

2006 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



FULTON FOOTBALL 2006 Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004 Fulton Falcons (5-0) vs. Scott Highlanders (3-2) September 29, 2006 Highlander 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..... 104-72
Seasons Played.... 55
All-Time Record...329-262-11
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 (5-0)

<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	
10/6	@Kingston	
10/13	Catholic	
10/20	Carter	
10/27	@ Livingston Ac.	

2006 Region 2-3A Standings

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

Last Week

Austin-East 20 Brainerd 6
 Clinton 0 Anderson County 18
 Oliver Springs 0 Kingston 14
 Tyner 7 Knoxville Fulton 22
 Wartburg Central 0 Knoxville Catholic 59
 York Institute 12 Livingston Academy 13

This Week

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

Next Week

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

Last Week- FHS 22 Tyner 7

Fulton improved its record to 5-0 for the first time since 2002 as they defeated class 2A power Chattanooga Tyner 22-7 last week 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 Freaney 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 3rd quarter. Rogan finished the drive with a 1-yard plunge. Tawaud Mattress ended the scoring for Fulton as she tackled the Tyner punter in the end zone for a safety. Tyner on the game only converted 1 of 7 4th down conversions on the game. Bubba Stokes was a standout on the Fulton defense, recording 16 tackles.

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. Scott- The Series

Fulton and Scott High meet for the 12th time tonight in Huntsville. Fulton leads the all-time series 8-3, and leads in the games played at Scott 4-1. The series dates back to 1993 and has featured many high and low points for each school. The 1993 meeting saw Scott hold the Falcons with a goal-line stand as time expired to win 21-14. The next year, the Highlanders rained on Fulton's homecoming with an impressive 14-0 victory in Knoxville. The most exciting meeting in the series came

in 1997 when Fulton drove the length of the field in the final seconds for a late touchdown. The Falcons chose to go for the two-point conversion to win the game, and Tyson Porter's conversion run kept the Falcon's playoff hopes alive with the 22-21 victory. A region championship was on the line in 1999 when Scott, led by QB Scott Brummett, upset the Falcons 34-14 at Bob Black Field. Fulton returned the favor in 2001, defeating Scott 76-0, the most points scored by the Falcons in school history. Fulton currently holds a 6 game winning streak in the series. Fulton defeated Scott last year in Knoxville 56-24.

Year	W/L	Score	Site
1993	L	21-14	A
1994	L	14-0	H
1997	W	22-21	H
1998	W	38-20	A
1999	L	34-14	H
2000	W	49-0	A
2001	W	76-0	H
2002	W	41-7	A
2003	W	33-8	H
2004	W	54-6	A
2005	W	56-24	H

Last Year

Homecoming 2005 was a happy one for the Fulton Falcons as they rolled to a 56-24 region 2-3A victory over the Scott Highlanders at Bob Black Field. Dennis Rogan was the offensive star for the Falcons recording a career-best 301 yards rushing and five touchdowns. Rogan's first touchdown of the game came on a 25-yard scamper on the Falcons' first offensive play. Freshman QB Jock Stinson connected on two touchdown passes in the game to Chris Pitchford. Stinson completed 9 of 16 passes for a career-high 197 yards. Fulton led 30-6 at the half before enduring a barrage by Scott RB Wesley Smith. Smith rushed for a Scott High record 329 yards and four touchdowns. Rogan concluded the scoring on a 71-yard TD gallop in the fourth quarter. The win marked the first regional victory for the Falcons in 2005.

Poll Watching

Poll	Fulton	Scott
AP	1	NR
Sonny Moore	1	47
Murphy Fair	1	NR
Earl Nall	1	45
ETpreps.com	1	NR

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 6 team in the entire state of Tennessee. Fulton eclipsed Catholic three 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)

Rogan In Pursuit of History

Dennis Rogan has an outside chance of passing DeMarcus Fine for second place on Fulton's all-time rushing yard list tonight. Rogan needs 179 yards to pass Fine's total of 3582 yards. Rogan's total of 53 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
DeMarcus Fine	97-99	3582	468	7.7	39
Dennis Rogan	03-06	3403	445	7.6	43

Fulton Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Carries	Yards	TD
Dennis Rogan	120	810	14
Receiving	Catches	Yards	TD
Vic Smith	9	185	0
Passing	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Jock Stinson	28/49	390	2
Jack Wagner	10/18	172	2
Tackles	Tackles	-yd	Sack
Bubba Stokes	41	8	3

Antonio Hamilton	32	5.5	2.5
Blake Gildner	27	5.5	1

Highlanders At A Glance

Date	Opponent	Result
18-Aug-06	York Institute	L 24 - 41
25-Aug-06	at Gibbs	W 22 - 17
1-Sep-06	Oliver Springs	W 46 - 40
8-Sep-06	Taft Youth Center	W 22 - 18
15-Sep-06	at Austin-East	L 22 - 70
29-Sep-06	Fulton	
6-Oct-06	at Livingston Academy	
13-Oct-06	Kingston	
20-Oct-06	Anderson Co.	
27-Oct-06	at Knoxville Catholic	

Falcon Talk

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 has added two new coaches to the staff this year. Pete Stout and Micaiah Smoker have been added to the freshmen staff. Stout played football at Central High and college basketball at Tennessee. He also has coached high school football at Horace Maynard and Union Co. Smoker was a member of Fulton teams from 1988-1991 as a RB/DB. He will be teaching U.S. History at Whittle Springs. ... 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, Bradley Cooper, and T.J. Earl.

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