

2006 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



Welcome to Fulton High School Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004 **Fulton Falcons (7-0) vs. Catholic Fighting Irish (7-0)** **October 13, 2006**

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 painted the field this week on Tuesday, in anticipation of mid-meeek storms. The drop wing falcon on the 50-yard line first appeared during the 1992 season. This is the fourth 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 41st birthday this season, and the Falcons have been successful in the past in defending their home turf. 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 123-89-3, and Coach Coatney is 50-32 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.. Bob Black
Head Coach..... Buck Coatney
Seasons..... 15
Record..... 106-72
Seasons Played.... 55
All-Time Record...331-262-11
Playoff Appearances..16
Playoff Record... 22-14

Coach Buck Coatney

Fulton High School's 26-7 win over Austin-East on August 25th 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 West. The Fulton program improved throughout the early 90s. The Falcons made their first of 13 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.

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. Coatney earned Honorable-Mention All-American honors at Furman University. 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 Tennessee High School All-Star team in its 2005 game with Kentucky in Louisville.

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

2006 Schedule (7-0)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	
8/11	Bearden	W, 6-0
8/25	Austin-East	W, 26-7
9/1	Anderson Co.	W, 32-0
9/8	@Alcoa	W, 24-21
9/15	@Boyd-Buchanan	W, 40-6
9/22	Tyner	W, 22-7
9/29	@Scott	W, 56-0
10/6	@Kingston	W, 40-13
10/13	Catholic	
10/20	Carter	
10/27	@ Livingston Ac.	

2006 Region 2-3A Standings

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

Last Week

Austin-East 26 Anderson County 7
Knoxville Fulton 40 Kingston 13
Knoxville Webb 34 Knoxville Catholic 35
Scott County 23 Livingston Academy 20

This Week

Kingston at Scott County
Knoxville Catholic at Knoxville Fulton
Livingston Academy at Anderson County

Next Week

Anderson County at Scott County
Austin-East at Knoxville Webb
Kingston at Knoxville Catholic
Knoxville Carter at Knoxville Fulton
Livingston Academy at Smith County

Last Week- FHS 40 Kingston 13

Fulton rolled into Kingston short-handed for last Friday's region 2-3A match-up, and left with an impressive 40-13 victory over the home standing Yellow Jackets. Dennis Rogan celebrated his commitment to Tennessee with his best performance of the year, rushing for 251-yards and returning a Kingston kickoff for a touchdown. Kingston's option attack gave the Falcon defense fits on a time consuming opening drive, but the Falcons thwarted the Yellow Jacket scoring attempt. As soon as Fulton got their hands on the ball, they found the end zone. Rogan scored his first of three rushing TDs on the Falcons first offensive play. His 70-yard TD run marked the 4th consecutive week that Rogan has scored on Fulton's initial drive of the game. The Falcons squandered two other first half scoring drives before putting together an 11-play, 78-yard drive capped off by Rogan's 2nd TD run of the game. Fulton led 14-0 at half, and Rogan increased the lead to 20-0 on the first drive of the 2nd half on a 59-yard run. Kingston answered by putting together a hard-nosed 11-play TD drive. Josh King converted a 4th and short into a 36-yard touchdown run. Rogan then squashed any hopes of a Kingston rally by returning the ensuing kickoff 79-yards for a FHS TD. It marked the second consecutive year that Rogan returned a kickoff for a touchdown versus the Yellow Jackets. QB Jock Stinson finished the Fulton scoring with touchdown passes to the Humphrey brothers. Stinson hit Desmond Humphrey on a 27-yard scoring strike, and Derrick Humphrey on an 18-yard pass. Stinson finished the night hitting a season best 14 of 22 passes for 141 yards. Bubba Stokes led the Falcon defense with 10 tackles.

