

# **2008 FULTON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES**



## **FULTON FOOTBALL 2008**

Class 3A State Champions 2003, 2004, 2006

**Fulton Falcons (0-2) vs. Chattanooga Tyner Rams (3-0)**

**September 12, 2008**

**Fulton Stadium/Bob Black Field**

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### **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 44 years, which makes it the oldest high school field and stadium still in use in Knoxville. The facility has received several upgrades through the years including a new lighting system, a resurfaced track, and a new sound system in 2006. 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. Local personality Cas Walker lent his support to the fundraising efforts. 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** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 spends many hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of game weeks preparing the field for Friday's game. The drop wing falcon on the 50-yard line first appeared during the 1992 season. This is the sixth season that the falcon has been painted black. The drop wing falcon logo is outlined by hand prior to the start of the season by Fulton graduates Tim Parker and Jason Harbison. A new Power "F" logo will debut in the end zones in 2008.

## **Fulton at Home**

Fulton Stadium/ Bob Black Field celebrates its 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday this season, and the Falcons have been successful in the past in defending their home turf. Last year, Fulton was 6-1 at home after dropping their 2007 home opener to Oak Ridge. The Falcons were 5-1 in home games in 2006. 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 132-92-3, and Coach Coatney is 59-35 at home. Currently, Fulton has an 12-game winning streak in home playoff games, and has a home record in the playoffs of 13-2.

## **Setting The Scene**

Fulton hosts the undefeated Tyner Rams tonight at Bob Black Field. Fulton is 3-0 versus Tyner, but 2 of the 3 games were decided on the final play...The Falcons have opened their season with 2 losses for the first time since 2005...The Falcons' young offense never had a chance to get on track against Anderson Co. The Mavs controlled the football for nearly 34 minutes, while Fulton had only 14 minutes of possession...Coach Wayne Turner's Tyner Ram Train is on track in 2008. Tyner has outscored opponents 149-28 in their 3 wins, and is ranked #4 by the AP...Tyner is led at the RB position by converted QB Michael Poarch... Fulton

returns starters to 4 offensive positions (all on the offensive line), and only 1 defensive starter. The Rams return 6 starters on both sides of the ball... Fulton will be a sophomore-laden team in 2008. Six sophomores on offense and seven sophomores on defense were penciled in to starting roles on Fulton's original 2008 depth chart.

## **Fulton Quick Facts**

Location.....	Knoxville
Opened.....	1951
Enrollment.....	956
Region/Class.....	2-3A
Home Field.....	Bob Black Field
Principal.....	Dr. Jon Rysewyk
Athletic Director.....	Jody Wright
Head Coach.....	Buck Coatney
Seasons.....	17
Record.....	125-78
Seasons Played.....	58
All-Time Record.....	350-268-11
Playoff Appearances..	18
Playoff Record.....	31-15

## **2008 Schedule**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Opponent</u></b>	
8/14	Halls (Jamboree)	L, 7-0
8/29	@Oak Ridge	L, 21-13
9/5	Anderson Co.	L, 28-13
9/12	Chatt. Tyner	
9/19	@Stone Memorial	
9/26	Morristown East	HC
10/3	@Scott	
10/10	@Kingston	
10/17	Catholic	CSS-TV
10/24	Austin-East	
10/31	@Livingston Acad.	

## **Notable Notes**

- Fulton has earned trips to the BlueCross Bowl in 5 out of the last 6 seasons, winning 3 state championships
- Fulton returns only 5% of its offensive yards from the 2007 season. Returning players only accounted for 232 of the Falcons' 4614 offensive yards in 2007. No one that caught a pass in 2007 returns to the receiver and running back position.
- The Maroon and White must replace skill players on both sides of the ball in 2008. The secondary recorded 29 interceptions in 2007. No player that had an interception in 2007 returns this year.
- The Falcons will play 6 teams in 2008 that made playoff appearances last year.

## **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. A multi-million dollar renovation of Fulton High was completed in 1998 which created new classrooms, including band and music rooms, and a new gymnasium.

Fulton High School responded to the challenges of the No Child Left Behind Act during the 2008-2009 school year by completely changing its organizational structure to focus on small learning communities. This change will allow Fulton High School to become an innovative center of learning, and produce students who enter to learn and go forth to serve.

