

must see TV

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USA vs. China
ESPN2, live, Saturday, Jan. 27, 5:30 pm.

Bora Milutinovic returns to the United States, this time with China, for his first confrontation with U.S. counterpart Bruce Arena. It's the first match of the year for Arena's Americans.

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Mexico vs. Bulgaria
Telemundo, tape, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 11:30 pm (East Coast feed), Thursday, Jan. 25, 2:30 am (West Coast feed).

U.S. fans can get a sneak preview of the first U.S. opponent in the Hexagonal when Mexico's *Tricolores* clash with Bulgaria in Morelia.

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Sunderland vs. Manchester Utd.
Fox Sports World Espanol, live, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 3 pm, and tape, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 8 pm.

Surprise Sunderland is in second place in the Premier League, but it will need to win at the Stadium of Light if it is to have any chance of catching leader Manchester United.

TV NOTE

All times are ET unless otherwise noted. For updated information on soccer telecasts, check the soccer TV Web site at www.soccerTV.com



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

ESPN 2
Spanish First Division (tape), 4 am.

FOX SPORTS WORLD
Italian Serie A (tape), 2 am.
Futbol Mundial 4 am & 1 pm.
English League Cup Semi-final Crystal Palace vs. Liverpool (tape), 2 pm.
English Premier League (tape), 8 pm.
Argentine Soccer Boca Juniors vs. River Plate (tape), 11 pm.

FOX SPORTS WORLD ESPANOL
Argentine Soccer Boca Juniors vs. River Plate (tape), 2 pm.
Argentine Soccer River Plate vs. San Lorenzo (tape), 5 pm.

RAI INTERNATIONAL 2
Coppa Italia Udinese vs. Parma (live), 2:55 pm.

TELEMUNDO
International Friendly Mexico vs. Bulgaria (tape), 11:30 pm (East Coast feed).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

FOX SPORTS WORLD
English League Cup semi-final Crystal Palace vs. Liverpool (tape), 2 am & 5 pm.
Brazilian Football Magazine 4:30 am.
Western Union Football 1 pm.
Italian Serie A (tape), 2 pm.
English League Cup Semi-final Birmingham vs. Ipswich (tape), 11 pm.

FOX SPORTS WORLD ESPANOL
Futbol Mundial 12:30 am.
Mexican First Division Santos vs. Tigres (tape), 2 am.
Fox Futbol Show 1 pm.
Argentine Soccer River Plate vs. San Lorenzo (tape), 2 pm.

GALAVISION
Futbol a Fondo 10 pm.

RAI INTERNATIONAL 2
Coppa Italia AC Milan vs. Fiorentina (live), 2:55 pm.

TELEMUNDO
International Friendly Mexico vs. Bulgaria (tape), 2:30 am (West Coast feed).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

FOX SPORTS WORLD ESPANOL
Futbol Mundial 2:30 am.
Fox Futbol Show 3 am.
Fox Gol Honduras 1 pm.



Li Weifeng (right) fights for the ball with Japan's Hiroaki Morishima in the Asian Cup semifinals. Li and his Chinese teammates will give the United States its first test of 2001 Jan. 27 in Oakland, Calif.

Mexican First Division Irapuato vs. Leon (tape), 2 pm.

Argentine Soccer River Plate vs. San Lorenzo (tape), 5 pm.

FOX SPORTS WORLD CONCACAF
CONCACAF Champions Cup Third-Place Match (tape), 2 am.
Fox Futbol Show 4 am, 1 pm & 6 pm.
Western Union Football Show 5 pm.
Asian Football Show 9 pm.

RAI INTERNATIONAL 2
Italian Serie B (live), 2:25 pm.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

ESPN2
International Friendly USA vs. China (live), 5:30 pm.

FOX SPORTS WORLD CONCACAF
CONCACAF Champions Cup Final (tape), 2 am.
English Premier League (tape), noon.

Italian Serie A (tape), 2:30 pm & 11 pm.

FOX SPORTS WORLD ESPANOL
Futbol Mundial midnight & 7 pm.
Argentine Soccer Boca Juniors vs. River Plate (tape), noon.
Fox Gol Honduras 3 pm.
Mexican First Division UAG vs. Atlante (tape), 11 pm.

GALAVISION
Mexican First Division Tigres vs. Toluca (live), 5:50 pm.
Mexican First Division Puebla vs. Monterrey (live), 8 pm
Mexican First Division Club America vs. Necaxa (live), 10 pm.

TELEMUNDO
International Soccer USA vs. China (live), 5:30 pm.
Titulares Telemundo 11 pm ET/PT, 10 pm CT/MT.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

FOX SPORTS WORLD
Argentine Soccer Boca Juniors vs. River Plate (tape), 8 pm.

English Premier League Show 11 pm.

FOX SPORTS WORLD ESPANOL
Mexican First Division Pachuca vs. Irapuato (live), 1 pm.
History of Boca Juniors 3 pm.
Fox Gol Honduras 4 pm.
Futbol Mundial 8 pm.
Mexican First Division Cruz Azul vs. Atlas (tape), 9 pm.
DeportTV 11 pm.

INTERNATIONAL CHANNEL
Italian Serie A (tape), 5 pm.

RAI INTERNATIONAL 2
La Grande Giostra Dei Gol 8:15 am.
Highlights from Italian Serie A 12:10 pm.

RAI ITALIA
Italian Serie A (tape), 11 am.
Highlights from Italian Serie A 1 pm.
Italian Serie A (tape), 4:40 pm.

TELEMUNDO
Futbol Telemundo 12:30 pm ET/11:30 am PT
Futbol Internacional 4 pm ET/1 pm PT.
Titulares Telemundo 11 pm ET/PT, 10 pm CT/MT.

UNIVISION
Republica Deportiva 11 am.
Mexican First Division UNAM vs. Santos (live), 1 pm.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

FOX SPORTS WORLD
Western Union Football Show 4 am.
Futbol Mundial 4:30 am.
English Premier League Show 1 pm.
English Premier League (tape), 3 pm & 11 pm.
Italian Serie A (tape), 8 pm.

FOX SPORTS WORLD ESPANOL
Mexican First Division 11 pm.

GALAVISION
Domingo Deportivo 2 am ET/PT.
Western Union Football Show 7:30 pm ET/PT.
La Jugada 9 pm.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

FOX SPORTS WORLD
Mexican First Division Irapuato vs. Pachuca (tape), 2 am.
English Premier League Show 5 pm.

FOX SPORTS WORLD ESPANOL
English Premier League Sunderland vs. Manchester Utd. (live), 3 pm; (tape), 8 pm.
Argentine Soccer Boca Juniors vs. River Plate (tape), 5 pm.