

SATURDAY



BBC1

* NOT IN COLOUR (R) REPEAT

9.30 MULTI-COLOURED SWAP SHOP: Noel Edmonds' Phone-in on 01-811 8055. Guests include the pop group Mud. 12.13 Weather.

12.15 GRANDSTAND: 12.20 Football Focus: with Bob Wilson; 12.50, 1.20, 1.50, 2.20 Racing from Newbury; 1.10, 1.40, 2.40 International Ski-Jumping: Four Hills Championship; 2.50 Rugby League: Leigh v Hull Kingston Rovers; 3.30, 4.5 Basketball: Philips International Tournament—The Semi-Finals; 3.50 Cricket: Third Test: Australia v England; 4.40 Final Score. 5.10 The Basil Brush Show: With guest Frank Windsor 5.40 NEWS 5.50 Sport; Regional News.

5.55 JIM'LL FIX IT: Jimmy Savile makes dreams come true. New series.

6.30 DR. WHO: starring Tom Baker. The monster Kroll awakes.

6.55 OLIVER: (Film, 1968)

9.15 STARKY AND HUTCH: Starring Paul Michael Glaser, David Soul. 10.5 NEWS.

10.15 MATCH OF THE DAY: First Division action; and Goal of the Month Competition; 11.15 Andre Previn's Christmas Music Night. 11.55 Weather.

BBC WALES As above except: 9.10-9.30 a.m. Bobol Bach 5.50-5.55 Sport, News 12.15 Weather, News.

BBC2

11.45 LEONARD BERNSTEIN AT HARVARD: The Twentieth-Century Crisis (R) 2.5 FILM: How The West Was Won (1962) 4.30 Play Away: The Luck of the Game 5.0 Chaplin Double Bill: The Kid and at 5.50 The Idle Class. 6.25 Cricket: Third Test: Australia v. England; 6.55 News; Sport.

7.5 ELO AT WEMBLEY: Concert by the Electric Light Orchestra (R)

8.5 THE DAWSON PATROL: Starring James B. Douglas, Tim Henry. True story of how a four-man Mountie patrol attempted to trek 500 miles by dogsled and snowshoe from Fort McPherson to Dawson in record time (TV film)

9.20 ITZHAK PERLMAN PLAYS BRAHMS: ... Violin Concerto in D.

10.5 JACK LEMMON IN 'THE APARTMENT': (Film, 1960)★ 12.5 PICK OF THE YEAR: Highlights from the last series of The Old Grey Whistle Test—part 1. 1.15 Closedown.

HTV

9.0 THE FLINTSTONES. 9.30 Ten on Saturday: 9.45 Lassie. 10.15 Batman. The Unkindest Tut of All—Part 1. 10.30 Tiswas. 11.15 Batman. Part 2. 11.30 Pop Spot. 11.35 Ten On Saturday. 11.40 Tiswas. 12.10 Popeye. 12.20 Ten On Saturday.

12.30 WORLD OF SPORT. 5.5 NEWS. 5.15 Happy Days. Fonzie's Blindness. 5.45 Laverne and Shirley. 6.15 Fantasy Island.

7.15 THERE WAS A CROOKED MAN (Film, 1970). 9.30 NEWS. 9.45 The Magic flute. 12.45 Weather; Closedown.

HTV Cymru/Wales. As above except: 5.45-6.15 Yr Wythnos '78. HTV West. As General Service.

ANGLIA

9.5 CARTOONS. 9.20 The Secret Lives of Waldo Kitty (R). 9.45 The Saturday Banana. 11.0 The Princess of Tombozo. 11.30 Tarzan: Day of the Golden Lion.

12.30 WORLD OF SPORT. 5.5 NEWS. 5.15 Happy Days: The Birthday Show. 5.45 All Star Winner Takes All. 6.15 The Incredible Hulk: Stop The Press.

7.15 THE UNDEFEATED (Film, 1969). 9.30 NEWS. 9.45 The Magic Flute. 12.45 At the End of the Day. Closedown.

PICK OF NEXT WEEK'S TV

WEEK One, as they call it in television, brings a whole lot of new series and serials. Among them are:

★ **TUESDAY:** A comedy called "Room Service" (ITV, 8.30) set in a five-star hotel, starring Bryan Pringle and written by Jimmy Perry of "Dad's Army" and "It Ain't Half Hot Mum" fame.

★ **WEDNESDAY:** A thriller set in Cyprus, "The Aphrodite Inheritance" (BBC-1, 8.05) stars Peter McEnery and lovely Alexandra Bastedo.

★ **THURSDAY:** A one-off which could lead to a series is

New serials to open the year

Galton and Speight's "Tea Ladies" (BBC-1, 8.30). Set in the House of Commons, it stars Mollie Sugden, Dandy Nichols and Patricia Hayes.

★ **FRIDAY:** A three-part thriller set in Iceland, "Running Blind" (BBC-1, 9.25) is based on the best seller by Desmond Bagley. One of the stars is Icelandic actress Heida Steindorsdottir.

KENNETH HUGHES



ALEXANDRA BASTEDO
BBC1—8.05 Wednesday



'Ello, it's the ELO

ROCK fans are in for a treat with ELO AT WEMBLEY (BBC-2, 7.5). The supergroup were recorded live at their concert at Wembley earlier this year, when the aristocrats of rock were watched by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

YORKSHIRE

9.0 Amazing Chan and the Chan Clan. 9.20 Space Ghost and Dino Boy. 9.45 Saturday Banana. 11.0 You Can Make It. 11.30 Six Million Dollar Man. 12.30 World of Sport. 5.5 News. 5.15 Happy Days. 5.45 All Star Winner Takes All. 6.15 Incredible Hulk. 7.15 The Undeclared (Film, 1969). 9.30 News. 9.45 The Magic Flute. 12.45 Closedown.

