

# **2007 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES**



## **FULTON FOOTBALL 2007** **Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004, 2006** **Fulton Falcons (11-2) vs. Pearl-Cohn Firebirds (11-2)** **November 30, 2007** **Nashville, TN**

### **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..... 124-75  
Seasons Played.... 57  
All-Time Record...349-265-11  
Playoff Appearances..18  
Playoff Record... 30-14

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Class 3A state football championship this season.
- 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.
- Fulton is 5-0 in semi-final round playoff games
- The Falcons have won 23 of their last 25 playoff games.
- A victory for Fulton tonight would be the program's 350<sup>th</sup> win, and Buck Coatney's 125<sup>th</sup> win as Fulton coach.
- Senior Jonathan Blair is the third Falcon to start this year at the quarterback position. He has completed 33 of 50 passes for 391 yards and 4 TDs in Fulton's 3 playoff games.
- The Fulton secondary has recorded 10 interceptions in the last 2 games.
- The Falcon defensive unit has not surrendered a touchdown in the last 17 quarters.
- Fulton is outscoring opponents a combined 224-41 in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive BlueCross Bowl. Fulton's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 in 2006 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. Currently, Coatney has a 124-75 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 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.

### **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	W, 36-0
11/9	Rutledge	W, 26-0
11/16	Anderson Co.	W, 24-0
11/23	Austin-East	W, 26-6
11/30	@Pearl-Cohn	

### **Schedule Notes**

Fulton's 2007 schedule is rated as the 6<sup>th</sup> toughest in class 3A by coacht.com, Pearl Cohn's is rated as the 26<sup>th</sup> toughest. ...The combined record of Fulton's 2007 opponents is 85-62. Opponents of the Firebirds have posted a 76-70 record.

## 2007 Region 2-3A Standings

Place	Team	Reg	Over
1	Catholic	7-0	11-1
2	Fulton	6-1	11-2
3	A-E	5-2	9-4
4	AC	4-3	8-3
5	Kingston	3-4	6-4
6	Scott	2-5	5-5
7	Livingston	1-6	1-9
8	Stone M.	0-7	1-9

## Last Week in Class 3A

**Fulton 26 Austin-East 6**

**Pearl-Cohn 14 White House 7**

Mitchell 16 Haywood 14

Lipscomb 38 Bolivar 20

## This Week in Class 3A

**Fulton at Pearl-Cohn**

David Lipscomb at Mem. Mitchell

## Last Week-FHS 26 A-E 6

The Fulton Falcons completed the season sweep of the Austin-East Roadrunners last week with a 26-6 victory at Bob Black Field. The FHS defense turned in another masterful effort, intercepting 5 passes and holding the Roadrunners to 96 total yards.

Derek Humphrey had a career night for Fulton, intercepting 3 A-E passes, and catching 3 passes for 43 yards and a score. Humphrey opened the scoring for the home team by stepping in front of a Mark Montgomery pass and returning it 60 yards for a TD early in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Humphrey then scored on the offensive end as he hauled in an 8-yard strike from Jonathan Blair to give Fulton a 14-0 lead.

The Falcons gave up their first points of the post season early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half when Trey Smith intercepted a deflected Blair pass and returned it 66-yards for A-E's only score. Fulton quickly regained the momentum on the next possession as Vic Smith got behind the Roadrunner secondary and caught a 61-yard scoring bomb from Blair. Terrence Cobb

closed out the scoring for Fulton with a 49-yard run mid-way through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Cobb posted another strong effort versus A-E, rushing 22 times for 157 yards.

The Falcon defense sacked A-E quarterbacks 4 times in the game, and limited the Roadrunners to converting only 1 of 12 third and fourth down conversions. Penalties were again a concern for Fulton. The Falcons were penalized 14 times for 128 yards.

## A Quick Look at Pearl-Cohn

Coach Tony Brunetti has led his Firebirds to the state semi-finals in both of his years as head coach. P-C is 21-6 under Brunetti. The offense is led by Kentucky commitment Deaunte Mason. Mason has completed 127 of his 228 pass attempts this year for 2025 yards and 17 TDs. He is equally a threat on the ground, where he has 875 yards rushing and 9 TDs. Pass catching targets for Mason include William Johnson (36 catches, 622 yds, 8TD), and Wayne Cox (32 catches, 568 yds., and 2 TD). The defense is led by a strong linebacker corp including senior Howard Griffin.

This is P-C's 13<sup>th</sup> playoff appearance. They have a 21-10 record in the post season, and won back-to-back 4A state championships in 1996 and 1997.

