

2007 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



Welcome to Fulton High School Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004, 2006 Fulton Falcons (8-2) vs. Rutledge Pioneers (7-3) November 9, 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 4-1 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 129-91-3, and Coach Coatney is 56-34 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..... 121-75
Seasons Played... 57
All-Time Record...346-265-11
Playoff Appearances..18
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 121-75 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	W, 36-0
11/9	Rutledge	

2007 Region 2-3A Standings

Place	Team	Reg	Over
1	Catholic	7-0	10-0
2	Fulton	6-1	8-2
3	A-E	5-2	7-3
4	AC	4-3	7-3
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

Fulton 36 Livingston Academy 0
 Anderson Co. 42 Stone Memorial 21
 Austin-East 9 Kingston 7
 Catholic 55 Scott 6

This Week

Rutledge at Fulton
 Anderson Co. at Carter
 Austin-East at Seymour
 Gibbs at Catholic

Last Time Out...

Fulton concluded its 2007 regular season with a 36-0 victory over Livingston Academy on Senior Night at Bob Black Field. The Falcons overcame an over 25 minute deficit in time of possession, and only ran 25 total plays on offense. The FHS defense converted two Livingston Academy turnovers into scores in the first half.

The Falcons opened the scoring in the game when Derek Wilcox intercepted a Brannon McCoin pass and returned it for a 38-yard touchdown. Terrence Cobb added the second touchdown of the game on a 26-yard jaunt late in the first quarter.

Fulton increased the lead to 22-0 following the first of Ken Tyson's 2 TDs. Tyson recorded a 4-yard scoring run on a wide receiver sweep. The defense struck again late in the 2nd quarter when Jabriel Siler stepped in front of a McCoin pass and returned it 38-yards to give Fulton a 30-0 lead at the half.

Despite only completing 2 of 6 passes for 16 yards FHS QB Jonathan Blair closed out the scoring with a 12-yard strike to Tyson midway through the 3rd period. The mercy rule went into effect and the Fulton defense recorded their 3rd shutout of 2007, and the 80th in school history. Linebacker Stefon Matthews led the defense with 9 tackles and 2 sacks.

Tonight's Opponent- Rutledge

Mark Hammer's Rutledge Pioneers will make their 13th and final play-off appearance tonight. Next year, students at Rutledge High School will move into a brand new Grainger high School and be known as Grizzlies. Those that think that the Pioneer's final trip through the playoffs will be a quick one need to remember that Hammer's teams have recorded two major 1st round playoff upsets in the past. Rutledge recorded a shocking 7-0 victory over A-E in 1994, and upset Kingston 20-6 in 2000. Overall, Rutledge has a 4-12 record in the

playoffs. Hammer has an 88-96 record in his 17 years at Rutledge. The Pioneers are 7-3 this year after narrowly missing a region championship with a heartbreaking 35-32 loss to Carter last week.

The Pioneers' veer attack is led by junior QB Skylar McBee. McBee has recorded 19 rushing TDs this season, and leads the team with 149 rushes for 957 yards. When McBee hands the ball off, he has 6 running backs with over 100-yards rushing on the year. Fullback Ben Williford has gained 646 yards and scored 9 touchdowns this year. Ryan Scott (343) and Billy Ray Buster (229) have rushed for over 20-yards in 2007. Through the air, McBee has completed 36 of 73 passes for 680 yards and 6 scores. His favorite target is Braxton Quinn (13 catches, 343 yards)

The Rutledge defense has recorded 2 shutouts in 2007. Williford is the leading tackler with 114 hits.

2007 Pioneer Scoreboard

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
24-Aug	Cherokee	L 21 0
07-Sep	at Pigeon Forge (R)	W 44 26
14-Sep	at South Greene	W 33 14
21-Sep	at Seymour (R)	L 26 0
28-Sep	Gatlinburg-Pittman	W 28 22
05-Oct	Gibbs (R)	W 28 0
12-Oct	at Cosby	W 49 14
19-Oct	at Claiborne County (R)	W 41 20
26-Oct	Union County (R)	W 41 0
02-Nov	Knoxville Carter (R)	L 35 32
09-Nov	at Knoxville Fulton	

Fulton vs. Rutledge- The Series

Fulton and Rutledge will meet for the seventh time tonight at Bob Black Field, and for the 1st time in the post-season. Fulton has won all six previous meetings in the series, and has won all three games played at Fulton. The series dates back to 1995 when both schools were members of Region 2-3A. Fulton won the first meeting in the series 21-14 on September 29, 1995. The Falcons led 15-14 after one quarter in the game on the strength of two Brian Tate touchdowns. The offensive fireworks slowed down during the rest of the game, as the Falcons finally put the game out of reach in the fourth quarter on a 27-yard touchdown pass to Sean Heath from Falcon QB Wayne Austin. The Falcons finished the

1995 season in second place in Region 2-3A, and upset Seymour in the first round of the TSSAA playoffs.