Inside the Numbers

Fulton recorded several statistical bests for the 2006 season during last weeks 40-13 win over Kingston. The Falcon offensive unit recorded season highs in first downs (20), rushing yards (300), pass attempts (14), pass completions (14), and total yards (441). Individually, Dennis Rogan had a season high 251-yards rushing, and Vic Smith set a season highs for receptions with 4. QB Jock Stinson

had his best night of the year with a season high 14 completions, 141 passing yards, and two passing TDs. Dennis Rogan's 79-yard kickoff return for touchdown was the Falcons' first of the season. Fulton had a season low 3 penalties against the Yellow Jackets.

Rogan Earns Another Nomination

Senior RB/DB Dennis Rogan earned his third PrepXtra player of the week nomination following his season-best 251-yard rushing effort against Kingston. Rogan added 4 catches for 16-yards in the victory, and 2 kick off returns for 94 yards and a touchdown. He was named player of the week by the Knoxville Quarterback Club. Dennis earned area-wide player of the week honors following his week one performance against Austin-East, and also earned a nomination following his performance against Boyd Buchanan.

Falcons To Honor Kristi Walker

The Fulton High Family lost both a family member and a friend this spring with the passing of Kristi Black Walker. Kristi, the daughter of Coach Bob Black and Sister of Coach Rob Black, passed away on May 4, 2006 after a battle with cancer. Kristi was a 1989 graduate of Fulton, and was a member of the cheerleading squad. Kristi often performed with the FHS alumni cheerleaders, and tonight's homecoming performance will be in honor of her. She was an employee of Knox Co. schools in the employee benefits department. Kristi was one of Fulton's most passionate fans. She was the heart of the Falcon cheering section, often bringing signs and cheering at the top of her lungs. Kristi also was a fixture on the coacht.com message boards, keeping opposing fans in check as screen name kwalker4. To honor her memory, the Fulton football team will have a special logo on the backs of their helmets featuring the initials "KW." Additionally, Coach Coatney announced that Fulton's new black jerseys are dedicated to Kristi. Any memorials can be sent to the Walker Children Trust Fund, c/o Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, 104 East Fourth Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917.

Fulton vs Catholic- The Series

Fulton and Catholic will meet tonight for the third time in school history. Fulton won the first meeting last year 38-9, and lost the playoff rematch 21-20. Tonight will mark the first visit by the Fighting Irish to Bob Black Field. Despite the fact that for many years Fulton and Catholic were located near to each other, the schools do share a few similarities. From 1951-1964 Fulton played its home games on Evans-Collins Field, the same field that Catholic played on when the school was located on Magnolia. In 1983 Catholic hosted the Shamrock Bowl, a post-season doubleheader. The Falcons won their Shamrock Bowl game over Carter by the score of 10-7.

Year	W/L	Score	Site
2004	W	38-9	A
2004p	L	21-20	A

Fulton vs. Private Schools

Several private schools made their way into Division I beginning with the 2005 season. Fulton has faced one private school this season. The Falcons won their first private school match-up of the year defeating Boyd-Buchanan 40-6 in Chattanooga. The Falcons have only had eight meetings with private schools, dating back to the 1974 playoffs. Fulton defeated McCallie 21-7 in the state semi-final at Neyland Stadium, and lost to Father Ryan 29-28 in the finals. Fulton's last meeting prior to the 2005 Boyd-Buchanan game with a private school came in 1992 when Chad Pennington led Webb to a 27-7 victory. FHS holds a 5-3 advantage in games against private schools.

Year	Team	Result	Site
1974	McCallie	W, 21-7	UT
1974	Father Ryan	L, 29-28	Tn Tech
1991	Webb	W, 36-22	A
1992	Webb	L, 27-7	H
2005	B. Buchanan	W, 43-7	H
2005	Catholic	W, 38-9	A
2005	Catholic (p)	L, 21-20	A
2006	B. Buchanan	W, 40-6	A

