

# Datebook

## Games on TV

A guide to regularly scheduled telecasts of live soccer of interest to American fans.

### ARGENTINA

**Fox Sports World Espanol** airs a First Division game at 4 pm ET on Sunday. **Fox Sports World** airs the same game later on Sunday. The 2003 Torneo Clausura kicks off Feb. 16.

### ENGLAND

Premier League games are shown on residential pay-per-view on Saturday at 10 am ET (**DirecTV**, **DISH** and **TVN**) and Sunday at 11 am ET (DirecTV, DISH and **iNDemand**). **Fox Sports World** broadcasts weekday games at 3 pm ET.

### FRANCE

French-language pay network **TV5** (DISH) airs a Ligue 1 game on Saturday at 2 pm ET.

### GERMANY

**Fox Sports World** carries Bundesliga matches on Saturday at 9:30 am ET and Sunday at 11:30 am ET. Action resumes Jan. 25 after the winter break.

### ITALY

**RAI International** (DISH and some cable systems) shows Serie A matches on Saturday (delay) at 4:30 pm and Sunday (live) at 8:15 am. **RAI Italia** (available on some VHF and UHF channels) and the **International Channel** show a Serie A match (delay) on Sunday.

### MEXICO

Most weekend games are available live or on delay on Spanish-language TV (**Univision**, **Telefuturo**, **Galavisión**, **Telemundo** and **Azteca America**).

### PORTUGAL

**RTPi** (DISH and some cable systems), the international arm of Portuguese network RTP, airs a First Division game on Saturday at 4 pm ET.

### SCOTLAND

Celtic and Rangers matches are shown on Saturday and Sunday morning on closed-circuit via **Setanta**.

### SPAIN

**Fox Sports World** has same-day coverage of La Liga action on Sunday at 4 pm ET.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY



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Brad Friedel (left) will try to hold off Manchester United when defending champion Blackburn Rovers plays host in the second leg of their **English League Cup** semifinals series (TV: Setanta, closed circuit, live, 3 pm ET) at Ewood Park. Liverpool and Sheffield United meet in the other series.

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The United States learns its first-round opponents in the 24-team World Youth Championship March 25-April 16 in the United Arab Emirates at the **UAE'03 draw** in Abu Dhabi. Here's the breakdown on the field: CONCACAF — United States, Canada, Panama, Mexico; Europe — Spain, Germany, Slovakia, Ireland, Czech Republic, England; Asia — UAE, South Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan; Oceania — Australia; South America — four teams to be decided Jan. 6-26 in Uruguay; Africa — four teams to be decided Jan. 4-18 in Burkina Faso.

## JANUARY 21

After winning the 1991 Gold Cup and finishing second in 1993, the United States settles for **third place** in 1996, beating Guatemala, 3-0. Jeff Agoos, Eric Wynalda and Jovan Kirovski score for the Americans. The game is played before the Mexico-Brazil final at the Los Angeles Coliseum. The doubleheader draws 88,000 fans, the sixth-largest crowd for a U.S. "home game."



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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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The United States faces Norway, Germany and China in a preview of the 2003 Women's World Cup at a **four-nation tournament** in China. Aly Wagner (right) and Co. open against Norway Jan. 23 in Yiwu. They meet Germany Jan. 26 in Wuhan and finish against the host team Jan. 29 in Shanghai, site of the 2003 Women's World Cup final.



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The **English FA Cup** moves into the fourth round with action Jan. 25-26 (TV: Setanta, closed circuit, and DirectTV, DISH and iNDemand, pay-per-view, live, various times). The most famous cup competition is down to its final 32 teams. If teams are tied at the end of regulation, they play 30 minutes of overtime (no golden goal). If they are still tied, they will replay the game. If there's no winner after 120 minutes, the replay will be decided by penalty kicks.



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In its second game after the Bundesliga's winter break, **Borussia Dortmund** hosts **Bayer Leverkusen**. Dortmund edged Leverkusen by one point for the 2002 Bundesliga title. Second-place Dortmund trails Bayern Munich by six points at the break. Leverkusen is tied for 13th and is out of contention for the 2003 title.

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Runaway Spanish First Division leader Real Sociedad hosts Athletic Bilbao in the **Basque derby**. Led by Yugoslav Darko Kovacevic (above, tied for second with nine goals), Real Sociedad entered the holiday break with a seven-point lead on second-place Valencia. Athletic Bilbao was tied for 11th place, 17 points back.

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## JANUARY 29

Fourteen months after **Landon Donovan** (left, in left photo) and **DaMarcus Beasley** (right) won the Golden Ball and Silver Ball, respectively, at the Under-17 World Cup, they play together for the first time on the senior national team. Both start in a 2-1 victory over China on Jan. 29, 2001, in Oakland, Calif. Donovan and Beasley will earn starting jobs in the 2002 World Cup.

## JANUARY 31

The **1998 MLS college draft**, held Jan 31 -Feb. 1, is far and away the most productive draft in MLS history. Clint Mathis (No. 6 pick) and Pablo Mastroeni (No. 13) will play in the 2002 World Cup. Six players played for the U.S. national team in the 2-0 win over El Salvador in November. Eight players have represented the United States, and Tyrone Marshall plays for Jamaica.

## FEBRUARY 2

The **United States** kicks off the 2002 season by winning the Gold Cup, thanks to a 2-0 final win over Costa Rica Feb. 2. Josh Wolff (breakaway) and Jeff Agoos (free kick) score for the Americans in a dominating performance against the Ticos, their old nemesis. The title is the second for the United States. It won the first CONCACAF championship, played in 1991.