## 2007 Firebird Scoreboard

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
24-Aug-07	Memphis East	W 28 12
31-Aug-07	Maplewood	L 20 0
07-Sep-07	at Macon County (R)	W 38 12
14-Sep-07	Whites Creek	W 28 6
21-Sep-07	at Sycamore (R)	W 48 13
28-Sep-07	at Stratford	W 18 6
05-Oct-07	at DeKalb County (R)	W 26 8
12-Oct-07	White House (R)	L 14 12
19-Oct-07	Greenbrier (R)	W 21 14
02-Nov-07	Station Camp (R)	W 20 3
09-Nov-07	at Howard	W 26 0
16-Nov-07	at Station Camp	W 13 7
23-Nov-07	at White House	W 14 7
30-Nov-07	Knoxville Fulton	

## Series History

Two teams with great football traditions meet for the second consecutive year tonight in Nashville. The Falcons and Firebirds have both won multiple state championships. Fulton

won back to back in 2003 and 2004 and again in 2006, while P-C won in '96 and '97. Pearl-Cohn defeated Halls for the championship in 1996 (18-14), and Maryville in '97 (36-16). Tonight marks the fourth time that Fulton has played in Nashville. Fulton is 2-1 in the Music City, winning over Nashville Central 26-7 in 1955, and losing to Hillsboro 19-6 in 1959. The Falcons defeated the Firebirds in their playoff game last year 26-12. This is the 16<sup>th</sup> time that the Falcons have faced a team hailing from the mid-state. Fulton has a record of 11-4 against teams from middle Tennessee. Fulton defeated Livingston Academy 36-0 earlier this year.

### **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	W, 36-0	Knoxville
2007	Pearl-Cohn		Nashville

### **Last Meeting- FHS 26 P-C 12**

Fulton survived an aerial barrage in Nashville last year and outlasted the Pearl-Cohn Firebirds 26-12 to advance to the BlueCross Bowl for the fourth time in the previous five years. P-C QB Deaunte Mason passed for 264 yards in the losing effort. Fulton's Mr. Football finalist Dennis Rogan rushed for 267 yards and accounted for all 26 Fulton points.

Rogan began the scoring for the Falcons in the first quarter, racing 38 yards for a TD. The Firebirds answered through the air, driving 80 yards on 7 pass plays. Mason hit a wide-open Howard Griffin for a 10-yard scoring pass. Fulton blocked the extra point attempt. The

Falcons retook the lead late in the quarter thanks to a 64-yard screen pass from Jock Stinson to Rogan. The Falcons increased the lead to 20-6 in the second quarter, as Rogan scored on a 35-yard run, and scored the 2-point conversion. Pearl-Cohn went back into pass mode and nearly tied the game before halftime. Mason hit 6'6" WR Rashad Mason on a 4<sup>th</sup> down Hail Mary strike to cut the lead to 20-12. After forcing a Fulton interception, the Firebirds drove inside the 10 before Fulton's Derrick Humphrey intercepted a Mason pass to close the half. Fulton added the last score of the game in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter on another Stinson to Rogan screen covering 75 yards. P-C continued to make spectacular plays in the passing game, but the Fulton defense held the Firebirds out of the end zone thanks to another Humphrey interception, and a fumble recovery. For the game, Rogan amassed 406 total yards, 267 yards on 32 carries, and 139 yards on 2 receptions.

### **FHS Seniors Enjoy Success**

This year's group of seniors has compiled a 4-year record of 46-9 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	

### **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 214 tackles and 7 interceptions in his career. Wilcox will also see time in the offensive backfield, where he has rushed for 997 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. Another freshman, Aaron Miller, has moved his way into the rotation at defensive tackle.

### Poll Watching

Poll	Fulton	P-C
AP	5	7
Sonny Moore	1	5
Murphy Fair	5	NR
Earl Nall	3	9
etpreps.com	4	5
Massey	2	6

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 9 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Pearl-Cohn is listed as the number 26 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)
- 2007 #5 AP (Class 3-A)

### Two Falcons on Toyota East Team

Senior WR/DBs Derrick Humphrey and Vic Smith will be representing Fulton High School in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Toyota Tennessee East Vs. West Tennessee All-Star Classic on December 15 at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson

City. Humphrey has caught 41 passes for 674 yards and 6 TDs this year, and is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state according to maxpreps.com with 8 interceptions. Smith has followed a strong junior season with 37 catches for 568 yards, 7 TDs, and 6 interceptions on defense. Both players have returned at least 1 kickoff for a score in 2007.

### 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 25 of 55 on two-point conversions this year. That means that Fulton averages scoring 0.91 points after every TD. Opponents are 11 of 15 on extra point attempts this season, and 1-3 on 2-point conversions, averaging 0.72 points after every TD. Week 12 marked the first week of the season that the Falcons dipped below the 50% mark on 2-point conversions.

### 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
Kingston	2/5	0/0
Catholic	0/0	3/4
A-E	2/5	1/1
Livingston	3/5	0/0
Rutledge	1/4	0/0
Anderson	0/4	0/0
A-E	1/4	0/1
Total	25/55 (45%)	11/15 (73%)

### Offensive Notes

- The FHS offense is averaging 297.6 yards per game and scoring 29.2 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 8 interceptions in 2007. He has thrown 15 TD passes.

