

A&T threesome named to pre-season All-MEAC team

By Chronicle Staff

Three North Carolina A&T players have been selected to this year's pre-season All-MEAC football team.

Named to this year's squad are cornerback Alonza Barnett,

Fla. distinguished himself as a stellar pass defender, finishing the '91 season as the league co-leader in interceptions with eight. He returned one interception for a touchdown.

In addition, Barnett is a reputable hitter. His 69 stops were

accounted for 1,166 total offensive yards and 11 touchdowns to rank second in the conference in scoring and rushing (851 yards, 6.65 yards per carry, seven scores). He also finished third in all-purpose yards.

Aside from being A&T's top

Kevin Little and Reggie White, all of whom made first team all-conference in '91. The Aggies coaching staff is confident that Williams will enable A&T's "Blue Death" defense to compile similar numbers to last year when they were the league leaders in third down conversion defense (27 percent), quarterback sacks (47), interceptions (22) and recovered fumbles (23).

A&T notes

..... In spite of their returning cast, the Aggies were not picked to repeat as conference champs this season. One poll, which includes conference coaches and sports information directors, picked A&T to finish third behind Delaware State and South Carolina State. The media poll picked the Aggies to finish second behind Del State.

..... Aggies coach Bill Hayes isn't making any bold predictions about this year's team. He's not openly talking championship, but hints that his guys will be in the hunt for the prize by season's end. "We have a solid team overall with a great number of returning players," Hayes said. "I just hope we are strong enough to stand the pressure of a tough schedule. A quarterback has not been selected yet to lead the offense, but our strength right now is the defense, especially at linebacker and in the secondary."

..... One fella who could make an immediate impact is A&T's top recruit, Carl Warren, a placekicker from Fayetteville. Warren's expertise will be an added plus. Placekicking was not an Aggie strength last year.

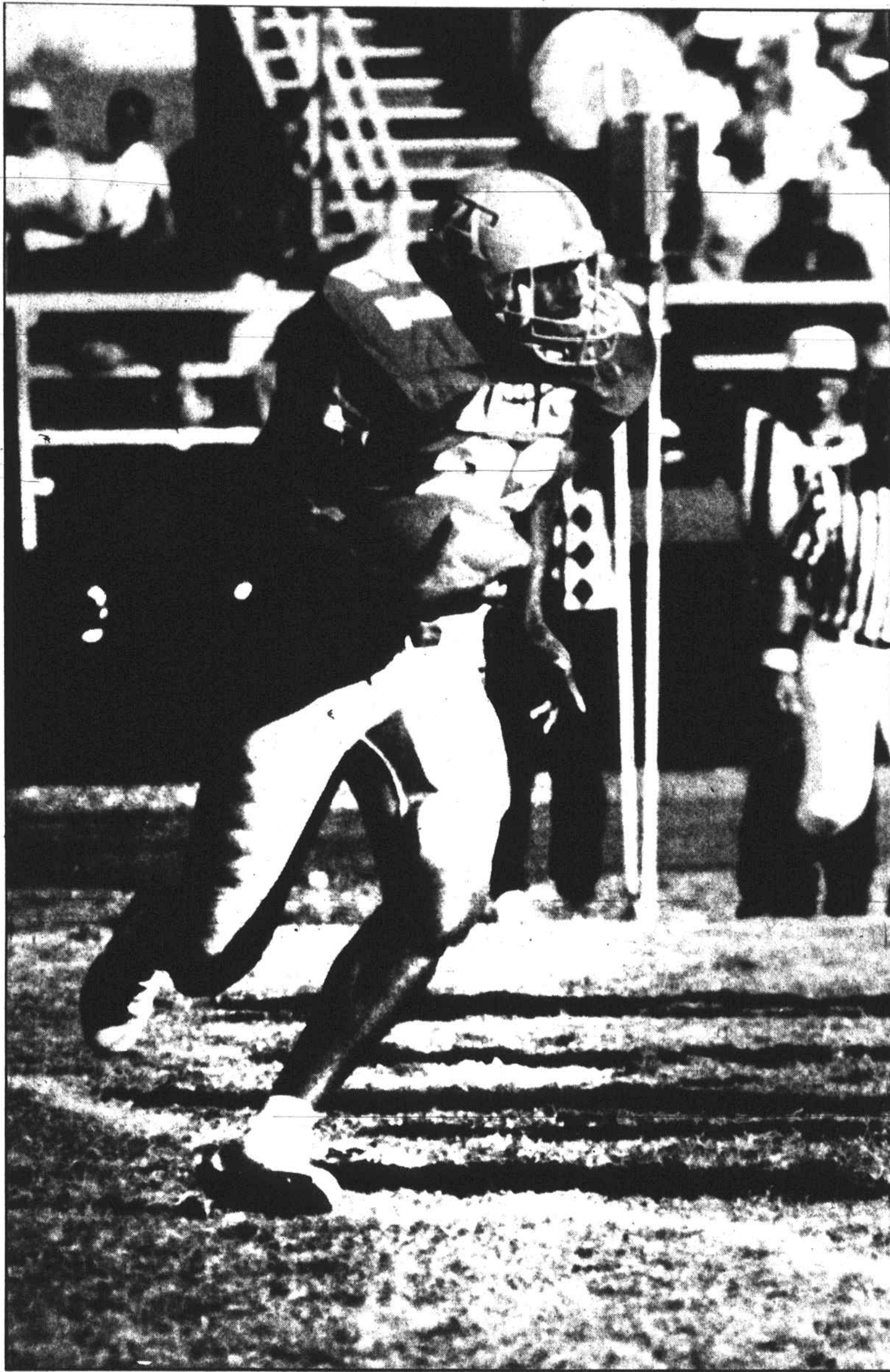


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Aggie running back Barry Turner proved to be one of the conference's premier all-around performers last season.

running back Barry Turner and defensive lineman Charles Williams.