<u>Year</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Site</u>
1995	W	21-14	A
1996	W	34-25	H
1999	W	61-12	H
2000	W	36-26	A
2003	W	35-15	H
2004	W	60-3	A

Last Meeting- FHS 60 Rutledge 3

Fulton bounced back from a disappointing 2004 homecoming loss to Lenoir City with a explosive 60-3 win over Rutledge at Optimist Field. Fulton scored on every offensive possession except for one on the night. It was also a memorable night for brothers Tyrone and Terrence Cobb. They became the first brothers in FHS history to score TDs in the same game. Tyrone, a junior, scored on a 9-yard run in the 3rd quarter, while Terrence, then a freshman, scored his first career TD on a 13-yard run late in the game. Eight different Falcons scored touchdowns on the night, led by 2 TD runs by Jam Fine.

FHS Seniors Enjoy Success

Fifteen seniors could be playing their last game at Bob Black Field tonight. This group of seniors has compiled a 4-year record of 43-9 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: Ken Tyson. Tyson had one of his best offensive games for Fulton, scoring touchdowns on a 4-yard run and a 12-yard pass

Defense: Stefon Matthews and Jabriel Siler. Matthews, a linebacker, recorded nine tackles and a career high 2 sacks in the win. He was also nominated for PrepXtra defensive player of the week. Siler intercepted 2 Wildcat passes last week, and returned one 35-yards for a score.

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 198 tackles and five interceptions in his career. Wilcox will also see time in the offensive backfield, where he has rushed for 969 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	Rutledge
AP	5	NR
Sonny Moore	3	31
Murphy Fair	5	NR
Earl Nall	3	29
etpreps.com	5	NR

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 14 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Rutledge is listed as the number 165 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)

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 23 of 43 on two-point conversions this year. That means that Fulton averages scoring 1.06 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

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
Total	23/43 (53%)	11/14 (79%)

Offensive Notes

- The FHS offense is averaging 299.5 yards per game and scoring 30.4 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 7 interceptions in 2007. He has thrown 11 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 1267 career yards. Derek Wilcox is only 31 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 134-40 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 24 this year on 4th down conversions. (37.5%)
- Quarterback Jonathan Blair will make his 14th career start tonight. His career record is 11-2 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 (534), while Humphrey and Vic Smith lead the receiving corps in catches with 29.
- The "Big Three" receivers for Fulton (Smith, Humphrey, Tyson) have accounted for 76 catches, 1173 yards, and 13 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 189.0 yards per game and 12 points per game.
- Opponents are only completing 38.3% of pass attempts on the year. The defense is allowing 69.7 passing yards per game.
- The Fulton defense has recorded 23 sacks in 2007, and is led by Terrence Cobb's 7.
- Jabriel Siler and Derek Wilcox both returned interceptions for touchdowns against Livingston Academy.
- 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.
- 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
Livingston	6	2	8
Total	33	73	106

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 30 punts have been returned this year.
- Fulton's last punt return for TD came in 2006 when Dennis Freney 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 Freney 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 11 years. Fulton has made 18 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	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

Rushing	Carries	Yards	TD
Terrence Cobb	137	877	10
Receiving	Catches	Yards	TD
D. Humphrey	29	534	5
Vic Smith	29	451	5
Passing	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Jonathan Blair	65/114	914	11
Ben Winters	8/17	153	3
Tackles	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Bubba Stokes	106	10	3.5
Jabriel Siler	46	3	.5
Terrence Cobb	40	11.5	7

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	65	114	914	11

Falcons Earn 80th Shutout

Defense has been a hallmark of Fulton Football down through the years. Fulton's win over Livingston Academy in week 10 set a defensive milestone for the Falcons. The 36-0 victory over Morristown East was the 80th all-time shutout for Fulton football. 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 24 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
2007 Livingston Academy	36-0

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

The winner of tonight's game will face the winner of the Anderson Co. vs. Carter game next week in round 2. Kick-off is at 7 PM.

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