

2006 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



FULTON FOOTBALL 2006

Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004

Fulton Falcons (8-1) vs. Livingston Academy Wildcats (1-8)

October 27, 2006

Tom Davis Memorial Stadium

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..... 107-73
Seasons Played.... 55
All-Time Record...332-263-11
Playoff Appearances..16
Playoff Record... 22-14

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 (6-0)

<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	L, 27-14
10/20	Carter	W, 48-3
10/27	@ Livingston Ac.	

2006 Region 2-3A Standings

Place	Team	Reg	Over
1	Catholic	5-0	9-0
2	Fulton	4-1	8-1
3	Kingston	3-2	6-3
4	A-E	3-2	5-4
5	AC	2-4	3-6
6	Scott	1-4	4-5
7	Livingston	0-5	1-8

Last Week

Anderson County 20 Scott County 12
 Austin-East 30 Knoxville Webb 31
 Kingston 7 Catholic 28
 Fulton 48 Carter 3
 Livingston Academy 6 Smith County 49

This Week

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

Play-Off Possibilities

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Region 1

-Carter is first.
 -If Carter wins and Seymour wins, Seymour is second, Claiborne is third, and Gibbs is fourth.
 -If Claiborne wins and Gibbs wins, Claiborne is second, Gibbs is third, and Rutledge is fourth.
 -If Rutledge wins, Claiborne wins, and Seymour wins, Claiborne is second, Rutledge is third, and Seymour is fourth.
 -If Rutledge wins, Pigeon Forge wins, and Seymour wins, Rutledge is second, Seymour is third, and Claiborne is fourth.
 -If Carter wins, Pigeon Forge wins, and Gibbs wins, Gibbs is second, Claiborne is third, and Rutledge is fourth.
 -If Rutledge wins, Pigeon Forge wins, and Gibbs wins, Gibbs is second, Rutledge is third, and Seymour is fourth.

Region 2

-Knoxville Catholic is first. Knoxville Fulton is second.

-Kingston vs. Austin-East winner is third and loser is fourth.

Last Week- 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 Freeney 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. Freeney 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 Freeney 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.

Inside the Numbers

Despite being without their starting QB, the Fulton offense shined against Carter. Fulton tied its season best for total offense yards with 441 on the game. Fulton also set season highs in rushing attempts (53), rushing yards (318), and total offensive plays (64). Fulton is averaging outscoring opponents 34-9 on the year, and has out gained opponents by an average of 200 yards per game. The Falcons have outscored their opponents 80-7 in the first quarter.

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. Livingston- The Series

Tonight marks the second-ever meeting between Fulton and Livingston Academy. These two teams have combined to win the last 3 Class 3A state championships, with Fulton winning in 2003-2004, and Livingston Academy earning the title in 2005. Fulton won last year's meeting at Fulton 18-7. The schools have met one time on the hardwood, with the Wildcats defeating Fulton in the first round of the 1997 TSSAA boy's state basketball tournament. This is the 12th time that the Falcons have faced a team hailing from the mid-state. Fulton has a record of 7-4 against teams from middle Tennessee. This will be the second regular season meeting between Fulton and a mid-state school since 1959.

Falcons To Honor Kristi Walker

Fulton vs. Middle Tennessee Teams

1951	Sparta	L, 21-12	Knoxville
1953	Sparta	W, 25-0	Sparta
1955	Nash. Central	W, 26-7	Nashville
1958	Hillsboro	L, 48-26	Knoxville
1959	Hillsboro	L, 19-6	Nashville
1974	Father Ryan	L, 29-28	Cookeville
2002	Trousdale Co.	W, 14-13	Hartsville
2003	Macon Co.	W, 26-0	Knoxville
2004	Smith Co.	W, 33-6	Carthage
2004	Greenbrier	W, 34-6	Murfreesboro
2005	Livingston	W, 18-7	Knoxville

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 9 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Catholic replaced the Falcons as the AP #1 team in the state last week. 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)

Last Year

Fulton overcame a 7-0 halftime deficit with 18 second half points to defeat Livingston Academy on senior night at Bob Black Field. The 18-7 victory clinched the number three seed in region 2-3A. Livingston Academy controlled the tempo in the first half with two long ball control drives. Livingston's first threat came to an end on Dennis Freney's leaping interception of a Wilson Cates pass at the goaline. Livingston's second drive ended with a short touchdown run with :33 seconds remaining in the half. Fulton took advantage of its three second half possessions. The Falcons took the second half kickoff and drove 79-yards in 10 plays capped off by a Tyrone Cobb 3-yard touchdown run. Fulton took the lead for good with :31 seconds remaining in the 3rd quarter on a 10-yard run by Dennis Rogan. The Fulton defense stopped Livingston on 4th and goal late in the game to preserve the lead, and capped the victory on a 47-yard touchdown by Rogan.