- Blair's 32 pass attempts vs. Catholic was a season and career high.
- The Falcons have scored on their opening drive 4 times this year.
- Fulton RB Terrence Cobb eclipsed the 1000-yard season rushing mark against Rutledge. Cobb has rushed for 1222 yards this year with 14 TDs. The Falcons have featured a 1000-yard rusher every year since 1998. He currently has rushed for 1612 career yards. Derek Wilcox is only 3 yards away from 1000-yard milestone.
- Cobb ran for a season-high 166 yards and 3 TDs versus A-E during the regular season. He also recorded his longest run of the year, 83-yards against A-E. Cobb followed-up with another strong performance against A-E in the playoffs, rushing for 157 yards and a score.
- Fulton is outscoring opponents 110-21 in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, and 182-46 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.
- Fulton scored 18 4<sup>th</sup> quarter points vs. A-E. The Falcons have had big 4<sup>th</sup> quarters versus Anderson Co. (28 pts.), Kingston (18 pts.), and Rutledge (18 pts.).
- The FHS offense is 12 of 33 this year on 4<sup>th</sup> down conversions. (36.4%)
- Quarterback Jonathan Blair will make his 17<sup>th</sup> career start tonight. His career record is 14-2 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 (647), and leads the receiving corps in catches with 41. According to maxpreps.com, Humphrey ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in the state in pass receptions, while Vic Smith's 37 catches ranks him 10<sup>th</sup> statewide.
- The "Big Three" receivers for Fulton (Smith, Humphrey, Tyson) have accounted for 105 catches, 1498 yards, and 17 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 6 100+ yard rushing games this year.
- Freshman TE Khiry Riddles made his first career catch against Catholic. His 12-yard reception gave Fulton a 1<sup>st</sup> 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 173.4 yards per game and 9.7 points per game.
- The Falcons have the #1 rated defense in Class 3A according to the Massey Ratings.
- Fulton has intercepted 5 passes in each of their last 2 games.
- Opponents are only completing 35.4% of pass attempts on the year. The defense is allowing 62.3 passing yards per game.
- The Fulton defense has recorded 33 sacks in 2007, and is led by Terrence Cobb's 9.5.
- Derrick Humphrey returned an interception for a TD last week against Austin-East, his 2<sup>nd</sup> of the year. It was Fulton's 4<sup>th</sup> interception return for TD on the year. Jabriel Siler and Derek Wilcox both returned interceptions for touchdowns against Livingston Academy.
- Fulton has recorded 5 shutouts in 2007. The FHS defense has not allowed a score in the last 17 quarters.
- 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.
- Humphrey intercepted 3 A-E passes in week 13. He has 8 on the year, which ranks him 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state.
- Ken Tyson intercepted 2 passes against A-E in the regular season, he has 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.
- Fulton's 11-quarter shutout streak ended in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter vs. Scott
- Fulton held Stone Memorial to 39 total yards, the fewest of the year.

- Bubba Stokes' 130 tackles ranks him 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state according to maxpreps.com

**#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
Livingston	6	2	8
Rutledge	3	9	12
Anderson	3	3	6
A-E	2	4	6
Total	41	89	130

**Special Teams Notes**

- The Falcons have blocked 4 punts in 2007, and have blocked FG attempts against Rutledge and Austin-East.
- Derrick Humphrey's 64-yard kick-off return for touchdown versus Anderson Co. was Fulton's third of the year. 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 14 of Derrick Humphrey's 40 punts have been returned this year.
- Senior Kamarin Mack has recorded 25 tackles on the year, mostly on special teams.
- Fulton's last punt return for TD came in 2006 when Dennis Freaney 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 Freaney 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' 15<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 28-11 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 11 years. Fulton has made 18 playoff appearances, and holds an all-time play-off record of 30-14. 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. Fulton has won 23 of their last 25 playoff games.

**KFL Playoff Streaks**

<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>1st Year of Streak</u>
Fulton	15	1993
Webb	13	1995
Central	9*	1998
A-E	9	1999
Catholic	9	1999
Powell	7	2001

\*Streak ended in 2007

**Fulton 2007 Statistical Leaders**

<b>Rushing</b>	Carries	Yards	TD
Terrence Cobb	190	1222	14
<b>Receiving</b>	Catches	Yards	TD
D. Humphrey	41	674	6
Vic Smith	37	568	7
<b>Passing</b>	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Jonathan Blair	98/164	1305	14
Ben Winters	9/18	176	3
<b>Tackles</b>	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Bubba Stokes	130	10	3.5
Vic Smith	57	5	1
Terrence Cobb	5	14.5	9.5

**Yearly Passing Leaders 1983-2007**

<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	98	164	1305	15

milestone for the Falcons. The 24-0 victory over Anderson Co. was the 82<sup>nd</sup> all-time shutout for Fulton football, and tied a school record with 3 consecutive shutouts. Fulton recorded back-to-back shutouts earlier this year 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.

### **Yearly Rushing Leaders 1983-2007**

<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		190	1222	14

### **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

### **Falcons Earn 82<sup>nd</sup> Shutout**

Defense has been a hallmark of Fulton Football down through the years. Fulton's win over Anderson Co. in week 12 set a defensive

### **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 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

Tonight's winner will earn a trip to the BlueCross Bowl next Saturday at MTSU to face the winner of the Mitchell-Lipscomb game. Kickoff is set for 12 PM CST.

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