

Middleton Dazzles Sports Writers

Quarterback Charles Middleton's sterling play for A&T against Southern last Friday in Yankee Stadium had the New York sports writers comparing him with Fran Tarkenton of the pros.

But Middleton, being the level-headed guy that he is, shook off the praise by saying, "I simply wasn't satisfied with myself."

"I wasn't satisfied with my passing," he added, "and I wasn't satisfied with the score." The Aggies lost the game, 21-6, but quarterback Middleton was easily the outstanding player of the field. He will lead the Aggies against S. C. State in the first annual Sickle Cell Classic in Winston-Salem's Groves Stadium on Saturday.

Taking advantage of a number of busted plays, against Southern, Middleton zigged and zagged his way to the game's high of 85 yards in 13 carries. He scored the Aggies' only touchdown the third quarter on an eight-yard run, and added 99 more yards by passing.

"It's a nice idea to be mentioned in the same breath with Tarkenton," said Middleton, but actually, I run because I have to."

The youngster, who hails from Hopkins, S. C. is concerned now with improving his passing game. In high school it was the other way around. A&T recruited him after he had thrown 42 touchdown passes his final two seasons.

"I learned to run some last year by playing behind Stanley Jacobs," he added. "Playing behind a fine passer like that, I had to learn to do something else."

"I don't feel that being known as a runner or scrambler will hurt me any," said Middleton. "When I get my passing game really going, there are going to be some more surprises."

Middleton's coaches like him the way he is. "He has quick feet and he's beginning to learn overall knowledge of the game," said Willie Jeffries, A&T's in-

terim coach. "He's going to come around as a passer."

Meanwhile, Middleton will probably keep on scrambling for yardage and touchdowns, doing what comes naturally.

REVIVAL

Revival services will begin at Raleigh's Cross Road United Methodist Church Sept. 20 thru 25. Rev. John A. Gray, will be the speaker for the week. The public is cordially invited. Will R. Royster, minister.

HALF DOZEN NATIONAL ENTERTAINERS DONATE TALENTS FOR BENEFIT SHOW

A half dozen nationally-known entertainers and civil rights leader Dr. Jesse Jackson will join A&T State University in the production of a special benefit for the national Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation on Saturday.

Persons who will donate their

talents in the mammoth show to be staged in Groves Stadium in Winston-Salem include Mahalia Jackson, billed as the world's greatest gospel singer, bandleader-singer Ray Charles, actor Ivan Dixon of the "Hogan's Heroes" television cast; and singer R. B. Greaves.

A&T is awaiting the confirmation concerning the appearance of several other stars.

"We are extremely pleased that these national figures have agreed to participate in this worthwhile cause," said Dr. Elmer Anderson of Los Angeles, a member of the board of directors of the new Martin Luther King Hospital, currently being constructed in Los Angeles.

"This benefit becomes even more significant," added Anderson. (Continued on Page 8)

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