Poll Watching

Poll	Fulton	LA
AP	5	NR
Sonny Moore	1	41
Murphy Fair	5	NR
Earl Nall	2	44
ETpreps.com	2	NR

Rogan Makes Commitment to Tennessee

Fulton Senior RB/DB Dennis Rogan announced October 4th that he has committed to play his college football at the University of Tennessee. Rogan made his announcement that afternoon on Fulton's radio station WKCS-FM 91.1. He was offered by Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer on Tuesday, 10/3 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 1531 yards and 25 touchdowns on 209 carries this year. He also has 12 receptions for 123 yards and 2 TDs. Defensively; Rogan has recorded 41 tackles with 2 interceptions. Dennis ranks 2nd on Fulton's all-time rushing yard list with 4124 yards. Rogan has shattered the FHS all-time rushing touchdown record, with 64 TD runs in his career. Rogan was a finalist for the Mr. Football award in 2005.

Rogan In Pursuit of History

Fulton RB Dennis Rogan will likely break a major school record tonight against Livingston Academy. The UT commitment needs only 21 rushing yards to break the FHS all-time rushing record held by Jeff Mitchell of 4145 yards. Rogan moved into second place on the FHS all-time rushing yard list following his effort against Kingston. Rogan's total of 64 TDs makes him the FHS all-time rushing TD leader.

FHS Career Rushing Leaders

Name	Years	Yards	Carries	Average	TD
Jeff Mitchell	98-01	4145	514	8.1	43
Dennis Rogan	03-06	4124	534	7.7	64
DeMarcus Fine	97-99	3582	468	7.7	39

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

Fulton Yearly Rushing Leaders 83-05

Year	Name	Carries	Yards	TD
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 Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Carries	Yards	TD
Dennis Rogan	209	1531	25
Receiving	Catches	Yards	TD
Vic Smith	16	296	1
Passing	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Jock Stinson	48/82	665	6
Jonathan Blair	7/11	123	1
Tackles	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Bubba Stokes	71	9	3.5
Blake Gildner	43	9	1.5

Falcons Earn 76th Shutout

Defense has been a hallmark of Fulton Football down through the years. Fulton's win over Scott Co. set a defensive milestone for the Falcons. The 56-0 victory over Scott was the 76th 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 20 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.

Wildcats At A Glance

Date	Opponent	Result
25-Aug-06	Trousdale Co.	L 13 - 20
1-Sep-06	at Kingston	L 0 - 20
8-Sep-06	at Station Camp	L 0 - 47
15-Sep-06	Catholic	L 0 - 49
22-Sep-06	York Institute	W 13 - 12
29-Sep-06	at Austin-East	L 0 - 69
6-Oct-06	Scott	L 20 - 23
13-Oct-06	at Anderson Co.	L 12 - 27
20-Oct-06	at Smith Co.	L 6 - 49
27-Oct-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

Playoff Streak Longest in Knox

The Fulton Falcons will be the #2 seed from Region 2-3A in the TSSAA playoffs that begin next week. It will mark 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 20-11 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 9 years. Fulton has made 17 playoff appearances, and holds an all-time play-off record of 22-14. The last two times that Fulton has been a #2 seed, the Falcons went on to win the state championship.

KFL Playoff Streaks (as of 2005)		
<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>1st Year of Streak</u>
Fulton	13	1993
Webb	11	1995
Central	8	1998
A-E	7	1999
Catholic	7	1999
Powell	5	2001

Falcon Talk

QB Jonathan Blair will be making his third 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 last week against Carter. ... The combined record of teams that Fulton has played this year is 50-31. Livingston Academy's opponents this year have posted a record of 54-27. Fulton has played 6 teams that currently have winning records, while Carter has played 7 teams with winning records. ...LA's schedule is ranked by CoachT.com as the 2nd toughest in 3A, while Fulton's is ranked 3rd. ... 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.

<p>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.</p>
