating Fulton in the first round of the 1997 TSSAA boy's state basketball tournament. This is the 15th time that the Falcons have faced a team hailing from the mid-state. Fulton has a record of 10-4 against teams from middle Tennessee. This will be the third regular season meeting

between Fulton and a mid-state school since 1959.

Fulton vs. Middle Tennessee Teams

1951	Sparta	L, 21-12	Knoxville
1953	Sparta	W, 25-0	Sparta
1955	Nash. Central	W, 26-7	Nashville
1958	Hillsboro	L, 48-26	Knoxville
1959	Hillsboro	L, 19-6	Nashville
1974	Father Ryan	L, 29-28	Cookeville
2002	Trousdale Co.	W, 14-13	Hartsville
2003	Macon Co.	W, 26-0	Knoxville
2004	Smith Co.	W, 33-6	Carthage
2004	Greenbrier	W, 34-6	Murfreesboro
2005	Livingston	W, 18-7	Knoxville
2006	Livingston	W, 54-0	Livingston
2006	Pearl-Cohn	W, 26-12	Nashville
2006	Lipscomb	W, 24-14	Murfreesboro
2007	Livingston		Knoxville

Last Year- FHS 54 Livingston Ac. 0

By MAC McLEOD, OCN Sports
A year ago, the regular season ended for Livingston Academy with a hard fought 18-7 loss to Knoxville Fulton, but everybody was excited because the Wildcats had earned a trip to the playoffs. Twelve months later, the Falcons thrashed the Wildcats 54-0 and everybody was just happy the season was finally over.

"It was a disappointment to say the least," senior lineman Robert Holt said as he analyzed the past 10 games. "We knew from the start that we weren't the team we were last year, but we still figured we could win some games and be respectable. That just never happened this year."

Friday's game was one most felt the Wildcats would lose simply because the Falcons brought an 8-1 mark into the game and were ranked in the top five 3A teams in the state. Compounding the problem for Livingston was a sloppy field that took away most of the offense. A muddy field meant the Wildcats would have trouble running, and a wet ball hampered the throwing game.

And it did for Livingston, but it didn't for Fulton. The Falcons blasted through the LA defense for 8 touchdowns, 330 yards on the ground, and another 56 through the air. Meanwhile, the Wildcats could only post a negative 13 yards on the ground and 14

through the air on only one completed pass in 20 attempts. The results were 386 total yards of offense for the visitors and 1 yard total for the home team.

Fulton got things started early with a 55-yard pass interception touchdown, and the Falcons never slowed down. Dennis Rogan, the highly talented running back for Fulton, ripped off 4 touchdowns in the first half on runs of 49, 41, 34, and 46 yards, and on the night accounted for 220 of Fulton's 330 yards on the ground. Rogan broke the school record of 4,145 rushing yards on his first attempt of the night, a 49-yard scoring play right up the middle, and he didn't play in the entire second half.

After scoring three more times in the first half, the fleet-footed back didn't need to play anymore. Meanwhile, the Wildcats couldn't get anything going. Levi Holt could connect with only one receiver in 17 passing attempts, a 14-yard completion to Jordan Bailey in the second period. And backup quarterback Brannon McCoin was unsuccessful in three tries. On the ground, Steven Morgan seldom got past the line of scrimmage.

Senior Night at Fulton

Fifteen seniors will play their final regular season game at Bob Black Field tonight. This group of seniors has compiled a 4-year record of 42-9 with 2 state championships in 2004 and 2006.

#2 Ken Tyson	#14 Garfield Blake
#3 Terrence Cobb	#20 Kamarin Mack
#4 Vic Smith	#22 Jarvis Cornelius
#6 Derek Wilcox	#27 Bubba Stokes
#9 Derrick Humphrey	#32 John Thomas
#10 Jonathan Blair	#55 Gary Gamble
#11 Jabriel Siler	#75 Ricky Hensley
#12 Juan McKinney	

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: Terrene Cobb- Cobb overcame a painful hip pointer injury to rush for a season high 166 yards and 3 TDs. Cobb's 83-yard touchdown run was also a season high.

Defense: Bubba Stokes- Stokes overcame an injury in the Catholic game to record 13 tackles in a gutsy effort. Stokes was also nominated for PrepXtra player of the week.

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 194 tackles and four interceptions in his career. Wilcox will also see time in the offensive backfield, where he has rushed for 934 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	Livingston
AP	5	NR
Sonny Moore	3	40
Murphy Fair	5	NR
Earl Nall	3	51
etpreps.com	5	NR

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 14 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Livingston Academy is listed as the number 206 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 20 of 38 on two-point conversions this year. That means that Fulton averages scoring 1.05 points after every TD. Opponents are 11 of 14 on extra point attempts this season, and 1-3 on 2-point conversions, averaging 0.76 points after every TD.

