

Datebook

FEBRUARY 5-8

Madeira Tournament

The U.S. U-23 men's national team's road to Greece and the 2004 Olympics begins with a series of international tests in Europe. The U-23s face a Madeira select team, Slovakia and Portugal in Madeira, Portugal. After the Madeira Tournament, they move on to Italy to face Italy's U-21 team a day before the USA-Italy friendly in Catania.

FEBRUARY 9-10

Umbro Select Classic

Soccer returns to Ft. Lauderdale's Lockhart Stadium — at least for one weekend. The seventh annual Umbro Select Classic will feature a pair of doubleheaders: East-West men's college all-star game and a Honduran clash between Motagua and Olimpia on Feb. 9 and a East-West women's college all-star game and a East-West WUSA World Stars game the next afternoon.

FEBRUARY 10

MLS SuperDraft

MLS holds its annual SuperDraft of top players available from the college and high school ranks and the USL leagues. Following the demise of Miami and Tampa Bay, festivities move from Florida to New York.

FEBRUARY 11

WUSA Global Draft

WUSA coaches spent the fall scouting the top seniors in college soccer. Carolina has the first pick in the Global Draft. The top three prospects are Santa Clara's Danielle Slaton, North Carolina's Jena Kluegel and Florida's Abbv Wambach.

FEBRUARY 13

Italy vs. USA

(ESPN and RAI International, 2:30 pm)
The United States faces Italy in the Sicilian town of Catania. The game is their first meeting since the United States tied Italy, 1-1, in Chicago to win the '92 U.S. Cup. It'll be the first time U.S. coach Bruce Arena has had all his European-based players since World Cup qualifying. Italy is making its 2002 debut.



All times are Eastern and subject to change. For daily listings of games on television, read SoccerAmericaDaily, the soccer e-Letter, Monday-Friday.

The United States faces Italy, one of the favorites to win the 2002 World Cup, Feb. 13 in Catania. From left, Filippo Inzaghi, Fabio Cannavaro, Christian Vieri, Alessandro Pierini, Christian Zenoni, Alessio Stefano Fiore, Damiano Tommasi, Gianluca Pessotto, Gianluigi Buffon, Paolo Maldini.

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