

## Violence follows Chelsea game

AFP, Barcelona

Fourteen people were arrested following clashes overnight after Spanish outfit Barcelona dumped English champions Chelsea out of the Champions League, police confirmed Wednesday.

Six British fans were arrested for breaking the windows of a bar near the Nou Camp Stadium and fighting with the owner who estimated the damage to his premises in the region of 9,000 euros.

Eight other people whose nationalities were not revealed were arrested in central Barcelona and the popular Ramblas area where 1,500 Barcelona fans had gathered to celebrate their team advancing to the Champions League quarterfinals after drawing 1-1 with Chelsea.

## Dutch ban Nazi helmets

AFP, The Hague

The Dutch Football Federation (KNVB) on Tuesday banned fans from wearing imitation, plastic Nazi helmets inside stadiums in an effort to cool volatile temperatures between Holland and German supporters in the run-up to the World Cup.

"In our eyes, this helmet is provocative and establishes an unnecessary link with the war," said KNVB spokesman Frank Huizinga.

The helmets will be banned from forthcoming friendlies against Mexico, Cameroon and Australia but any decision to ban them at the World Cup would have to be taken by local organisers.

The helmets are based on those worn by the Wehrmacht during World War II.

## Warne bares

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on March 16, said that despite all his losses he still had cricket.

"So, OK, where am I at? I've lost that love of my life. What else have I got in my life that I love? My cricket. So I'm not going to lose both. I've got to make this a winner."

Warne said he remained "pretty strong mentally", adding: "The one thing I'm proud of in my life is no matter what has happened, I've still been able to front up, play my cricket and still do a pretty good job."

The spin king, who has sometimes struggled with his weight, said that in preparation for the Test series he had cut out many of his favourite foods - pizza, bread, chips and beer -- and had been excercising regularly.

Warne, the leading all-time wicket taker in Test cricket, turns 37 this year but said he had set no date for quitting Test cricket.

"I think I'll just wake and say, 'That's it'. I won't be one of those people that'll plan it. It'll just happen."



PHOTO: AFP

Juventus midfielder Emerson (3d from L) shoots past two Bremen defenders and goalkeeper Tim Wiese to score the winner during their Champions League match at the Delle Alpi Stadium in Turin on Tuesday.

## Heartbreak for Bremen



AFP, Turin

An awful mistake by Werder Bremen keeper Tim Wiese in the 88th minute gifted Juventus a dramatic 2-1 victory here Tuesday and a place in the quarterfinals of the Champions League.

Bremen were hanging on for the 1-1 draw which would have been enough for them to reach the last eight of the competition.

But with the seconds ticking away, Wiese, who had been outstanding for the Germans with a series of superb saves, spilled a straightforward catch to give Emerson the easiest of laps.

Wiese's howler left the aggregate score at 4-4 and Juve, the Italian league leaders, advanced on the away goals rule.

French midfielder Johan Micoud struck for Werder in the 13th minute with a delicate chip, before David Trezeguet levelled the score midway through the second half with a typically clinical finish.

Emerson, nicknamed 'Puma' because of his tireless running in midfield, admitted Juve defender Fabio Cannavaro had to take most of the credit for the winning goal as it was he who let the Brazil international know that the ball had come loose.

"Fabio shouted at me, 'Puma, Puma' and I saw the ball near me and smashed it in," he said.

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## Villareal end Rangers run



AFP, Villareal

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Thomas Buffel, recalled to the starting line-up by McLeish, played a harmless looking ball into the area.

Sabatini gets IOC award

AFP, Geneva

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