

# Datebook

**MARCH 1-7**

**Algarve Cup**

The U.S. national team faces Sweden, England and Norway in group play at the annual women's tournament on Portugal's resort coast, then concludes with placement matches on the event's final day. The Americans have won the title only once in eight years of Algarve Cups. Among the players April Heinrichs called up: Heather O'Reilly, a junior at East Brunswick (N.J.) High School.

**MARCH 6-16**

**FC Champions Cup**

The San Jose Earthquakes, Kansas City Wizards, Chicago Fire and D.C. United gear up for the MLS season with first-round action in CONCACAF's club championship. D.C. United faces Comunicaciones of Guatemala in Guatemala City March 6 and returns to RFK Stadium for the rematch a week later. The Quakes meet Olimpia of Honduras March 13 in Miami and March 16 in Sacramento. The Fire travels to Guatemala City March 16 to play Municipal in the first leg of their series. The Wizards conclude their series with W Connection of Trinidad & Tobago at home the same day.


**MARCH 9-10**

**Italy's Serie A**

Inter Milan hosts Juventus on March 9 in a battle of *Scudetto* contenders. Lazio is out of the race, but it has a chance of knocking off defending champion Roma in their Olympic Stadium derby the next day.

**MARCH 10**

**USA vs. Ecuador**

(ABC, live, 4 pm) 

The United States continues with its World Cup preparations, facing Ecuador at Legion Field in Birmingham, Ala. Ecuador, which qualified for the World Cup for the first time, is unbeaten in eight matches with the United States (four wins and four ties).

**MARCH 13**

**Manchester United vs. Bayern Munich**

United, the 1999 champion, hosts Bayern Munich, the defending champion, in the highlight match of the fifth match day of the European Champions League's second phase.

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



Backline

**Francesco Totti (No. 10) scores in Roma's 2-0 victory over Lazio last fall. Roma needs a win in the return game of the Rome derby to remain in the Serie A race.**



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