



Figure 20-7: The Series 2 System Information screen is blue, and specifically says "Series2."



The software version for Series 1 TiVos is never higher than version 3; Series 2 TiVos usually have version 4 software, although the integrated DVD TiVos have version 5 software.

Limitations of Series 1 TiVos

You can usually pick up a refurbished or used Series 1 TiVo from eBay (www.ebay.com) for around one hundred bucks. (You still have to pay the monthly subscription fees to TiVo, although Series 1 TiVos with Lifetime Subscriptions often turn up on eBay, too.) If you buy a used Series 1 TiVo, you *won't* be getting these things:

- ✔ **A warranty.** Unless you purchase TiVo from an authorized retailer, it won't come with the standard warranty. You can download a copy of the TiVo's manual from TiVo's Web site (www.tivo.com). Some do-it-yourself replacement parts are available online at WeaKnees.com (www.weaknees.com), PTVupgrade (www.ptvupgrade.com), and other Web sites.
- ✔ **A USB port.** Without one, you can't hook it directly to your computer and piggyback on its broadband Internet connection. It will need a phone line.