

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That the term Grand Prix (GP), which is commonly used in connection with Formula One (F1) racing, sometimes causes confusion in discussions of automobile racing. Originally the phrase, meaning grand prize in French, was used in the names of many races. But beginning in 1906 it came to refer to the principal F1 auto race in any nation (except in the United States, where it was and continues to be used indiscriminately). After the end of the World War I in 1918, when automobile racing blossomed internationally, a series of GP races in several nations was reserved for F1 competition, and an annual GP calendar was developed consisting of national races, such as the French Grand Prix and the British Grand Prix. An annual award called the World Championship of Drivers was established in 1950, with the winner being determined from the F1 results each year. In 1958 an F1 Constructors' Championship was established to rival the World Manufacturers' Championship, a competition held in sports-car racing. These championships are based on race results, but reward the companies that build race cars, rather than rewarding drivers.

If our drivers knew that it is the car he is driving that is to be credited, and not him, I am sure they would slow down.

SPORTS TALK



Alec Stewart

(England Test captain)
To spend time out in the middle was the most important thing for me."

After scoring a hundred against Victoria

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-108

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Post to The Daily Star Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm Dec 18 '98, and draw shortly afterwards

1 National cricket team captain Aminul Islam will play this season for

2 Biman Mohomedan Surjo Tarun Who won the Premier league cricket title last season?

3 How many teams play in the Premier cricket league?

10 8 12

4 How many overs will be played per side in the Premier league this season?

50 80 100

5 How many venues will be used for the Premier league this year?

One Two Three

Name

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Class Roll No.

School Address

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Phone: (If any)

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EN-VITS

ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

Europa Cup b'ball begins today

The 21st Europa Cup national basketball championship begins today at the Dhanmondi basketball gymnasium, reports UNB.

Twelve teams, split into two groups, are participating in the tournament, organised by Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation.

Group A: Bangladesh Navy, Khulna DSA, Dhaka University, Rajshahi DSA, Bangladesh Police and Pabna DSA.

Group B: Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Rifles, Bangladesh Air Force, Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET), Sylhet DSA and Sylhet DSA.

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Mustafa Rashidi Suja will formally inaugurate the meet as chief guest at 4 pm.

Eyes of the world focused on Thailand

BANGKOK, Dec 6 (AFP): The problem-plagued Asian Games opened here in a blaze of colour today, with the organisers hoping their musical extravaganza would blot out a week of rows and recriminations — for a day at least.

But they know they will ultimately be judged not by the

the games and complaints of sub-standard venues and unfinished road links, was briefly forgotten.

Poor ticket sales, a fight between Thai and Qatari footballers, a plague of insects in the Games swimming pool and a security scare were papered over as hundreds of singers.

not include more than half the Games' 6,888 athletes, with the organisers rationing places for each national delegation.

Nor did it include the Saudi Arabians.

They pulled out last month, saying the event clashed with the holy month of Ramadan. Most people here linked their

absence instead to a bitter, long-running political row with Thailand.

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The atmosphere was further marred last week when four Pakistanis were arrested as suspected terrorists before the red-faced Thai police dropped the charges. The arrests, however, sent the Indian delegation here in a spin.

Today's show, however, offered some respite for the organisers who almost lost the right to stage the Games last year following fears Bangkok

would not be ready.

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