

2007 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



Welcome to Fulton High School Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004, 2006 Fulton Falcons (2-1) vs. Stone Memorial Panthers (1-3) September 21, 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 dropped 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 125-91-3, and Coach Coatney is 52-34 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..... 115-74
Seasons Played.... 57
All-Time Record... 340-264-11
Playoff Appearances..17
Playoff Record... 27-14

Coach Buck Coatney

Fulton High School's 26-7 2006 season-opening win over Austin-East on was a milestone victory for Head Football Coach Buck Coatney. The Falcons gave Coatney his 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. Entering the 2007 season, Coatney has a 113-73 record as Fulton's head coach.

Coatney's roots are colored maroon and white, as his father John captained Fulton's 1959 team. Coatney was known as a hard-nosed linebacker and tight end on the Falcon teams of the late 70s. He was named to the all-state team and the *Knoxville Journal* defensive player of the year, as he led Fulton to a region championship in 1979. Current Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson recruited Coatney to Furman University where he earned Honorable-Mention All-American honors. He began his coaching career at Furman as a graduate assistant. After leaving Furman, Coatney spent two years as an assistant coach at Middlesburg High School in Florida. He returned to Fulton in 1987, where he served as Defensive Coordinator. He was named Fulton's 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	
9/28	@Morristown East	
10/5	Scott	HC
10/12	Kingston	
10/19	@Catholic	
10/26	@ Austin-East	
11/2	Livingston Academy	

2007 Region 2-3A Standings

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

Last Week

Anderson County 28 Lenoir City 0
 Kingston 21 Rockwood 18
 A-E 41 Carter 0
 Catholic 28 Knoxville Webb 7
 Fulton 30 Tyner 27
 Ensworth 42 Stone Memorial 14
 Scott 44 Taft Youth Center 0

This Week

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

Next Week

Baylor at Knoxville Catholic
 Brainerd at Austin-East
 Kingston at Oliver Springs
Knoxville Fulton at Morristown East
 Livingston Academy at York Institute
 Powell at Anderson County
 Scott County at Open
Stone Memorial at Open

Last Time Out...

The Fulton Falcons overcame 6 turnovers and a 21-8 halftime deficit to defeat Tyner in Chattanooga last week 30-27. A 22-point 3rd quarter surge helped the Falcons rally. Terrence Cobb scored on a 54-yard screen pass from Ben Winters, and a 45-yard run to give the Falcons a 22-21 lead. Winters, starting his first game at QB, threw for 153 yards and 3 touchdown passes in the victory.

The Falcons increased the lead to 30-21 later in the 3rd quarter on a Winters 10-yard touchdown pass to Vic Smith. Tyner answered in the fourth quarter on the last of John Taylor's 3 scoring runs. The Rams held the ball deep in Fulton territory late in the game, but a 4th down desperation pass was intercepted by Derrick Humphrey to seal the win.

Senior linebacker Bubba Stokes led the Fulton defense with 15 tackles on the night. Jabriel Siler and Derek Wilcox both added 10 tackles each. The Falcon special teams blocked two Tyner punts early in the game, but allowed a 83-yard kick-off return for touchdown.

Stokes Named Player of The Week

Bubba Stokes' 15-tackle performance against Tyner last week earned him KFL player of the week honors from the Knoxville Quarterback Club. The Senior linebacker was also named PrepXtra player of the week by the

News-Sentinel. Stokes earned all-state honors last year, and has recorded 186 career tackles for Fulton.

Tonight's Opponent-Stone Memorial

Coach Marty Davis' Stone Memorial Panthers were thrown into the lion's den when it was announced that the new school from Crossville would be a part of Region 2-3A. The building process for Stone began in earnest last year. The Panthers completed a combination varsity/JV schedule with a record of 8-2. Stone finished 2-1 in varsity contests last year, with wins over Cumberland Co. and Community. The 2007 season got off to a fast start, as Stone knocked-off cross-town rival Cumberland Co. for the second consecutive year. The Panthers entered region play with losses to Catholic and at Scott. Last week, Stone Memorial could not overcome a quick 14-0 deficit to Ensworth. The Panthers only gained 4 first downs, and were held to 87 rushing yards in the 42-14 loss to the Nashville private school. Chris Pelfrey led Stone with 70 rush yards and a TD.

