

Jr. A Raiders name Sgarbossa alternate captain

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The 2004/05 hockey season will be awfully difficult to top for Rob Sgarbossa.

However, a recent announcement by his defending Dudley Hewitt Cup champion Georgetown Raiders will at least make that possible.

The 19-year-old Campbellville resident has been named an alternate captain for this coming season by newly-appointed head coach Jay Anderson, who offers high praise to the well-rounded centre.

"Bottom line, Rob's got a great work ethic and is somebody who's liked by everybody," noted Anderson, who recently began his third stint as head coach of the Raiders. "At times last spring I thought he was the best guy out there."

Echoing those sentiments is graduating defensive anchor and local resident Dan Rogers, who wore the 'A' himself this past year following a three-year hitch in the OHL.

"He's not the loudest guy in the dressing room, but Rob is a really consistent player who leads by example. He's someone the younger guys are going to want to try to emulate."

A pivotal part of the Raiders' provincial championship drive this past spring — mainly because of his exceptional penalty killing — Sgarbossa feels more than a little honoured about getting the

'A'.
"To be named alternate captain of such a class organization like Georgetown feels great," he said. "I'm ecstatic about it."

With most of Georgetown's big guns now overage or off to university, Anderson said Sgarbossa will definitely have a chance to play more of an offensive role this season.

And the Raiders skipper said his new alternate captain is certainly capable of doing so.

"This is a tell-tale year for Rob. He's going to

get an opportunity to be one of the leading scorers, so it's really up to him."

In terms of intangible contribution, Sgarbossa said it falls on guys like himself and new captain Frank DeAngelis to foster the same type of attitude that propelled Georgetown to the (national) Royal Bank Cup.

"We've got the experience and know what it takes to win. We've just got to instill that in the new guys."

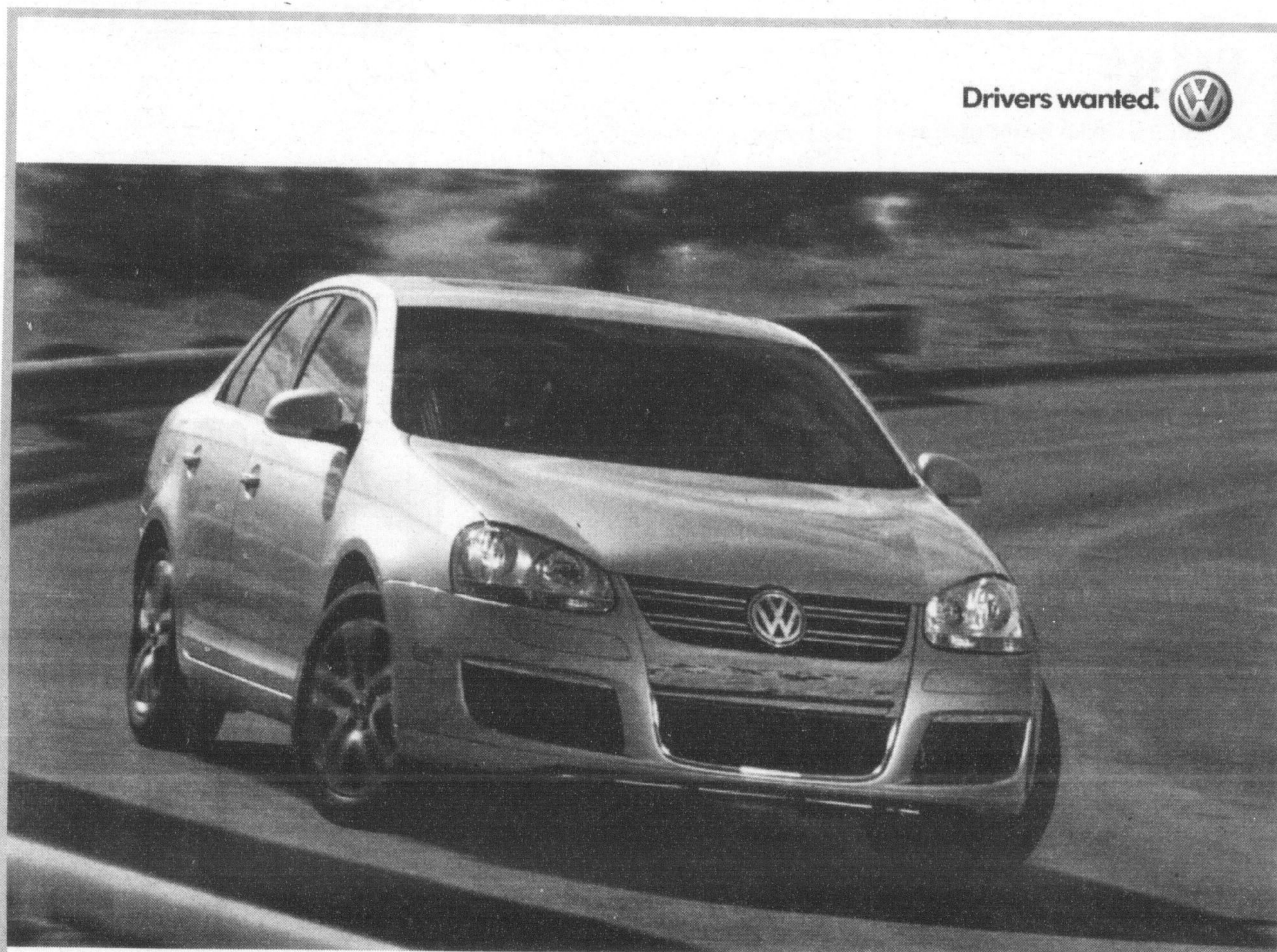
Sgarbossa added that from a personal standpoint, he'll try to bring the all-out effort and character that Rogers was known for last season.

