

2006 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



FULTON FOOTBALL 2006

Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004
Fulton Falcons (10-1) vs. Carter Hornets (10-1)
November 10, 2006
Carter-Eblen Field

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..... 109-73
Seasons Played.... 55
All-Time Record...334-263-11
Playoff Appearances..17
Playoff Record... 23-14

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 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 3rd consecutive BlueCross Bowl. Fulton's 2nd state championship was sewn up after a 34-6 defeat of Greenbrier.

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'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 (10-1)

<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	L, 27-14
10/20	Carter	W, 48-3
10/27	@ Livingston Ac.	W, 54-0
11/3	Claiborne	W, 64-8

2006 Region 2-3A Standings

Place	Team	Reg	Over
1	Catholic	6-0	11-0
2	Fulton	5-1	10-1
3	A-E	4-2	7-4
4	Kingston	3-3	6-5
5	AC	2-4	4-6
6	Scott	1-5	4-6
7	Livingston	0-6	1-9

Last Week

Austin-East 38 Seymour 0
 Carter 28 Kingston 14
 Catholic 63 Gibbs 17
 Fulton 64 Claiborne County 8

This Week

Austin-East @ Catholic
 Fulton @ Carter
 Sycamore @ Station Camp
 White House @ Pearl Cohn

Last Week- FHS 64 Claiborne 8

Fulton used a 38-point explosion in the second quarter to put away the Claiborne Bulldogs last week at Bob Black Field. An 86-yard punt return for TD by Dennis Freney began the second quarter scoring barrage. Following the score on the punt return, Freney intercepted a Jared Liles pass and returned it 45-yards for another score. Vic Smith returned another Liles pass for a score on the next possession. Fulton's last two TDs of the quarter were scored on runs by American General Mr. Football finalist Dennis Rogan. Rogan recorded a season-high 5 touchdown runs in the game, as he eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark for the 18th consecutive game. The Falcons enjoyed a 50-0 cushion at halftime. Despite scoring a season-high 64 points, Fulton only gained 274 total yards on the game. The Falcon defense held Claiborne RB Ryan Helton to 91 yards on 20 carries. The lone Bulldog score come on a Liles 51-yard TD pass to Joseph Holt in the 4th Quarter.

Inside the Numbers

The Fulton Falcons experienced their highest scoring output of the season in their 64-8 victory over Claiborne last week. The Falcons tied their season best mark with 6 rushing touchdowns. Dennis Rogan's 5 rushing TDs were his most of the season. Fulton forced 6 Claiborne turnovers in the game and finished with a +5 advantage in the turnover margin. The Falcons also had season lows in penalties (2), and penalty yards (15).

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. 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. Carter- The Series

Tonight marks the 12th meeting between the Fulton Falcons and the Carter Hornets, and the teams' first ever playoff meeting. The Falcons lead the all-time series 9-2. Carter's two wins in the series have both come at Fulton in 1998 and 2001. Fulton has never lost at Carter, winning all five games played at Eblen Field. The first meeting between the schools came in the 1983 Shamrock Bowl at Evans-Collins Field. Fulton blocked a late Hornet field goal attempt to escape with a 10-7 victory. Carter's two wins in the series came in early season

upsets at Fulton. The Falcons hold a five game winning streak in the series, after this year's 48-3 victory at Fulton. The victory by Fulton ended Carter's perfect season and was the most lopsided victory in the series. Fulton and Carter are currently not scheduled to play in 2007 and 2008.

Year	W/L	Score	Site
1983	W	10-7	EC
1997	W	32-0	A
1998	L	23-20	H
1999	W	18-16	H
2000	W	21-7	A
2001	L	7-6	H
2002	W	27-8	A
2003	W	37-20	H
2004	W	28-13	A
2005	W	42-0	A
2006	W	48-3	H

Last Meeting- FHS 48 Carter 3

Fulton bounced back from its disappointing loss to Catholic with an impressive 48-3 victory on Senior Night over Carter in front of a CSS television audience. Jonathan Blair and Dennis Freney shared time at the QB position, as the Falcons rolled-up a season-high 441 yards of total offense. Blair hit on 7 of 10 passes for 123 yards and a 41-yard TD pass to Derrick Humphrey. Freney ran for 51 yards on 6 carries and added a 36-yard pass reception. Senior RB Dennis Rogan was again impressive, earning this 3rd PrepXtra player of the week nomination, by rushing for 217 yards and 4 TDs. The Falcons took a 14-0 lead in the game before Carter's Kevin Hendricks a 36-yard field goal just before halftime. The Fulton defense would not allow another score in the game, and held the Hornets to a season-low 27 yards of total offense. Rogan ran for three scores in the second half, before Freney intercepted a Carter pass and returned it 39-yards for a touchdown. Terrence Cobb capped the scoring with a 3-yard plunge in the 4th Quarter. Carter only connected on 3 of 17 passes for the game for 10 yards. Bubba Stokes led the Falcon defense with 7 tackles.

