Soccer comes to viewers Sunday

Television in Review
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HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Professional soccer, the world's most popular sport, comes to American television on a regular weekly basis starting Sunday.

The CBS-TV network, for two hours each Sunday afternoon through Sept. 3, will present a "Game of the Week" of the newly-formed National Professional Soccer League. The broadcasts are in color.

CBS-TV says all 10 teams of the league will be seen in action during the season. The Eastern Division includes New York, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Philadelphia. The Western Division is composed of St. Louis, Chicago, Los Angeles, Toronto and California. The California team represents the northern part of the state.

Opening Day

Sunday's television contest, which also marks the opening day of the season for the new league, will find Atlanta at Baltimore. On April 23, it will be California at St. Louis; on April 30, New York at Philadelphia; May 7, Chicago at St. Louis; May 14, Pittsburgh at Toronto; May 21, Atlanta at New York; and May 28, Philadelphia at Toronto.

Each team will play 32 games, 16 at home and 16 on the road.

Commentators for the telecasts are America's Jack Whitaker and Britain's Danny Blanchflower, a former soccer star who now is a sportswriter and broadcaster in England. Blanchflower, who will do the color and analysis, grew up in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and now writes a weekly sports column for the London Sunday express as well as doing features for the British Broadcasting Corp.

International Flavor

The new league and the telecasts will, in fact, have a very international flavor since the United States has never been too prominent in soccer, and talent—playing and coaching—had to be gathered from abroad.

For example, CBS-TV notes, regarding this Sunday's broadcast, that Atlanta is coached by Phil Woosnam, "who played for Wales in international all-star competition and for Aston Villa, an English first-division club." Two other Atlanta coaches are from Britain, and there are "four Zambian internationals on the squad."

The opposing Baltimore team, meanwhile, is coached by Doug Millward, former assistant to the man who guided England's World Cup champions. Millward's squad includes "21-year-old Jamaican twins Art and Asher Welch, two of the most outstanding footballers in the Caribbean-Central American area. Juan Santistebam, eight-year veteran with Real Madrid, one of the greatest teams in soccer history, and Constantino (Gaucho) Tejada, another first-division star in Argentina and Spain," are also with Baltimore.

There will be no local television blackouts of league games when home teams are playing.

The buck Ends here . . . .

By Ivan D. E. Beaumont

They call it the fiddlers association, but Dick Lawton of Syracuse, can testify the string instruments include his banjo.

The Otoe county string plunker joined other string enthusiasts Sunday at a shindig at Memorial Building. . . . just right for the state Centennial theme.

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Scheduling any sort of event during the next six weeks is about as awkward as a farmer taking a vacation when its's corn planting or wheat harvesting time.

Wayne Brown who is chairman for the Optimist oratorical contest in Nebraska City, voiced a similar opinion at a recent meeting when he reported that the contest date was rescheduled for April 25 because of conflicting events on previous dates.

The only thing I know going on April 25 is PTA council and a planned turkey fry with Benton Township and Otoe county rescue volunteers. . . .can't win 'em all. . .

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Well, the big event in Nebraska City this weekend may well be the Science Fair. It's a time when high school students in Nebraska have a chance to show off their best efforts and compete with other students for that expense-paid trip to the California contest.

So, if you are looking for something to do during the afternoon, Saturday or Sunday, stop by the national guard armory for a look-see. You'll enjoy it.

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If you haven't "bought it" then you better hustle to your favorite store and get it now. The sales tax goes into effect May 1. The income tax won't be drawing on the paychecks until next year.

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There will be a few of us especially anxious for Arbor Day April 23 in Nebraska City . . . . .the beard comes off after the Sunday afternoon celebration.

Naturally it will not rain on that eventful Sunday, despite what the weather has done on a number of other occasions. Mort Porter and his energetic committee have a day of well organized activities and I'm sure we can look forward to natural pleasant weather.

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Carroll Brand at Otoe County National Bank introduced a hail insurance company representative the other day who had many compliments for weather in the Nebraska City area. . . It's always good to hear compliments about the hometown from the visitors. Compared with western Nebraska, this part of the country has little hail damage on the average.

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Major Earl "Buddy" Webb, son of Mrs Bryan Farson, is back in Vietnam on a second tour of duty and in a brief period since he arrived the first part of April, he had already racked up 30 missions in helicopters. Those whirly bird jockeys sure get around.

Things have changed considerably since his first tour. Inflation has hit the country and there are better living conditions for the men in uniform.

The major was wounded on two occasions in his first tour and came home a decorated soldier.

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The "eyesore" picture printed recently of the white building east of Junior High drew some comment at the school board meeting.

Marvin Attebery, Union, called the picture "poor taste."

Lest we all forget our goings-on, seems to me that the building which was the FFA shop for several years, was shouted to High Heaven as "fire trap" during the school bond issue.

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Dr. Carroll Prouty, pastor at First Methodist church, plans to leave the Nebraska City church this summer after about five years of service.

We'll miss Doctor Prouty. He's got a John Wesley backbone and is proud of it.

He's also been known to be outspoken on church attendance. The Chamber will also miss him. It was the Mighty Methodist pastor who led the businessmen on Central Avenue with brooms and dust pans in a Spic and Span campaign.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Eva Gabor and Eddie Albert, stars of the CBS "Green Acres" series, will be co-hosts for the 15th annual International Beauty Pageant finals that will be telecast by ABC live from Long Beach, Calif., at 9:30 p.m. April 29 Each of the 50 states and 40 foreign countries will have entrants.

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ABC has decided to give a full two hours to its May 7 telecast of the musical, "Carosel," instead of the 90 minutes originally scheduled The sponsor requested the extra half hour so the Rodgers-Hammerstein classic could be given a more elaborate presentation and promised to add no more commercials

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