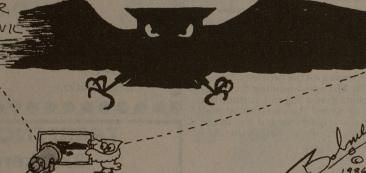
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A&M hosts cross country meet

The Texas A&M men and woms cross country teams will try to away from an 18-team field this noon when they host the Aggie vitational Cross Country Meet at 5

The women's team, which is comoff a fourth-place finish at last ek's University of Texas-San Annio Invitational, will open the meet tha 5,000- meter race. Kelly Madled the Aggies last week with a ne of 17 minutes, 28 seconds to ish in ninth place.

The men will compete in a five-mile race at 5:30 p.m. in the hope of outdistancing Southwest Conference opponents Southern Methodist, Houston and Baylor. The men also had a successful weekend at the UTSA meet where they finished third overall. Sophomore Calvin Gaziano paced the team with a personal best of 25:01 to finish in fifth place. A&M Cross Country Coach Steve

Silvey said both teams are ready for a very competitive meet.
"All of our runners, both men and women, had their personal bests of the fall at the UTSA meet," Silvey

Silvey also said his No. 3 runner on the men's team, Joel Toland, should be ready to run after straining a hamstring earlier this season. With Toland, the Aggies will be able to start their top seven runners together for the first time this season.

The meet is scheduled to be held at the A&M Golf Course, but could be moved to the Polo grounds due to

Rockets sign Petersen

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston ockets reserve Jim Petersen, a ntract holdout since the start of reseason practice, signed a 3-ear contract, the NBA club aninced Wednesday.

Petersen — 6-foot-10, 236 unds and called the Rockets' third tower" — played a key ackup role to the Ralph Sampn and Akeem Olajuwon Twin owers game last season.

Petersen, starting his third sean with the Rockets, played in every game last season, averaging 6.2 points and 4.8 rebounds on an average of 20 minutes per

He had a career-high 19 points wice last season and a careerigh 16 rebounds February 25 gainst Utah.

Terms of Petersen's contract

He reported for his first work-ut of the season Friday as the lockets prepared for their final wo preseason games Thursday gainst Philadelphia in Lafayette, a, and Saturday in the Summit gainst the Boston Celtics.

Flutie has first workout with new Bear clan

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) -Quar-LAKE FOREST, III. (AP) —Quarterback Doug Flutie was no sooner introduced to the Chicago Bears Wednesday when Coach Mike Ditka announced that Jim McMahon would start at quarterback Sunday against the Detroit Lions.

"Jim threw and he threw well," Ditka said. "He did everything that was asked of him. He threw more than he has in a long time.

Ditka said it was McMahon's aching back and not his shoulder injury that kept him out of the 23-7 loss at Minnesota last Sunday, the Bears' first. McMahon had missed three of the first seven games because of a variable first seven games because o the first seven games because of a variety of injuries but he apparently has recovered.

"I said to the players 'I'd like to introduce Doug Flutie,' "Ditka said.

What did they say?
"A couple of them threw tomatoes at me," Ditka joked. "But I think a couple of them invited him to din-

Ditka bristled when he was asked what he saw in Flutie that intrigued

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for the last time," Ditka snapped. "I like 10,579 yards. He took his team to three bowl games. he won the Heisman. He didn't do it by mirrors, he did it throwing."

McMahon, who was most vocal

against the Bears acquiring Flutie, was not available for comment after the practice and refused to talk to reporters earlier.

Flutie said he hadn't met all the players yet "but one by one they came up and introduced themselves. It was a good greeting, they eased me in. Yes, I met McMahon.

Flutie, who hasn't played football since the spring of 1985 when he was with the New Jersey Generals of the dormant United States Football League, appeared pleased to be back

"The football environment feels great," Flutie said. "I missed it." Flutie also talked to the other Chi-cago quarterbacks, Steve Fuller and

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