

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.

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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The **Jamaica-USA** friendly in Kingston (kickoff: 7 p.m. ET) marks the first game on the road for Bruce Arena's team since the 2002 World Cup. The United States has never lost to Jamaica, holding a 7-0-5 record against the Reggae Boyz. It has only one victory in five matches at "The Office" in Kingston.

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AC Milan looks to extend its lead in Group C when the **Champions League** resumes Feb. 18-19. It hosts long shot Lokomotiv Moscow in the first of two games against the Russian champion within a week. AC Milan's Filippo Inzaghi (No. 9) is the leading scorer in the Champions League with nine goals.

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Day 4 of the Champions League's second group phase is highlighted by the **Inter Milan-Barcelona** clash. Each club won both its games before the break to take command in Group A. Other clashes of group leaders: Ajax-Arsenal in Group B and Manchester United-Juventus in Group D.

FEBRUARY 11

Indoor soccer is born in the United States on Feb. 11, 1974, when the Soviet Union's Red Army team beat the NASL champion Philadelphia Atoms, 6-3, before 11,790 fans in Philadelphia. The success of the game, played over three periods, convinces American promoters that there is a future for soccer indoors. Future indoor exhibitions are planned.

FEBRUARY 15

Mexico beats the United States, 1-0, to capture the **1998 Gold Cup**, its third straight regional title. The final draws a pro-Mexican crowd of 91,255 at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Fans boo the U.S. national anthem and hurl debris at the Americans on throw-ins and corners. Another 6,941 fans watch the game inside the adjacent Los Angeles Sports Arena.

February 10 - March 2

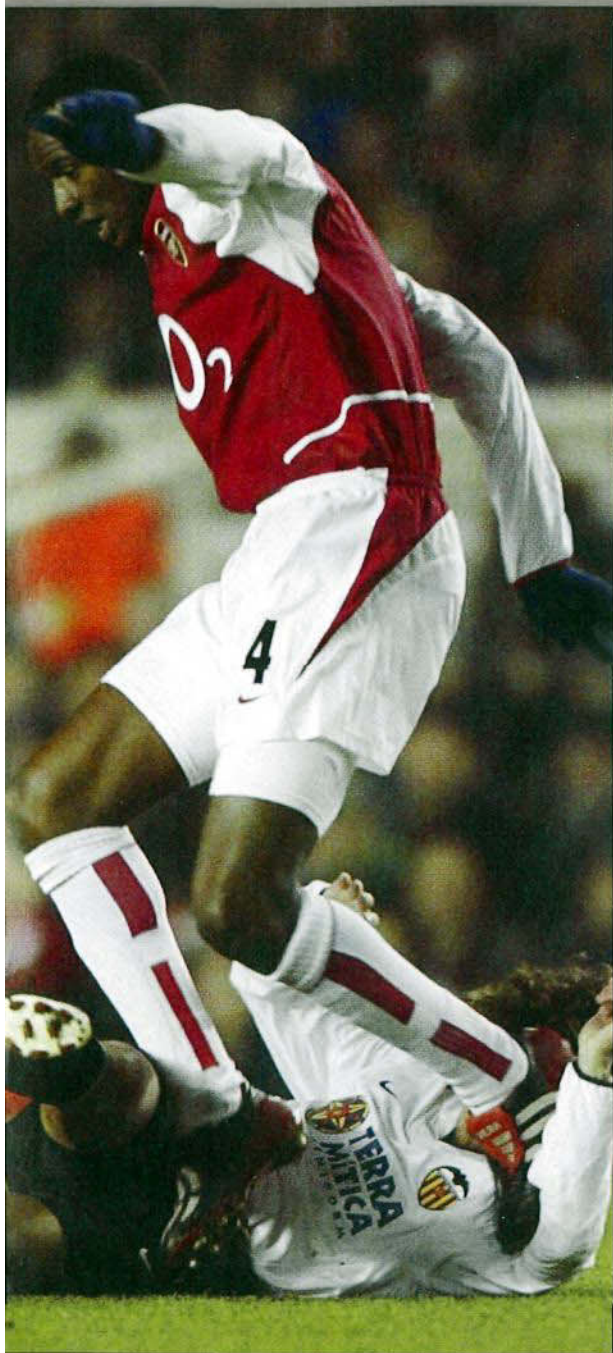
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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



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The **English FA Cup** moves into the fifth round Feb. 15-16. Only 16 teams are left in the most famous cup competition in the world.

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The **U.S. women's national team** faces Iceland in its second domestic game of 2003 at Blackbaud Stadium in Charleston, S.C. (TV: ESPN2, live, 6 p.m. ET). Shannon MacMillan (No. 8, below) and her U.S. teammates have never given up a goal to Iceland in four meetings.

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Two of the most offensive-minded teams in the **English Premier League** clash when Manchester City hosts leader Arsenal. City has plenty of attacking power, led by Frenchman Nicolas Anelka. The Gunners answer with their own French legionnaires: Thierry Henry, Robert Pires, Sylvain Wiltord and Patrick Vieira (left).



1

England defender **Rio Ferdinand** welcomes his former Leeds United teammates at Old Trafford for the first time since joining Manchester United last summer on a \$47 million transfer, a world record for a defender.

2

The **Juventus-Inter Milan** showdown at Turin's Stadio delle Alpi is one of the key matches this winter in the race for the Scudetto. Juve and Inter have been battling AC Milan and surprising Lazio for the Serie A lead all season.

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FEBRUARY 24

Six months after Anson Dorrance's resignation, **Tony DiCicco** makes his debut as U.S. women's national team coach. DiCicco's tenure begins Feb. 24, 1995, with a 7-0 win over Finland in Orlando, Fla. Michelle Akers records a hat trick. The game, played before a crowd of 2,238, is the first of 14 friendlies to prepare the U.S. for the defense of its world title.

MARCH 2

Soccer fever hits Kingston, Jamaica, where the United States opens the final round of qualifying for the 1998 World Cup with a 0-0 tie against the Reggae Boyz on March 2, 1997. The American defense (jumping on former A-League star Walter Boyd's free kick) holds off the Boyz in the defensive stalemate. The United States and Jamaica will later qualify for France '98.



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