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Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That 'stock cars' were very similar to conventional cars when this type of racing first began soon after World War II. But soon the only similarity between a stock car and a conventional car was the outer-body shell, which on stock cars resembled those of popular streetcars manufactured by such companies as Buick, Chevrolet, Ford, Pontiac, and Oldsmobile. Underneath the shell, stock cars came to be pure racing machines, only slightly less sophisticated than single-seaters. They are closed-wheeled and closed-cockpitted, with hoods, bumpers, and grilles. Stock cars originally ran on paved ovals and on dirt tracks. Now stock cars run on paved ovals and, in major events, on high-banked super-speedways. The major stock-car racing events are the 500-mile Daytona 500, run annually in Daytona Beach, and the 600-mile World 600, run annually in Charlotte, North Carolina. The major racing series in stock-car racing is called the Winston Cup.

The appeal of stock car racing to fans comes with the idea of supposed streetcars running close together at speeds of up to 200 mph (322 km/h).

And I always thought these were cars from some rich guy's stock.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-108

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

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Competition closes at 8 pm

Dec 18 '98, and draw

shortly afterwards

1	National cricket team captain
2	Amirul Islam will play this season for
3	Biman Mohammedan Surj Tarun
4	Who won the Premier League cricket title last season?
5	Mohammedan Kalabagan Abahani
6	How many teams play in the Premier cricket league?
7	10 8 12
8	How many overs will be played per side in the Premier league this season?
9	50 80 100
10	How many venues will be used for the Premier league this year?
11	One Two Three
12	Name
13	Class
14	Roll No.
15	School Address
16	Phone: (If any)

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SPORTS TALK



Mark Butcher

England Test opener

'At the end of the day, you're on your own.'

V-Day carrom held

The Victory Day carrom competition concluded at the Dhaka University gymnasium yesterday, reports APB.

AFM Ehteshamul Haque of Dhaka University emerged as champion, while Kamran Hossain of Pallima Sangsad, Malibagh became runner-up in the singles. The three-day long tournament was organised by the Bangladesh Carrom Association (BCA).

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture Obaidul Quader attended the prize giving ceremony as chief guest and distributed trophies among the winners.

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Sports Reporter

The Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League offered mixed fortunes for the biggies at different city venues yesterday.

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium an upset was the order of the day when lowly-rated Wari Club handed title contenders Kalabagan KC a stinging 58-run defeat.

Last year's runners-up Brothers Union posted a sensational two-run win against Victoria SC at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

But, belying the expectations of their rivals, Abahani recorded an impressive 86-run win over promoted Sadharan Bima at the BKSP ground in Savar.

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