Poll Watching

Poll	Fulton	Carter
AP	5	8
Sonny Moore	1	13
Murphy Fair	5	NR
Earl Nall	1	10
ETpreps.com	2	6

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 7 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Carter is listed as the number 96 team in the state. Fulton held the #1 spot for 4 weeks. 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)

Playoff Streak Longest in Knox

The Fulton Falcons are the #2 seed from Region 2-3A in the TSSAA playoffs that begin last week. It marks 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 21-11 in playoff games with three championship appearances and two 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 23-14. The last two times that Fulton has been a #2 seed, the Falcons went on to win the state championship.

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

Rogan Mr. Football Nominee

Senior RB/DB Dennis Rogan added to his list of accomplishments on Wednesday by being named as a finalist for the American General Mr. Football Award for Class 3A backs for the second consecutive year. Rogan is the third Fulton player to be a finalist for the award. RB Jeff Mitchell was a finalist in 2001, and DE DeMarcus Stevens was a two-time finalist in 2002 and 2003. Rogan earned a nomination in 2005, with White House's Ricky Ladd winning the award. A Fulton player has never won the award. Also nominated are Harrison Smith of Catholic and Randall Toney of Station Camp. Smith has rushed for 1203 yards and 19 TDs during the regular season. Toney led Station Camp to a 9-1 record by rushing for 1594 yards and 16 touchdowns. Rogan out gained both other candidates with 1752 yards and 29 TDs in the regular season. Winners will be announced at the Opryland Hotel on November 27.

Rogan has rushed for 1885 yards and 34 touchdowns on 239 carries this year. He also has 13 receptions for 135 yards and 2 TDs. Defensively; Rogan has recorded 41 tackles with 2 interceptions. Dennis ranks 1st on Fulton's all-time rushing yard list with 4448 yards. Rogan has shattered the FHS all-time rushing touchdown record, with 73 TD runs in his career. Rogan has scored 500 points in his career. A detailed description of Rogan's accomplishments can be found elsewhere in the game notes.

Rogan In Pursuit of History

Dennis Rogan became Fulton High school's all-time leading rusher on his first carry against Livingston Academy two weeks ago. Rogan eclipsed Jeff Mitchell's mark of 4145 yards on a 49-yard TD run in the first quarter. For his career, Rogan has school records in rushing yards (4478) and rushing TDs (73). Rogan has a chance tonight to move up in the state record books. If Rogan rushes for over 100-yards against Carter, he will move into second place in TSSAA history for consecutive 100-yard rushing games with 19. Rogan has rushed for over 100 yards in each game since the Scott game last year. He would pass Warren Co.'s Jeff Womack who had 18 consecutive 100-yard games in 1979-1980. The state record is 27 held by Tripp Tucker of University School of Jackson during 1997-

1998. With one rushing TD tonight, Rogan will tie A-E's LeRoy Thompson with 35 single season rushing TDs. It would be the 6th best mark in state history. Rogan will need a strong playoff performance to have a chance to break Jeff Mitchell's FHS single season rushing yard mark of 2334 yards in 2001. He remains 582 yards away from that mark.

FHS Career Rushing Leaders

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Carries</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>TD</u>
Dennis Rogan	03-06	4478	564	7.9	73
Jeff Mitchell	98-01	4145	514	8.1	43
DeMarcus Fine	97-99	3582	468	7.7	39

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

Falcons Earn 77th Shutout

Defense has been a hallmark of Fulton Football down through the years. Fulton's win over Livingston Academy set a defensive milestone for the Falcons. The 54-0 victory over Livingston 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 has shut out Carter twice, 32-0 in 1997, and 42-0 last year. 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 Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Carries	Yards	TD
Dennis Rogan	239	1885	34
Receiving	Catches	Yards	TD
Vic Smith	19	318	1
Passing	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Jock Stinson	48/82	665	6
Jonathan Blair	12/22	192	1
Tackles	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Bubba Stokes	91	12	4
Antonio Hamilton	51	9	2.5

Hornets At A Glance

Date	Opponent	Result
25-Aug-06	at South Doyle	W 14 - 0
1-Sep-06	at Claiborne	W 20 - 0
8-Sep-06	Cocke Co.	W 34 - 0
15-Sep-06	at Pigeon Forge	W 64 - 12
22-Sep-06	Morristown East	W 35 - 21
29-Sep-06	Seymour	W 27 - 0
6-Oct-06	at Union Co.	W 35 - 10
13-Oct-06	Gibbs	W 27 - 0
20-Oct-06	at Fulton	L 3 - 48
27-Oct-06	Rutledge	W 13 - 6
3-Nov-06	Kingston	W 28 - 14
10-Nov-06	Fulton	

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

Falcon Talk

QB Jonathan Blair will be making his fourth career start tonight against Carter. Blair started last year's game with Alcoa, and tossed a TD pass to Ken Tyson. Blair passed for 123 yards and a TD in the first meeting against Carter. ... The combined record of teams that Fulton has played this year is 70-48. Carter's opponents this year have posted a record of 52-64. Fulton has played 8 teams that have made the playoffs, while Carter has played 6 playoff squads. ... Carter's schedule is ranked by CoachT.com as the 48th toughest in 3A, while Fulton's is ranked 6th. ... 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 against Kingston. 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. WKCS-FM 91.1 will have the live radio broadcast with Russell Mayes, Chuck Wilson, and Bradley Cooper.

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