GRANADA

9.5 Untamed World. 8.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 Ivanhoe (Film, 1952). 12.30 World of Sport. 5.5 News. 5.15 Happy Days. 5.45 The Practice: "Mulligan." 6.15 The Incredible Hulk. 7.15 The Undeclared (Film, 1969). 9.30 News. 9.45 The Magic Flute. 12.45 Closedown.

CHANNEL

12.18 Puffin's Plaice. 12.30 World of Sport. 5.5 News. 5.15 Puff the Magic Dragon. 5.45 IN Search Of: "Call from Space." 6.10 Cartoon. 6.15 Life and Times of Grizzly Adams. 7.20 The 25th Hour (TV film). 9.30 News. 9.45 The Magic Flute. 12.45 Weather; Closedown.

MIDLANDS

9.10 HOUSE FOR THE FUTURE. 10.5 The Lost Islands (R). 10.30 Tiswas: Fun and games for the youngsters. 12.30 WORLD OF SPORT. 5.5 NEWS. 5.15 The Incredible Hulk: Stop the Press. 6.15 Doctor on the Go "Sunday Bleeping Sunday." 6.45 BATTLE OF THE BULGE (Film, 1965). 9.30 NEWS. 9.45 The Magic Flute. 12.45 Closedown.

MOVIES

Comment by ARTHUR THIRKELL

★ **HOW THE WEST WAS WON** (BBC-2, 2.05). Henry Fonda, Carroll Baker. Exploits of a pioneer family battling against nature, crooks and redskins to settle the West.

MAMMOTH but tiresome Western.

★ **OLIVER** (BBC-1, 6.55). Mark Lester, Ron Moody. Musical spectacular of Dickens tale of the adventures of an orphan boy.

SUPER musical, not to be missed.

★ **THE APARTMENT** (BBC-2, 10.05). Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine. Romantic problems for a clerk who finds rapid promotion through lending his flat to amorous bosses.

WITTY, good and tender.

★ **IVANHOE** (Granada ITV, 10.30 a.m.). Robert Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor. A bold



JACK LEMMON
BBC-2, 10.5

knight battles to restore England's throne to its rightful ruler.

ACTION-PACKED.

★ **THE UNDEFEATED** (Granada, HTV, Anglia, Yorkshire, Westward and Channel, 7.15). John Wayne, Rock Hudson. Former Civil War foes fight bandits and French cavalry.

STARS bolster routine Western.

★ **COUNTDOWN** (Westward ITV, 10.20 a.m.). Robert Duvall, James Caan. Problems of astronauts and their families.

Soap opera with exciting ending.

★ **BATTLE OF THE BULGE** (Midlands ITV, 8.45). Henry Fonda, Robert Shaw. No one believes a wartime intelligence man's claim that the Nazis plan a final tank attack.

IMPRESSIVE battles.

★ **THERE WAS A CROOKED MAN** (HTV, 7.15). Kirk Douglas, Henry Fonda. Black comedy about jailed murderer's attempt to escape.

TALENTED cast in poor melodrama.

LONDON

8.50 THE SATURDAY BANANA—Part 1: With Bill Oddie, Bill Gammon. 9.0 Sesame Street. 9.45 The Saturday Banana—Part 2. 11.0 The Monkees (R). 11.30 Tarzan: The Day of the Golden Lion (R).

12.30 WORLD OF SPORT: 12.35 Headline: Sport from around the world, including swimming from Australia; 1.15 NEWS; 1.20 The British Kendo Championships. 1.35 The ITV Six: Horse racing from Leicester (1.45, 2.15, 2.45), greyhound racing from Harringay (2.08, 2.38, 2.53). 3.05 International Sports Special: Stock Car Racing; 3.50 Half-time Round-up; 4.0 Wrestling; 4.50 Results Service. 5.5 NEWS. 5.15 Puff the Magic Dragon. 5.45 Happy Days: Time Capsule.

6.15 EMU'S CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE: Rod Hull and Emu with Arthur Lowe, Jack Douglas, Henry McGee (R).

7.15 MIND YOUR LANGUAGE: "An Inspector Calls." (R)

7.45 THE INCREDIBLE HULK: Married. Banner finds romance and marriage in Hawaii. Then the island is hit by a typhoon ... 9.30 NEWS.

9.45 THE MAGIC FLUTE: Glyndebourne Festival Production of Mozart's opera. With Benjamin Luxon, Leo Goeke, Felicity Lott. 12.45 Close: An event in the early life of Christ. Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.5 TARZAN: The Prodigal Puma. 9.50 Untamed World. 10.20 Countdown (Film, 1968). 11.55 Look and See. 12.0 Woody Woodpecker. 12.25 Gus Honeybun.

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SOUTHERN

8.50 THE SATURDAY BANANA—Part 1. 9.0 Tarzan: The Day the Earth Trembled. 9.45 The Saturday Banana—Part 2. 11.0 Clue Club. 11.30 Mork and Mindy: Mork is given lessons in love by the Fonz. 12.27 Regional Weather.

12.30 WORLD OF SPORT. 5.5 NEWS. 5.15 Happy Days: Fonzie's "Old" Lady. 5.45 The Flintstones. 6.15 The Six Million Dollar Man. 7.15 Robin's Nest: Robin has the chance to get away from Nicholls and open his own restaurant.

7.45 COLUMBO: Make Me a Perfect Murder. Starring Peter Falk. Columbo investigates when a ruthless woman TV executive plans to murder her boss. 9.30 NEWS.

9.45 THE MAGIC FLUTE. 12.45 Southern News. 12.50 Weather; Meditations. Closedown.

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