Last Year-Regular Season

Fulton used a strong defensive effort and another big night by Dennis Rogan to upset #1 Knoxville Catholic 38-9 on October 14th at Catholic. The Falcons stunned Catholic early as linebacker Brandon Winters intercepted a Jimmy Flemming pass and returned it 19-yards for Fulton's first score. After the Irish closed the lead to 6-3, Rogan scampered 75-yards for his first of three touchdowns on the night. Fulton blocked a punt on Catholic's next possession, setting up a 20-yard run by Rogan to increase the lead to 18-3. Fulton scored again with :53 seconds remaining in the half on a screen from Jock Stinson to JaMichael Mathis to take a 26-3 lead into halftime. Fulton did not allow Catholic to mount a comeback drive in the third quarter, as the Falcons controlled the ball for 10 minutes in the quarter. Rogan's third TD capped off a 10-play 67-yard drive. Ashford Johnson ended the scoring for Fulton in the fourth quarter on a 13-yard run. The Falcons held Catholic's potent rushing offense to only 65-yards on the night. Winters led the Fulton defense with 10 tackles on the night.

Poll Watching

Poll	Fulton	Catholic
AP	1	2
Sonny Moore	1	3
Murphy Fair	1	3
Earl Nall	1	4
ETpreps.com	1	2

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 9 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Catholic is listed as the number 24 team in all of TN. Fulton eclipsed Catholic five weeks ago to take the number one spot in the AP poll. 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 #8 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)

Fulton Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Carries	Yards	TD
Dennis Rogan	149	1175	20
Receiving	Catches	Yards	TD
Vic Smith	13	211	0
JaMichael Mathis	11	135	1
Passing	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Jock Stinson	44/73	579	5
Tackles	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Bubba Stokes	56	8.5	3.5
Antonio Hamilton	36	7.5	2.5
Blake Gildner	32	7.5	1.5

Rogan Makes Commitment to Tennessee

Fulton Senior RB/DB Dennis Rogan announced last Wednesday that he has committed to play his college football at the University of Tennessee. Rogan made his announcement last Wednesday afternoon on Fulton's radio station WKCS-FM 91.1. He was offered by Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer on Tuesday, and called Fulmer to make his verbal commitment Wednesday afternoon. Rogan said that he would be given the opportunity to play running back at UT.

Rogan has rushed for 1175 yards and 20 touchdowns on 149 carries this year. He also has 11 receptions for 122 yards and 2 TDs. Defensively; Rogan has recorded 31 tackles with 2 interceptions. On Special Teams, he has had 9 returns for 129 yards and 1 TD. Dennis ranks 2nd on Fulton's all-time rushing yard list with 3768 yards. Rogan has shattered the FHS all-time rushing touchdown record, with 59 TD runs in his career. Rogan was a finalist for the Mr. Football award in 2005.

Rogan In Pursuit of History

Dennis Rogan moved into second place on the FHS all-time rushing yard list following last week's game against Kingston. Rogan now needs 65 yards to pass Fine's total of 3582 yards. Rogan's total of 59 TDs makes him the FHS all-time rushing TD leader.

FHS Career Rushing Leaders

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Carries</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>TD</u>
Jeff Mitchell	98-01	4145	514	8.1	
Dennis Rogan	03-06	3768	474	7.9	
DeMarcus Fine	97-99	3582	468	7.7	

2003	Covington	W, 36-9	Fox/UPN
2004	Austin-East	L, 20-6	CSS
43	2004	Anderson Co.	W, 35-7 CSS
59	2004	Greenbrier	W, 34-6 Fox/UPN
39	2005	Austin-East	L, 36-33 CSS
	2005	Alcoa	L, 46-8 CSS
	2005	Carter	W, 42-0 CSS
	2006	Austin-East	W, 26-7 CSS
	2006	Alcoa	W, 24-21 CSS
	2006	Catholic	CSS

Fulton Yearly Rushing Leaders 83-05

<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

Fulton Off to 7-0 Start

Fulton's 7-0 start to the 2006 season is the best opening mark for the Falcons since 2002. FHS has started their season with a 7-0 record only two other times in history; 1974 and 2002. Fulton advanced to the state championship game during both of those years.

