

Dynamos dominate at provincial championships

Milton wrestlers collect four medals at Brock University

The Dynamos certainly lived up to their name during the provincial amateur wrestling championships at St. Catharines' Brock University earlier this month.

Ten E.C. Drury-affiliate club grapplers made the trip, with four capturing medals and two others placing among the top five.

For an unprecedented fourth consecutive year, it was teammates Gary Ferrier and Carl Chan hooking up in the provincial finals — doing so this time around in the under-19 juvenile division.

Ferrier continued his dominance, punctuating a 3-0 day with an impressive victory over his fellow Dynamo. Chan went 3-1 with two pins to secure silver.

Kyle Smith also earned a couple of wins in the juvenile ranks, but did not place.

In the cadet class, Alan Moffat exacted revenge for a Central-West Regional championship loss to teammate Blake Hillier — eclipsing him with a mere 15 seconds remaining in a hard-fought final.

The Drury sophomores rolled over their competition, each earning three decisive wins en route to the gold-medal match.

Also placing in the top five were Bishop Reding's Rob Rubino and Drury's Nick Ronan.

Rubino was 3-0 before being defeated and injured in the semifinal. He came back to win 12-10 in the bronze semifinal, but was unable to return for the medal showdown the next morning.

Ronan lost to the eventual champ in round two, but ended up 4-2 with three pin-fall victories to finish fifth. He delivered a nail-biting 11-10 overtime triumph in his last match of the weekend.

Despite having just a handful of wrestlers in the cadet division, the

Dynamos placed fourth overall — only one point shy of claiming team bronze.

Moffat's golden performance earned him a berth to next month's Ontario Winter Games in London. He'll join Hillier and

Kevin Iwasa-Madge, who had already qualified as regional champs.

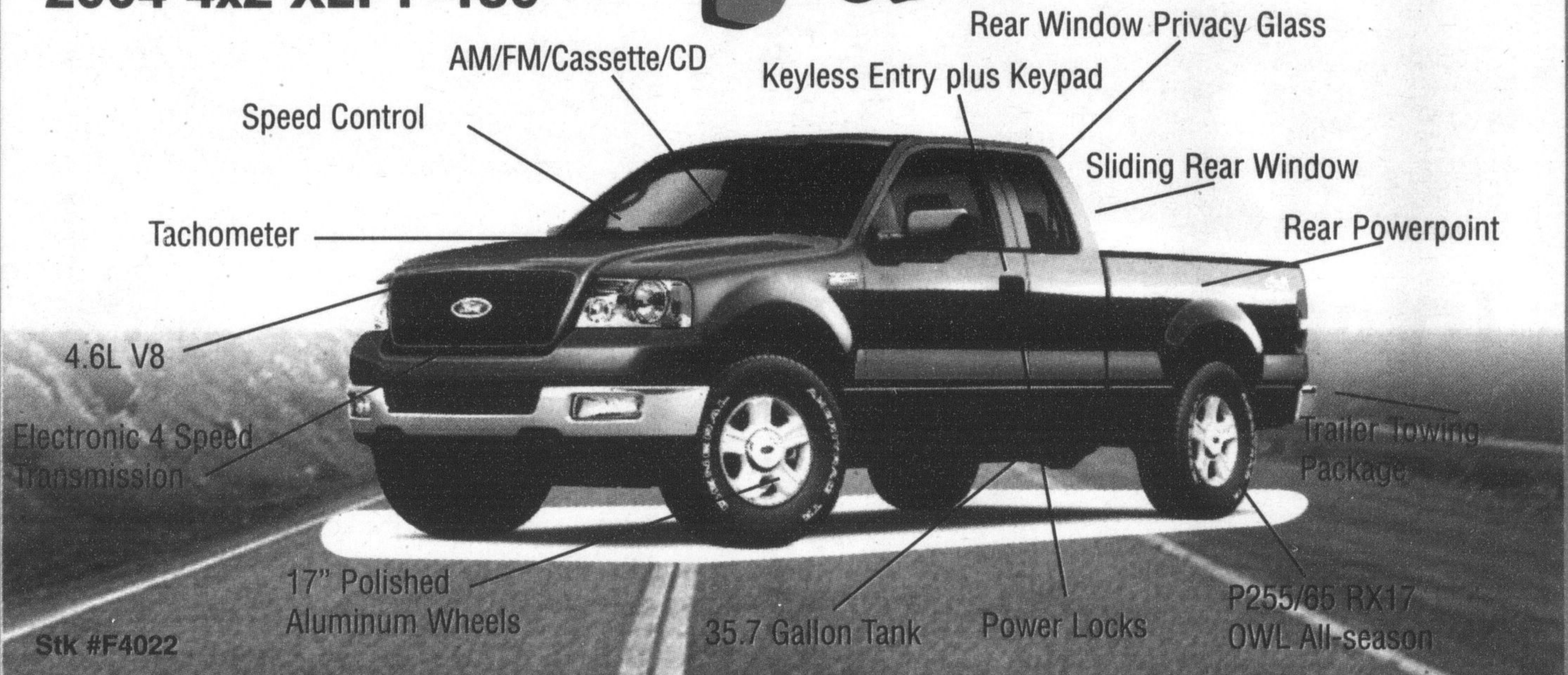
Ronan and Rubino stand a good chance of qualifying as well, based on their placements.