Barnett enters the season with the most notoriety, having been a first team all-conference pick last season. The 6-2, 175 pounds senior from Jacksonville,

the second-highest on the team last season.

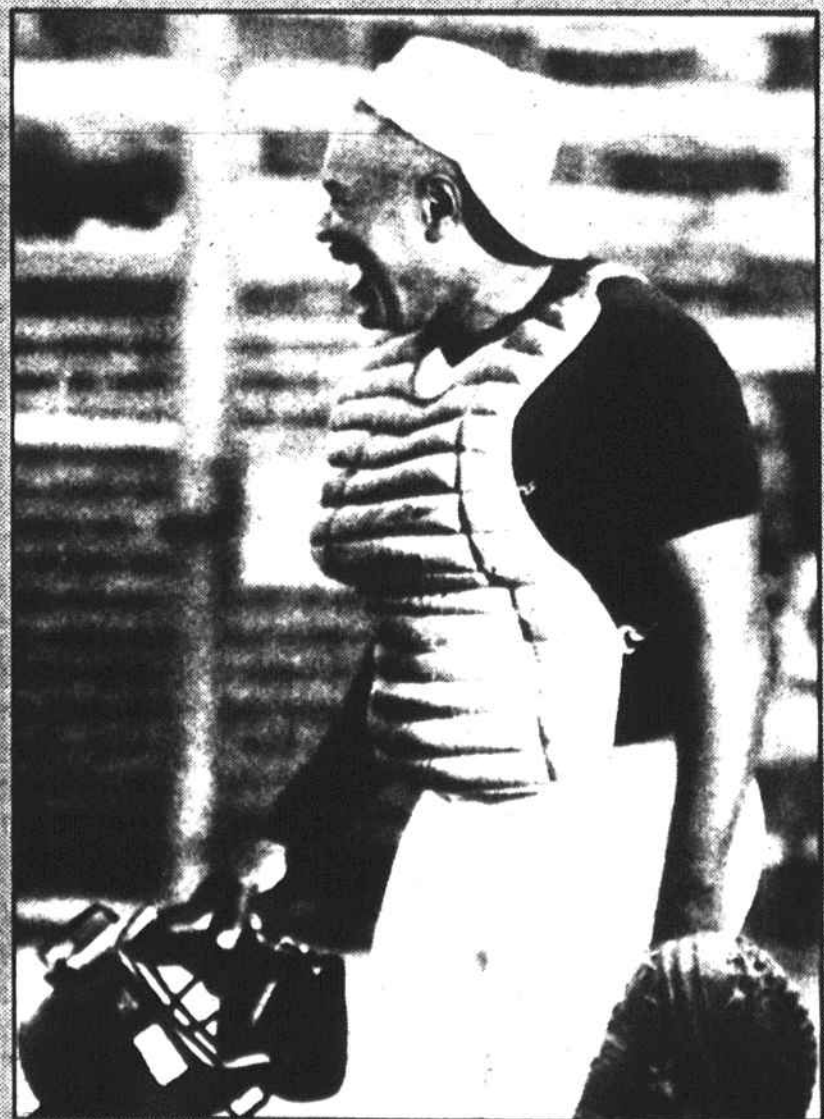
When it comes to versatile backs, there aren't many in the MEAC who are in the same class as Turner, an All-MEAC second teamer last season. The 6-0, 190 pounds Gastonia junior

ballcarrier, Turner was handy as a pass catcher as the team's No. 2 receiver (24 catches for 315 yards and four scores).

Williams, a 5-11, 220 pounds nose tackle, is expected to help fill the void created by the departure of Knox Thompson,

Old Timers game set for Sunday

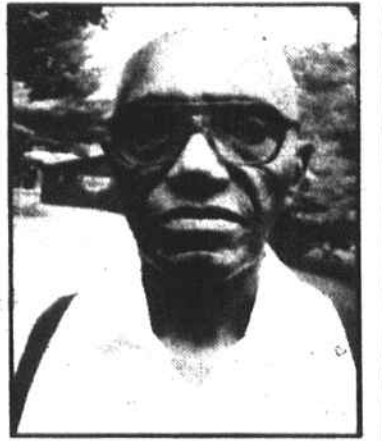
A semi-pro baseball doubleheader is on the sports agenda with the annual Old Timers Game and a regular semi-pro game scheduled for Sunday at Ernie Shore Field. The Winston-Salem Pond Giants old timers will play the Winston-Salem Indians old timers in their annual matchup for diamond bragging rights at 6 p.m. Players who are interested in playing in this year's old timers contest should contact Nelson Petree at 767-3006, or Chuck Foster at 748-8646, or Melvin "Rip" Wilkins at 725-5272. The first game of the doubleheader will feature the regular Pond Giants, who will face the Griffon Giants at 2:30 p.m. Admission for both games is \$3.



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Cupid Kellum

Mr. Kellum is a past president of this alumni chapter, former board member of the Winston Lake YMCA and a trustee at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Even with a very active retirement lifestyle, he finds the time to enjoy his grandkids. Also noteworthy is his attendance at 43 consecutive CIAA tournaments.

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