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. The Falcons returned to championship form in 2006, finishing with a 14-1 record and a BlueCross Bowl victory over David Lipscomb. The Fulton basketball team earned its first AA state championship in 2008 with a 74-68 victory over Memphis Mitchell.

## **Coach Buck Coatney**

Fulton High School's 44-16 semi-final win over Pearl-Cohn in 2007 a milestone victory for Head Football Coach Buck Coatney. The Falcons gave Coatney his 125<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 15 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. Fulton showed constant improvement in 2007, and earned another trip to the BlueCross Bowl. Currently, Coatney has a 125-78 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 is scheduled to serve as the defensive coordinator of the Tennessee team in the 2009 Border Bowl all-star game.

### **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
- #125 2007- FHS 44 Pearl-Cohn 16

### **Wins Over Top TSSAA Coaches**

Coach Buck Coatney's Fulton teams have recorded wins over 5 of the top 15 coaches (by winning percentage) in the state. They are...

- #3 Gary Rankin (Alcoa)
- #5 Clint Satterfield (Trousdale Co.-retired)
- #6 Stanton Stevens (Austin-East/Oak Ridge)
- #10 Glenn McCadams (David Lipscomb)
- #13 Gary Householder (Seymour)

### **2008 Region 2-3A Standings**

Place	Team	Reg	Over
1	Catholic	2-0	3-0
2	Scott	1-0	3-0
3	AC	1-0	2-0
4	Kingston	1-0	2-0
5	Austin-East	0-1	0-2
6	Fulton	0-1	0-2
7	Livingston	0-1	0-3
8	Stone Mem.	0-2	0-2

### **Last Week in Region 2-3A**

Anderson Co. 28 Fulton 13  
 Catholic 21 Austin-East 12  
 Kingston 21 Livingston Academy 0  
 Scott 34 Stone Memorial 6

### **This Week in Region 2-3A**

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

### **Next Week in Region 2-3A**

Fulton at Stone Memorial  
 Scott at Austin-East  
 Anderson Co. at Kingston  
 Catholic at Livingston Academy

### **Last Week-ACHS 28 FHS 13**

Three touchdowns and 177 rushing yards from Anderson Co. RB Zeke Rogers helped lift the Mavericks to a dominating 28-13 victory over Fulton in the Falcons' home opener. The Mavericks used a ball control offense to rack up a total of 315 yards, and a time of possession advantage of over 19 minutes. Anderson Co. also converted 5 of 6 4<sup>th</sup> down conversions in the game.

The Mavs took the opening kickoff of the game 73 yards in 14 plays for the 1<sup>st</sup> score of the night. Rogers' short TD run gave Anderson Co. a 7-0 advantage. Fulton answered on the next drive, as Ben Winters hit Jemichael Williams on a 46 yard touchdown pass. Fulton missed the extra point and cut the lead to 7-6. AC put together another 14-play drive just before halftime. A fake punt kept the drive alive near midfield. Rogers' 6-yard run on 4<sup>th</sup> and goal gave the Mavs a 14-6 lead at the half.

Anderson Co. increased the lead to 21-6 early in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter on a quarterback sneak by Paul Longmire. The Mavs' final score came thanks to a fumble recovery by Chad Coleman following a fumble by Rogers. It appeared that Fulton had recovered the fumble for a touchback, but Anderson Co. was able to pull the ball away. Fulton closed out the scoring on a 77-yard screen pass from Ben Winters to Dametrius Thomas. Despite running 41 more offensive plays than Fulton, AC only out gained the Falcons by 89 yards.

## **Fulton vs. Tyner -The Series**

Fulton will meet Chattanooga Tyner tonight for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in the last 4 years. Although the Falcons have won all three games in the series, each game has been closely contested. The 2005 and 2007 games each were decided on the last play. Fulton defeated the Rams 22-7 in their only appearance at Bob Black Field in 2006.