Conversion Chart By Game

<u>Game</u>	<u>Fulton (2pt)</u>	<u>Opp (1pt)</u>
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
Kingston	2/5	0/0
Catholic	0/0	3/4
A-E	2/5	1/1
Total	20/38 (53%)	11/14 (79%)

Offensive Notes

- The FHS offense is averaging 312.6 yards per game and scoring 29.8 points per game.
- Week 8's shutout loss to Catholic was the first time the FHS offense had been shutout since A-E shutout the Falcons in 2001.
- Jonathan Blair threw a season high 3 interceptions against Catholic, and has a season total of 6 interceptions in 2007. He has thrown 10 TD passes.
- Blair's 32 pass attempts vs. Catholic was a season and career high.
- The Falcons have scored on their opening drive 3 times this year.
- Fulton RB Terrence Cobb eclipsed the 1000-yard career rushing mark against Catholic. He currently has rushed for 1196 career yards.

Derek Wilcox is only 66 yards away from 1000-yard milestone.

- Cobb ran for a season-high 166 yards and 3 TDs versus A-E. He also recorded his longest run of the year, 83-yards against A-E.

- Fulton is outscoring opponents 92-21 in the 4th quarter, and 128-40 in the 2nd half.

- Fulton scored 18 4th quarter points vs. A-E. The Falcons have had big 4th quarters versus Anderson Co. (28 pts.) and Kingston (18 pts.)

- The FHS offense is 9 of 25 this year on 4th down conversions. (36%)

- Quarterback Jonathan Blair will make his 13th career start tonight. His career record is 10-2 as a starter.

- The Falcons have played 6 different people at the QB position in 2007. (Stinson, Winters, Blair, Compton, Lethgo, Thomas)

- Fulton's 259 rushing yards versus Morristown East was a season high.

- Senior Derrick Humphrey leads the Falcons receiving yards (530), while Vic Smith leads the receiving corps in catches with 30.

- The "Big Three" receivers for Fulton (Smith, Humphrey, Tyner) have accounted for 75 catches, 1149 yards, and 12 TDs in 2007.

- Prior to the A-E game, 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 4 100+ yard rushing games this year.

- Freshman TE Khiry Riddles made his first career catch against Catholic. His 12-yard reception gave Fulton a 1st down.

- 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.

Defensive Notes

- The FHS defense is allowing 198.2 yards per game and 13.3 points per game.

- Opponents are only completing 40.3% of pass attempts on the year. The defense is allowing 72 passing yards per game.

- Prior to the Catholic game, Fulton had held opponents to a total of 8 points over the last 4 games. The record for the fewest points given up by a Fulton team in a 4 game span is 7 points.

- Fulton gave up 2 points to Kingston in week seven. The last time Fulton gave up only 2 points was in 1987 when Fulton defeated Gibbs 6-2.

- Ken Tyson intercepted 2 passes against A-E, he leads the Falcons with 6 picks on the year.

- Fulton has returned 2 fumbles for TDs.

Derek Wilcox had a 72-yard return against Morristown East, and JeMichael Williams had a 32-yard return versus Kingston.

- Derek Wilcox leads the Falcons with 4 fumble recoveries. Terrence Cobb has 3.

- The defense has recorded 20 sacks so far this year.

- Fulton's 11-quarter shutout streak ended in the 4th quarter vs. Scott

- Fulton held Stone Memorial to 39 total yards, the fewest of the year.

#27 Bubba Stokes (Tackles by Game)

<u>Game</u>	<u>Unassisted</u>	<u>Assist</u>	<u>Total</u>
OR	2	10	12
AC	3	2	5
Tyner	5	10	15
Stone M.	3	8	11
Mtn. East	3	10	13
Scott	0	8	8
Kingston	6	12	18
Catholic	2	1	3
A-E	3	10	13
Total	27	71	98

Special Teams Notes

- The Falcons have blocked 3 punts in 2007.

- Vic Smith has returned 2 kickoffs for touchdowns this year. He has a 94-yard kickoff return against Stone Memorial, and a 85-yard TD against A-E

- Only 9 of Derrick Humphrey's 28 punts have been returned this year.

- Fulton's last punt return for TD came in 2006 when Dennis Freeney had an 86-yard return versus Claiborne.

- Fulton's last extra point attempt came last year in week 4 versus Boyd Buchanan.

- Fulton's last made extra point kick was made by Dennis Freeney versus Seymour in 2005.

Playoff Streak Longest in Knox

The Fulton Falcons will be the #2 seed from Region 2-3A in the 2007 TSSAA playoffs. It will mark the Falcons' 15th 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 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

Fulton 2007 Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Carries	Yards	TD
Terrence Cobb	128	806	9
Receiving	Catches	Yards	TD
D. Humphrey	28	530	5
Vic Smith	30	443	5
Passing	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Jonathan Blair	64/109	890	10
Ben Winters	8/17	153	3
Tackles	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Bubba Stokes	98	9	3.5
Jabriel Siler	45	3	.5
Terrence Cobb	39	10.5	6

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
2007	Jonathan Blair	64	109	890	10

Falcons Earn 79th Shutout

Defense has been a hallmark of Fulton Football down through the years. Fulton's win over Morristown East in week 5 set a defensive milestone for the Falcons. The 34-0 victory over Morristown East was the 79th 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

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.

Next week

Fulton will host a first-round playoff game at Bob Black Field against Carter, Rutledge, or Seymour. Kick-off time is 7 PM.

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