"Dan didn't take any crap. He was tough as nails and gave 100 per cent every night," he said. "He had such intensity and was just a great role model. Hopefully some of that rubbed off (on me)."



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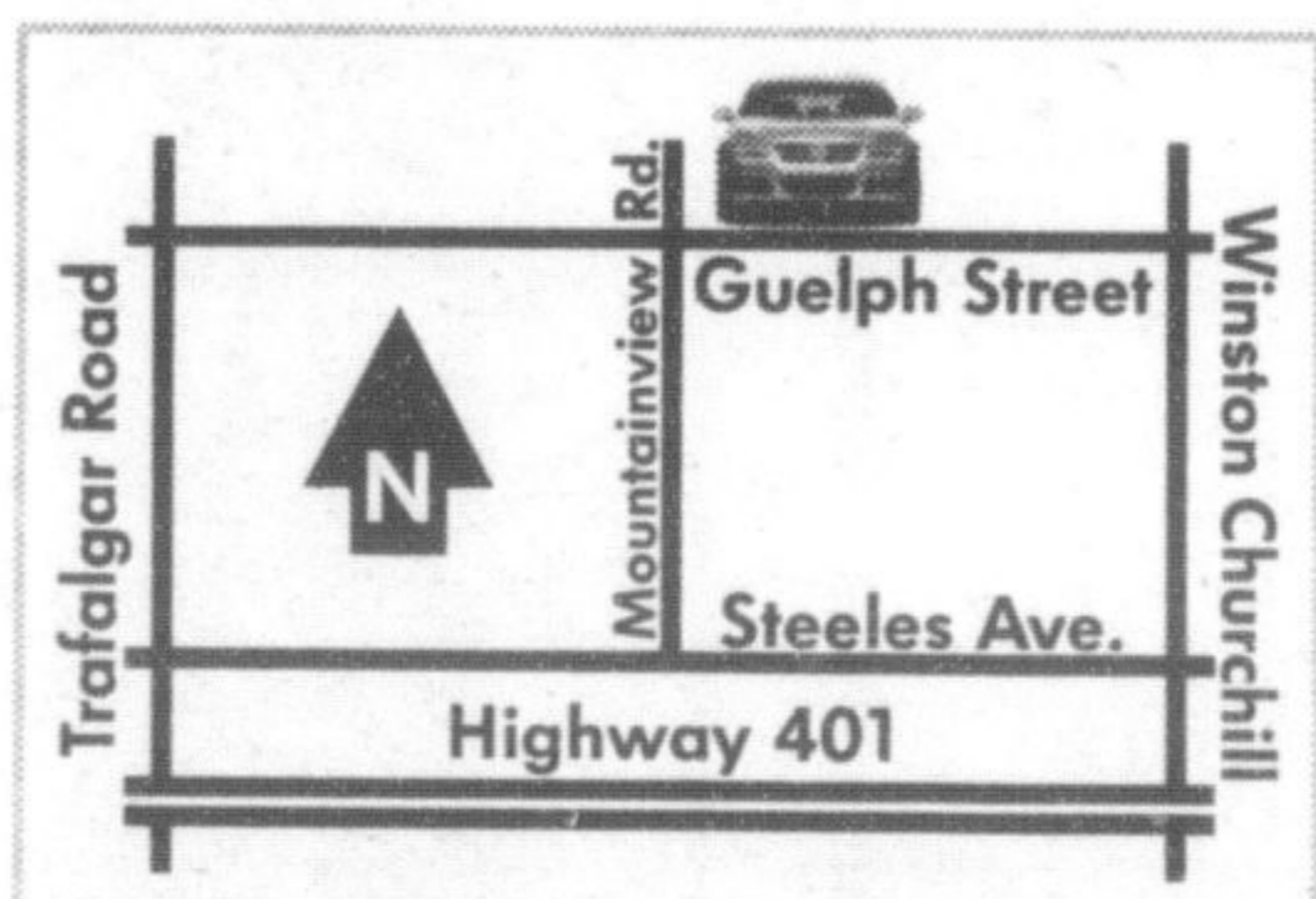
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