This will be the 12<sup>th</sup> time that Fulton has faced a team from Chattanooga. 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 a 10-1 all-time 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 during the 2006 season in Chattanooga, and knocked off Tyner the following week. The Falcons are 5-1 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
2007	Tyner	W, 30-27	A

### **Last Meeting- FHS 30 Tyner 27**

The Fulton Falcons overcame 6 turnovers and a 21-8 halftime deficit to defeat Tyner in Chattanooga last year 30-27. A 22-point 3<sup>rd</sup>

quarter surge helped the Falcons rally. Terrence Cobb scored on a 54-yard screen pass from Ben Winters, and a 45-yard run to give the Falcons a 22-21 lead. Winters, starting his first game at QB, threw for 153 yards and 3 touchdown passes in the victory.

The Falcons increased the lead to 30-21 later in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter on a Winters 10-yard touchdown pass to Vic Smith. Tyner answered in the fourth quarter on the last of John Taylor's 3 scoring runs. The Rams held the ball deep in Fulton territory late in the game, but a 4<sup>th</sup> down desperation pass was intercepted by Derrick Humphrey to seal the win.

Senior linebacker Bubba Stokes led the Fulton defense with 15 tackles on the night. Jabriel Siler and Derek Wilcox both added 10 tackles each. The Falcon special teams blocked two Tyner punts early in the game, but allowed a 83-yard kick-off return for touchdown.

### **2008 Tyner Ram Schedule (3-0)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
8/22	Faith Covenant	W, 56-0
8/29	Brainerd	W, 44-6
9/5	Bledsoe Co.	W, 49-22
9/12	@Fulton	
9/19	@Marion Co.	
9/26	South Pittsburg	
10/3	Sequatchie Co.	
10/10	@Howard	
10/24	McCallie	
10/31	@Boyd Buchanan	

### **Poll Watching**

Poll	Fulton	Tyner (2A)
AP	NR	4
Sonny Moore	3	8
Murphy Fair	NR	NR
tnvarsity.com	NR	10
maxpreps.com	63	37
Massey	52	77

The Sonny Moore poll has Fulton listed as the number 28 team in the entire state of Tennessee going into the 2008 season. Tyner is rated as the number 74 team in the state. 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)  
2007 #5 AP (Class 3-A)

### **The No-Name Falcons...**

Followers of the 2008 Fulton Falcons will need to study the roster to learn about this year's team. Gone are several of the key playmakers from last year's state championship team. Starters only return to 4 offensive positions, and currently only 1 starter returns on defense. Fulton players have been mostly absent from pre-season all-star lists. No Falcons were named to all-star and players to watch lists in the *Murphy Fair Tennessee High School Football* and the *Varsity Sports Media Tennessee Football* magazines. Senior DE Antwan Hamilton was named as a top defensive lineman in the *PrepXtra* preview section, and Senior WR Courtland Styles was named top KFL receiver in the *Kickoff* publication, and a top WR by *PrepXtra*.

The Falcons will be counting on several sophomores to be key contributors to the 2008 campaign. Six sophomores on offense and seven sophomores on defense were penciled in to starting roles on Fulton's original 2008 depth chart. A total of 19 positions on Fulton's 2-deep depth chart are filled by sophomores. Additionally, at least three freshmen could see playing time for Fulton this year. This young Fulton team is very similar to the 2004 squad that lost 2 games early, but eventually earned a state championship.

### **Offensive Notes**

-QB Ben Winters will be making his fourth career start tonight. He is 1-2 as a starting quarterback.

-Winters' best career start came against Tyler last year. He completed 9 of 18 passes for 176 yards and 3 TDs.

-The Fulton offense is averaging 206 yards per game. (80 yards rushing, 126 yards passing)

-The Falcons have had poor field position throughout the year. Their average starting field position is their own 27-yard line.

-Fulton has yet to have the lead in any of their games this year.

-The Falcons have only converted 4 of 19 3<sup>rd</sup> down conversions.

-FHS has converted 1 out of 3 4<sup>th</sup> downs.

-Every Fulton receiver that caught a pass against Oak Ridge (J. Williams, Pitchford, Brown, Andrews) made their first career catch.

-Dametrius Thomas' first varsity catch in the Anderson Co. game went for a 77-yard touchdown.

-Jerron Brown's first varsity catch in the Oak Ridge game also was his first varsity touchdown.

-RB Marco Golliday has rushed for 253 yards on 50 carries and 2 touchdowns in his career.

