

# **2007 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES**



## **FULTON FOOTBALL 2007**

**Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004, 2006**  
**Fulton Falcons (1-1) vs. Tyner Academy Rams (1-1)**  
**September 14, 2007**  
**Bob Evans Stadium**

### **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..... 114-74  
Seasons Played... 57  
All-Time Record...339-264-11  
Playoff Appearances..17  
Playoff Record... 27-14

### **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.
- The Falcons lost 21 seniors from last year's team, and only return 8 lettermen in 2007.
- Two offensive and five defensive starters return in 2007.
- 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.
- The Falcons will start only the third freshman quarterback in school history tonight.
- Six different Falcons (Cobb, Winters, Wilcox, Tyson, Golliday) scored touchdowns in last week's 44-7 victory at Anderson Co.
- Fulton is 2-0 all-time versus Tyner, and hold a 4-1 record in games played in Chattanooga.

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 on was a milestone victory for Head Football Coach Buck Coatney. The Falcons gave Coatney his 100<sup>th</sup> coaching victory as FHS head coach. This is an amazing feat, considering that when Coatney was hired in 1992, Fulton was slated to be closed. Coatney's job looked to be a temporary one. Interest in football was slipping at the school, as many players moved to other schools due to the proposed closing. The 1992 team suffered through a 1-9 season, but the lone win was an overtime victory over arch-rival West. The Fulton program improved throughout the early 90s. The Falcons made their first of 14 consecutive playoff appearances under Coatney in 1993. By the year 2000, Fulton had re-established itself as a football power in the Knoxville area. In 2002, Coatney led the Falcons to their first undefeated regular season since 1974, ending the season at the BlueCross Bowl. Coatney became the first-ever coach in Knoxville to lead his team to back-to-back state football championships in 2003 and 2004. Fulton returned to the pinnacle of Class 3A football in 2006, as the Falcons ended the season with a 14-1 record and the school's third state championship. Currently, Coatney has a 114-74 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	
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	3-0
2	Scott	1-0	3-0
3	Kingston	1-0	2-0
4	Fulton	1-0	1-1
5	AC	0-1	1-1
6	AE	0-1	0-2
7	Livingston	0-1	0-3
8	Stone	0-2	1-2

## Last Week

Kingston 54 Livingston Academy 14  
Knoxville Catholic 38 Austin-East 14  
Knoxville Fulton 44 Anderson County 7  
Scott 28 Stone Memorial 7

## This Week

Anderson County at Lenoir City  
Kingston at Rockwood  
Knoxville Carter at Austin-East  
Knoxville Catholic at Knoxville Webb  
Knoxville Fulton at Tyner  
Stone Memorial at Ensworth  
Taft Youth Center at Scott County

## Next Week

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

## Fulton vs. Chattanooga Teams

Tonight marks the third ever meeting between Fulton and Tyner, and the eleventh time that Fulton has faced a team from Chattanooga. The Falcons are 2-0 versus Tyner after a 22-7 homecoming victory last year. The first meeting with a Chattanooga team came in 1956 when Fulton faced the powerhouse Purple Pounders of Chattanooga Central. Central claimed four state championships in the 50s, but the Falcons pulled off a 20-14 upset in Knoxville. FHS assistant coach Pete Craig called the win "the greatest single victory by a Fulton football team in six years." The Falcons have an 9-1 record against Chattanooga teams including a 14-7 win over Brainerd in the 1973 East Ridge Pioneer Bowl, and a 21-7 victory over McCallie in the 1974 state semi-final. The Falcons defeated Boyd-Buchanan 40-6 last year in Chattanooga, and knocked off Tyner the next week. The Falcons are 4-1 in games played in Chattanooga. Fulton has also played several southeast Tennessee schools including Bradley Central, Rhea Co., Marion Co., and Whitwell.

## Fulton vs. Chattanooga Scoreboard

Year	Team	Result	Site
1956	Central	W, 20-14	Knox
1957	Central	L, 41-0	A
1973	Brainerd	W, 14-7	E.Ridge
1974	McCallie	W, 21-7	UT
1977	Kirkman	W, 14-6	H
1978	Kirkman	W, 14-12	A
2005	Boyd Buch.	W, 43-7	H
2005	Tyner	W, 16-13	A
2006	Boyd-Buch.	W, 40-6	A
2006	Tyner	W, 22-7	H

## Last Year

Fulton improved its record to 5-0 for the first time since 2002 as they defeated class 2A power Chattanooga Tyner 22-7 last year at Bob Black Field. The homecoming crowd barely got into their seats before the Falcons scored their first touchdown. Fulton recovered an onside kick on the opening kickoff, and scored two plays later on a 40-yard run by Dennis Rogan. Rogan rushed for 145 yards and two TDs in the game. Tyner answered Fulton's score to take a 7-6 lead on a 15-yard inside reverse run by John Taylor. Fulton squandered two other scoring opportunities in the first half before driving 47 yards in three plays for the final score of the half. QB Jack Wagner hit Dennis Freeney in the end zone on the 36-yard scoring toss to give the Falcons a 12-7 halftime advantage. Fulton increased its lead to 20-7 on an impressive 14-play, 82-yard drive in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Rogan finished the drive with a 1-yard plunge. Tawaud Mattress ended the scoring for Fulton as he tackled the Tyner punter in the end zone for a safety. Tyner on the game only converted 1 of 7 4<sup>th</sup> down conversions on the game. Bubba Stokes was a standout on the Fulton defense, recording 16 tackles.

