Sports bliss

This time of year has to make true sports fans nostalgic.

Wait, I think.

For decades, the beginning of spring has brought with it not only fresh flowers and pristine weather, but also some magic to this part of the year for sports.

College basketball is engrossed in madness with the final four teams slated to battle it out for national supremacy at the athletic monstrosity known as AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

The Major League Baseball season began its marathon 162-game regular-season schedule stateside in grand fashion on national television, showcasing the iconic Los Angeles Dodgers.

Soccer is doing whatever it is that soccer does in Europe, highlighted by career seasons from the sport’s two brightest stars, Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

Even the National Basketball Association is in the prime part of the season, with fewer than 10 regular-season games remaining before the playoffs begin.

With all of the sports meeting at one time of the year, creating a plethora of options and scenarios for even the most casual of fans, I still yearn for the true national pastime.

Football.

The National Football League has undoubtedly surpassed all other sports in the United States as far as viewing, ratings and attendance.

The off-season transactions and dealings draw more attention and media buzz than some of the other so-called major sports’ most important events.

Case in point: Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel is in the midst of being drafted by an NFL team. His pro-day was attended by eight NFL head coaches, and all 32 teams were represented, as was just about every media outlet known to man, dominating sports coverage for days.

So while this is a great time of the year for sports, it still leaves that thirst for more that only the NFL can quench.