FHS Best Starts

<u>Year</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>1st Loss</u>
2002	14-0	wk 15-Ridgeway, 21-14
1974	12-0	wk 13-Father Ryan 29-28
1968	10-0-1	Undefeated
2006	7-0	
1968	7-0-2	wk 10-Bearden 34-14
1952	5-0	wk 6-Rule 20-6
1975	5-0	wk 6-Clinton 23-22

Falcons on TV

Fulton makes its 13th all-time live television appearance tonight. Three of those appearances have come in the BlueCross Bowl. Fulton has an all-time record of 7-5 in TV games. Fulton won their first televised match-up over Austin-East earlier in the year, and came from behind to upset Alcoa 24-21 in a regionally televised game. The Falcons posted a 1-2 record in televised games last season. Fulton is scheduled to appear on CSS next week against Carter.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Network</u>
2002	Gibbs	W, 47-7	CSS
2002	Ridgeway	L, 21-14	Fox/UPN
2003	Austin-East	L, 25-7	CSS

Region Championship On the Line

With a win tonight, Fulton will clinch at least a tie for the region 2-3A championship. Fulton's last regional championship came in 2002. Fulton has won five District/Regional championships since 1969. Fulton won outright championships in 1974 and 2002, and shared championships in 1979, 1980, and 1999.

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

Irish At A Glance

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
18-Aug-06	at Smith Co.	W 23 - 6
25-Aug-06	at Sequoyah	W 51 - 6
1-Sep-06	Austin-East	W 30 - 19
15-Sep-06	at Livingston Academy	W 49 - 0
22-Sep-06	Wartburg	W 59 - 0
29-Sep-06	at Anderson Co.	W 35 - 0
6-Oct-06	Knoxville Webb	W 35 - 34
13-Oct-06	at Fulton	
20-Oct-06	Kingston	
27-Oct-06	Scott	

Falcon Talk

The combined record of teams that Fulton has played this year is 26-25. Catholic's opponents this year have posted a record of 19-31. Fulton has played 5 teams that currently have winning records, while Catholic has played 3 teams with winning records. ... Fulton has scored on its 1st or 2nd offensive play of the game for the last 3 games. ... Fulton has scored on its opening drive in 5 games this year. ... Desmond and Derrick Humphrey became the first brothers to catch touchdown passes in the same game for the Falcons. Both of their catches came in the 4th quarter. Terrence and Tyrone Cobb both had rushing TDs against Rutledge in 2004. ... Fulton Senior OL/DL Mark Brown is currently featured in a PSA airing on local TV touting the free Flu Mist vaccine given to Knox. Co. students. Brown is featured along with "Dr. Bob" Overholt. He was also featured in a recent *News-Sentinel* feature. ...Region 2-3A

has produced teams that have played in the BlueCross Bowl for the last five years, and four state champions. Livingston Academy was state champion in 2005 ... Fulton's 2006 schedule features six schools (A-E, Alcoa, Boyd-Buchanan, Tyner, Kingston, Livingston Academy) that have won a combined total of 14 state football championships ... Five teams on this year's schedule advanced to at least the third round of the playoffs last year (Alcoa, Boyd-Buchanan, Tyner, Catholic, Livingston Academy). ... Media members can find complete coverage of the Falcons on the web at www.fultonfootball.com. This year's website will feature audio replays of every game courtesy of WKCS Radio and Kidd's Plumbing.The local media will be well represented at tonight's game. CSS will telecast the game live With Mark Packer and Todd Kelly. WMAK-7 will have the delayed telecast with Tony Basilio, Jeff "Beano" Henderson, and Will Overstreet. WKCS-FM 91.1 will have the live radio broadcast with Russell Mayes, Chuck Wilson, Bradley Cooper, and Josh Nevius. The Sports Animal 99 will have the Catholic Broadcast with John Wilkerson and Mike Stowell.

Next week

Next week will be Senior Night for the Falcons as they face the undefeated Carter Hornets. Fulton leads the all-time series with the Hornets 8-2. Kickoff time is 7:30.

This edition of the Fulton Football Game Notes was compiled by Russell Mayes. Any media inquires concerning the Falcons should be directed to Mayes at 594-1259.