## Last Week- Fulton 44 AC 7

. The Fulton Falcons put away Anderson Co. last week with a 28-point barrage in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The Falcons held a tenuous 16-7 lead going into the last stanza. Touchdown runs by Jock Stinson, Derek Wilcox, Marco Golliday, and a TD catch by Ken Tyson were the

difference late in the game in the Region 2-3A match-up.

Fulton looked like they would easily roll over the Mavericks in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. After stopping AC on the first possession, the Falcons drove 63 yards in 7 plays and got on the board on a 1-yard plunge by Terrence Cobb. After getting the ball back, Fulton increased the lead to 16-0 following a TD run by freshman Ben Winters. Anderson Co. rallied late in the 1<sup>st</sup> half to cut the Fulton lead to 16-7, as QB Paul Longmire hit TE Jonathan Sharp on a 13-yard TD pass. The Fulton offense dominated the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, controlling the football on two long drives. Stinson capped off Fulton's second drive of the second half on a 1-yard bootleg TD run to open the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Fulton's defense held AC to 38 rushing yards. Devin Crawford led the Falcons with 6 tackles.

### A Look at The Rams

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 31	at Brainerd	L 16-36
Sep. 7	at Bledsoe Co.	<b>W 40-13</b>
Sep. 14	Fulton	
Sep. 21	Marion Co.	
Sep. 28	at South Pittsburg	
Oct. 5	at Sequatchie Co.	
Oct. 12	Howard	
Oct. 19	Murphy, N.C.	
Oct. 26	at McCallie	
Nov. 2	Boyd Buchanan	

### 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 last week in the secondary. He has recorded 165 tackles and four interceptions in his career. Wilcox will also see time in the offensive backfield, where he has rushed for 714 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, will start for Fulton at QB. He will also see time at linebacker, and is listed as a back-up 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 last week at linebacker.

### Poll Watching

Poll	Fulton	Tyner (2A)
AP	4	NR
Sonny Moore	2	13
Murphy Fair	4	NR
Earl Nall	3	15

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 11 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Tyner is listed as the number 104 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)

### Playoff Streak Longest in Knox

The Fulton Falcons were the #2 seed from Region 2-3A in the 2006 TSSAA playoffs. It marked the Falcons' 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive playoff trip. This is the longest playoff streak in Knox Co. The streak began in 1993, as Fulton upset Happy Valley 37-8 in the first round. During the streak, Fulton has compiled a record of 25-11 in playoff games with four championship appearances and three state championships. Fulton's playoff streak is longer than another local power, Maryville. Maryville's streak is only at 10 years. Fulton has made 17 playoff appearances, and holds an all-time play-off record of 27-14. The last two times that Fulton has been a #2 seed, the Falcons went on to win the state championship. Additionally, every time that Fulton has advanced past the 2<sup>nd</sup>

round, they have played in the state championship game.

#### KFL Playoff Streaks

<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>1st Year of Streak</u>
Fulton	14	1993
Webb	12	1995
Central	9	1998
A-E	8	1999
Catholic	8	1999
Powell	6	2001

#### 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 5 of 8 on two-point conversions this year. That means that Fulton averages scoring 1.25 points after every TD. Opponents are 4 of 5 on extra point attempts this season, averaging 0.8 points after every TD.

#### Inside The Numbers...

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 last week. ... 6 different receivers caught passes for the Falcons versus Anderson Co.

#### Falcons Earn 77<sup>th</sup> Shutout

Defense has been a hallmark of Fulton Football down through the years. Fulton's win over Livingston Academy last year set a defensive milestone for the Falcons. The 54-0 victory over Livingston was the 77<sup>th</sup> 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'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 2007 Statistical Leaders

<b>Rushing</b>	Carries	Yards	TD
Terrence Cobb	28	164	1
<b>Receiving</b>	Catches	Yards	TD
D. Humphrey	9	203	2
<b>Passing</b>	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Ben Winters	0/0	0	0

<b>Tackles</b>	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Bubba Stokes	17	0	0
Antwan Hamilton	11	1	1
Devin Crawford	9	.5	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 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.

### Up Next For The Falcons

Fulton returns home next week to face Region 2-3A foe Stone Memorial. This will be Fulton's first ever meeting with the Crossville school.

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