2007 Stone Memorial Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
24-Aug	at Cumberland County	W 34 0
31-Aug	Knoxville Catholic (R)	L 48 3
07-Sep-	at Scott County (R)	L 28 7
14-Sep	at Ensworth	L 42 14
21-Sep	at Knoxville Fulton (R)	
05-Oct	at Kingston (R)	
12-Oct	Bledsoe County	
19-Oct	Austin-East (R)	
26-Oct	at Livingston Academy (R)	
02-Nov	Anderson County (R)	

Fulton vs. Stone Memorial-The Series

Tonight marks the first-ever meeting between the Fulton Falcons and Stone Memorial Panthers. Fulton has faced Crossville High (now Cumberland Co.) twice. The Jets defeated Steve Brewer's first Fulton team 35-6 in Crossville in 1981, and won at Fulton the next year 14-7.

In With The New...

Several new faces and freshmen will be called on by the 2007 Fulton Falcons to

contribute. Transfers Derek Wilcox and Devin Crawford are likely to see action tonight in key roles for Fulton. Wilcox, a senior RB/LB will move to linebacker after seeing action against Oak Ridge in the secondary. He has recorded 175 tackles and four interceptions in his career. Wilcox will also see time in the offensive backfield, where he has rushed for 808 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 last week, and is listed as a back-up today. He will also see time at linebacker, and is listed as the starting TE. Mychal Cason will try to help the young FHS offensive line come together from the right tackle position. Khiry Riddles is listed as a back up at TE and DE, and Dametrius Thomas has seen extensive action at linebacker.

Poll Watching

Poll	Fulton	Stone
AP	5	NR
Sonny Moore	3	44
Murphy Fair	4	NR
Earl Nall	3	46

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 22 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Stone Memorial is listed as the number 235 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 8 of 12 on two-point conversions this year. That means that Fulton averages scoring 1.33 points after every TD. Opponents are 7 of 9 on extra point attempts this season, averaging 0.77 points after every TD.

Inside The Numbers...

Quarterback Jonathan Blair will make his 7th career start tonight. His career record is 5-1 as a starter. ...Terrence Cobb's 109-yard rushing performance against AC was his first 100-yard effort of his career. ... Ben Winters, Marco Golliday, and Derek Wilcox scored their first career touchdowns for Fulton against AC. ... 6 different receivers caught passes for the Falcons versus Anderson Co.

Playoff Streak Longest in Knox

The Fulton Falcons were the #2 seed from Region 2-3A in the 2006 TSSAA playoffs. It marked the Falcons' 14th consecutive playoff trip. This is the longest playoff streak in Knox Co. The streak began in 1993, as Fulton upset Happy Valley 37-8 in the first round. During the streak, Fulton has compiled a record of 25-11 in playoff games with four championship appearances and three state championships. Fulton's playoff streak is longer than another local power, Maryville. Maryville's streak is only at 10 years. Fulton has made 17 playoff appearances, and holds an all-time play-off record of 27-14. The last 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	44	253	2
Receiving	Catches	Yards	TD
D. Humphrey	11	246	2
Passing	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Ben Winters	8/17	153	3

Tackles	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Bubba Stokes	32	1.5	0.5
Vic Smith	16	0	0
Jabriel Siler	14	0	0

Falcons Earn 77th Shutout

Defense has been a hallmark of Fulton Football down through the years. Fulton's win over Livingston Academy to conclude the 2006 regular season set a defensive milestone for the Falcons. The 54-0 victory over LA was the 77th all-time shutout for Fulton football. Fulton has recorded at least one shutout for the last 10 seasons. Coach Coatney's teams have recorded a total of 21 shutouts since 1992. The Falcons recorded a record 6 shutouts during the 1974 season. West High has been blanked by the Falcons on 8 occasions, while Fulton has shutout Bearden 6 times, and Central 5 times. Fulton shut out Claiborne Co. 48-0 in 1995. Fulton's longest shutout streak came in the 2002 playoffs where FHS recorded three consecutive shutouts against Pigeon Forge, Seymour, and Gatlinburg Pittman.

Shutouts Under Coatney

1993 Horace Maynard	33-0
1995 Gibbs	41-0
1995 Claiborne Co.	48-0
1997 West	12-0
1997 Carter	32-0
1997 Lenoir City	24-0
1998 Gibbs	28-0
1998 Austin-East	41-0
1999 Gibbs	56-0
2000 Scott	49-0
2001 Scott	76-0

2002 Pigeon Forge	43-0
2002 Seymour	34-0
2002 Gatlinburg-Pittman	24-0
2003 Gibbs	59-0
2003 Macon Co.	26-0
2004 Kingston	35-0
2005 Carter	42-0
2006 Anderson Co.	32-0
2006 Scott	56-0
2006 Livingston Academy	54-0

Fulton 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 last year.

<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 travel to Burke-Toney Stadium in Morristown to face the Morristown-East Trojans. Local kick-off is at 7:30.

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