Meanwhile, Ferrier and Chan — along with the cadet finalists — will turn their sites on the national championships once OFSAA is over. The Canadians will be held early next month in Windsor.

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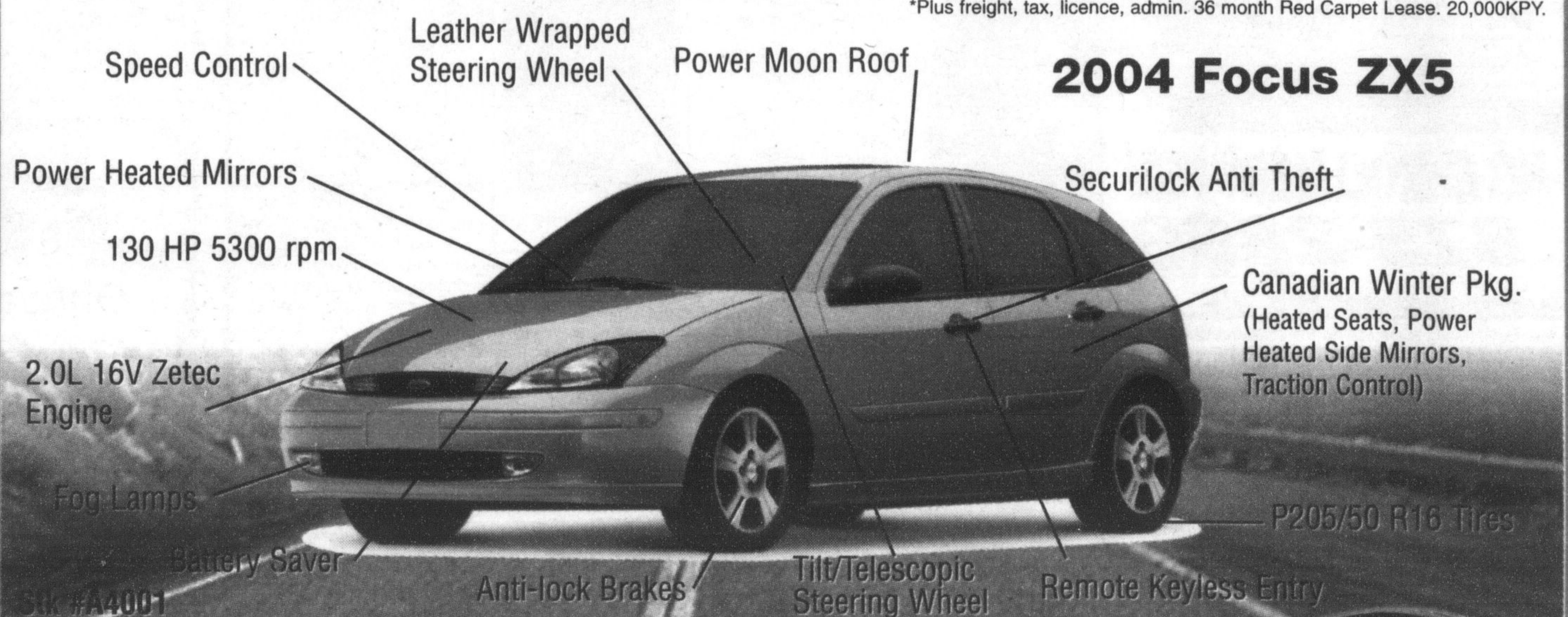


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