

12TH MAN AND THE MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSITIES EPISODE VII:

12TH-MAN, HEADING TO HIS TROPHY ROOM WITH HIS NEWLY ACQUIRED RUG, LOOKS SKYWARD..

AND SEES ANOTHER VISITOR FROM THE EVIL HORDE...
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A&M hosts cross country meet

The Texas A&M men and women's cross country teams will try to run away from an 18-team field this afternoon when they host the Aggie Invitational Cross Country Meet at 5 p.m.

The women's team, which is coming off a fourth-place finish at last week's University of Texas-San Antonio Invitational, will open the meet with a 5,000-meter race. Kelly Madden led the Aggies last week with a time of 17 minutes, 28 seconds to finish 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 said.

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 the wet weather.

Rockets sign Petersen

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets reserve Jim Petersen, a contract holdout since the start of preseason practice, signed a 3-year contract, the NBA club announced Wednesday.

Petersen — 6-foot-10, 236 pounds and called the Rockets' "third tower" — played a key backup role to the Ralph Sampson and Akeem Olajuwon Twin Towers game last season.

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

He had a career-high 19 points twice last season and a career-high 16 rebounds February 25 against Utah.

Terms of Petersen's contract were not announced.

He reported for his first workout of the season Friday as the Rockets prepared for their final two preseason games Thursday against Philadelphia in Lafayette, La., and Saturday in the Summit against the Boston Celtics.

Flutie has first workout with new Bear clan

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (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 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 dinner."

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

"I'm going to answer that question 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 in uniform.

"The football environment feels great," Flutie said. "I missed it."

Flutie also talked to the other Chicago quarterbacks, Steve Fuller and Mike Tomczak.

"Mike and I know each other, we were in the Japan Bowl together," Flutie said. "I talked to him more than anybody else."

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