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#### **Sports in Brief Cross country team opens** season at Rice Relays today The Texas A&M cross this practice meet as a

country team is traveling to Rice University today to compete against many of the sport's top competitors at the Rice Relays.

The relays will consist of two runners who will alternate in four separate legs. Each leg is two miles for the men and one and one-half for the women.

The meet is a steppingstone for what coach Dave Hartman describes as a "long, challenging journey."

Both men and women see

warm-up meet to tell them individually, and as a team, where they stand.

Hartman is enthusiastic about this season's senior and junior runners and said he is excited about seeing them "step into leadership roles and carry the team."

The team members anticipate this meet as a chance to begin their trek to nationals. Both the men's and women's teams plan to challenge one ers' success this season.



another and equal each oth- The Texas A&M cross country teams open the 2000 season at the Rice Relays

#### OPENING DAY

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that's not going to happen this year." A stalling offense might not be the Aggies' biggest problem. Their defense is critically thin after a rash of injuries from training camp, and game," Davie said. coach R.C. Slocum said he had to do

move Lonnie Madison back to defense after having him at tight end since last spring because I'm just trying to fill our positions [on the defensive line].'

Regardless of the teams' strugseason off with a win.

#### COACHES

Continued from Page 7 Texas A&M is probably even bigger,

not just because of how we finished last year, but we have so many personal ties when it comes to this Davie spent nine years under

some emergency shuffling for Satur- Slocum at A&M as first a linebackers coach and then defensive coor-"[The injuries] are as bad as I've dinator, where the two became 'ever seen," Slocum said. "We had to friends and Slocum tried to make a Texan out of the Yankee. But the A&M when he was offered a similar position at Notre Dame. A few years later he was in a position equal to his former boss. Through it gles, both teams will look to start the all, Slocum was one of his biggest

Saturday, the two will have to put win a football game.

"There will be so much going on during the game, that won't really cross my mind," Slocum said about his friend being across the field. 'We'll see each other and visit a little bit before the ballgame, but, during the course of the game, neither one of us will be paying much attention to that. We'll both be focused on what's going on in the game and I doubt we'll really think about it ex-North would draw Davie from cept maybe during a critical situation and I'm trying to figure out what he

> For both teams and both coaches, this is a major crossroads if either wants to put their team back among college football's best.

"For me, it is a big game," Davie friendship aside and find a way to said. "I feel very fortunate. The last 16 years of my family's life, I've been at Texas A&M and I've been at Notre Dame. I think they are two of the greatest places in the country to coach college football. Without being too dramatic, I think they are two of the best places in the country to raise a family. I feel very fortunate to be in that situation.

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