### **Defensive Notes**

-The Fulton defense is allowing an average of 214 yards per game. (184.5 rushing, 30 passing)

-The Fulton secondary has not allowed a passing TD this year, and has not recorded an interception in 2008.

-FHS has been tough on 3<sup>rd</sup> downs this year. Opponents have only converted 20% of 3<sup>rd</sup> down conversions, however they have converted 5 of 6 (83.3%) 4<sup>th</sup> down conversions.

-The Falcon secondary limited Oak Ridge to only 1 completion for 10 yards.

-Fulton is +3 in turnover margin for the season.

### **Special Teams Notes**

- Fulton's last punt return for TD came in 2006 when Dennis Freaney had an 86-yard return versus Claiborne.

- Fulton's last kick off return for a touchdown came last year versus Anderson Co. in the playoffs. Derrick Humphrey returned a Maverick pooch kick 64-yards for a score.

- Alexander Haun's extra point kick against Oak Ridge was Fulton's first extra point since 2005 (Dennis Freaney vs. Seymour), and the

first extra point attempt since 2006 (Boyd Buchanan)

- Haun is 2 of 4 on extra point attempts this year.

-The Falcons' last made field goal was made in 2004 by Ryan Ferguson at Loudon (32 yards).

-Fulton's longest field goal was a 40-yard kick by Will Cannington vs. Jellico in 2000.

-The last game-winning field goal for Fulton came against Alcoa in 1986. Mike Potter's 20-yard field goal gave Fulton a 10-7 overtime victory.

### **Playoff Streak Longest in Knox**

The Fulton Falcons were the #2 seed from Region 2-3A in the 2007 TSSAA playoffs. It marked the Falcons' 15<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 28-12 in playoff games with five championship appearances and three state championships. Fulton's playoff streak is longer than another local power, Maryville. Maryville's streak is only at 11 years. Fulton has made 18 playoff appearances, and holds an all-time play-off record of 31-15. Every time that Fulton has advanced past the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, they have played in the state championship game. Fulton has won 24 of their last 27 playoff games.

#### KFL Playoff Streaks

<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>1st Year of Streak</u>
Fulton	15	1993
Webb	13	1995
A-E	9	1999
Catholic	9	1999
Powell	7	2001

### **Fulton 2008 Statistical Leaders**

<b>Rushing</b>	Carries	Yards	TD
Marco Golliday	24	116	1
<b>Receiving</b>	Catches	Yards	TD
J. Williams	7	125	1
M. Pitchford	3	24	0
<b>Passing</b>	Att/Comp	Yards	TD
Ben Winters	14/33	252	3

<b>Tackles</b>	Tackles	-yd	Sack
J. Williams	16	0	0
D. Moore	10	0	0
Q. Vinson	10	.5	0

### **Yearly Passing Leaders 1983-2007**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TD</u>
1983	Kevin Roach	69	121	1049	8
1984	Kevin Roach	128	236	1719	15
1985	Scott Vaught	69	146	775	4
1986	Mark Willard	45	95	633	4
1987	Jason Richardson	35	74	339	0
1988	Ivan Roper	58	124	904	8
1989	Ivan Roper	68	116	911	6
1990	Ivan Roper	59	109	900	8
1991	Pete Stone	52	112	580	5
1992	Chad Smith	21	54	218	1
1993	Wayne Austin	89	193	1049	8
1994	Wayne Austin	112	224	1396	12
1995	Wayne Austin	83	182	1354	7
1996	Fred Smith	100	191	1401	8
1997	Fred Smith	102	206	1502	13
1998	Fred Smith	73	143	1459	13
1999	Chuck Wilson	84	173	1317	11
2000	Jack Whetsel	40	77	566	5
2001	Jack Whetsel	96	178	1387	12
2002	Jack Whetsel	121	250	1995	19
2003	Justin Long	132	214	2383	35
2004	Ish Young	88	169	1490	20
2005	Jock Stinson	59	113	1048	12
2006	Jock Stinson	65	112	969	10
2007	Jonathan Blair	114	187	1553	20

### **Yearly Rushing Leaders 1983-2007**

<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
2006 Dennis Rogan	343	2668	42
2007 Terrence Cobb	206	1293	14

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
2007 Stone Memorial	36-0
2007 Morristown East	34-0
2007 Livingston Academy	36-0
2007 Rutledge	26-0
2007 Anderson Co.	24-0

### **Falcons Earn 82<sup>nd</sup> Shutout**

Defense has been a hallmark of Fulton Football down through the years. Fulton's win over Anderson Co. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 2007 TSSAA playoffs set a defensive milestone for the Falcons. The 24-0 victory over Anderson Co. was the 82<sup>nd</sup> all-time shutout for Fulton football, and tied a school record with 3 consecutive shutouts. Fulton recorded back-to-back shutouts earlier in 2007 against Stone Memorial and Morristown East. Fulton has recorded at least one shutout for the last 11 seasons. Coach Coatney's teams have recorded a total of 26 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. Prior to this season, 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

### **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.

### **FHS Overtime Games**

<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

### **Falcons in College Football**

-Dennis Rogan (2007) suffered a strained abdominal muscle for Tennessee in the UCLA game. He is expected to play at CB this week against UAB.

-Chris Pitchford (2006) started at WR for Chattanooga last week against Cumberland. He caught 2 passes for 34 yards in the victory.

-Vic Smith (2008) caught a school-record 89-yard touchdown pass for the College of The Cumberland against Mars Hill. Smith also played on defense and recorded a forced fumble.



-Ken Tyson (2008) is seeing time in the secondary for the College of The Cumberlands.

-Justin Long (2004) caught an 80-yard touchdown pass for Carson-Newman in a win over Concord University.

### **Did You Know...**

-Fulton will be featured in an upcoming commercial for Mercy Health Partners. The commercial, featuring Peyton Manning was shot on Fulton's Bob Black Field. Players from Fulton and William Blount were used in the spot. The climax of the commercial features Fulton QB Josh Compton being sacked by the WB defense.

-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. Walker was inducted into the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame this summer.

-Longtime Fulton coach Bob Black was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in

2008. Black was honored at halftime of Fulton's state championship basketball game versus Memphis Mitchell.

-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.

### **Falcons On The Web**

Every Fulton football game will be broadcast live on WKCS-FM 91.1, and can now be heard on the Internet at [www.wkcsradio.org](http://www.wkcsradio.org)... Fulton's official football website is [www.fultonfootball.com](http://www.fultonfootball.com)... A new place to find out about happenings in Falcon Country is the Fulton Maroon and White Report at [www.fultonfalcons.blogspot.com](http://www.fultonfalcons.blogspot.com). This blog will cover all Fulton athletics.

### **Next Game**

The Falcons go on the road next week to face the Stone Memorial Panthers in Crossville. Fulton defeated Stone 36-0 last year in Knoxville. The game can be heard on WKCS-FM 91.1 and on the web at [www.wkcsradio.org](http://www.wkcsradio.org). Local kick-off time is 7:30

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# Fulton Football Great Performances



## Individual-Single Game

### Rushing Yards

326-Jeff Mitchell (AC 2001)

301-Dennis Rogan (Scott 2005)

### Passing Yards

308-Fred Smith (15/25, 3TD) (Rutledge 1996)

### Receiving Yards

261-Jykine Bradley (9 catches, 3TD) (Rutledge 1996)

### Touchdowns

5-Dennis Rogan (Scott 2005, Kingston 2005)

### Touchdown Passes

5-Jonathan Blair (Pearl-Cohn 2007)

4-Fred Smith (A-E 1998)

4-Justin Long (Scott 2003, Covington 2003)

4-Ish Young (Carter 2004)

### Longest TD Pass

96-Jack Whetsel to Teon Smith (West 2002)

### Longest Kickoff Return

99-Antonio Minor (AC 2002)

### Longest Punt Return

90-Marcus Thomas (Gibbs 1998)

### Longest Interception Return for TD

100-Buddy Pannell (Sullivan North 2000)

100-Antonio Minor (AC 2001)

### Longest Fumble Return for TD

95-George O'Neal (Oak Ridge 1979)

### Tackles in a Game

33-Jackie Walker (Central 1967)

### Longest Field Goal

40-Will Cannington (Jellico 2000)