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Go-karting is a family affair in the Barrick household

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Kevin and Keith Barrick will be going for a father-son sweep when they take to the track at Mosport this weekend.

The Stouffville residents are to compete in the Canadian Grand National Championships of go-karting. Kevin will contest two senior categories while son Keith tries his luck in three junior divisions.

Kevin, 40, is hoping for a *deja-vu* of sorts, as his 12-year-old son attempts to duplicate his own Grand National triumph of a quarter century ago.

"It was 25 years ago this weekend that I won the junior category of Canadian Grand National Championships versus Scott Goodyear," said Kevin, who operates a computer business in Stouffville.

"Keith is probably one of the three top junior riders in Canada. He's earmarked for the Players Driver Development Program."

Kevin said he and his son are in top form as they prepare to go head to head with some of the

best drivers from across North America.

While they both made the switch from European karts to the American Margay Kart at the beginning of the season, the adjustment has now been made.

"It takes a while to get used to the change," said Kevin.

"It's sort of like going from a Porsche to a Corvette," said Kevin.

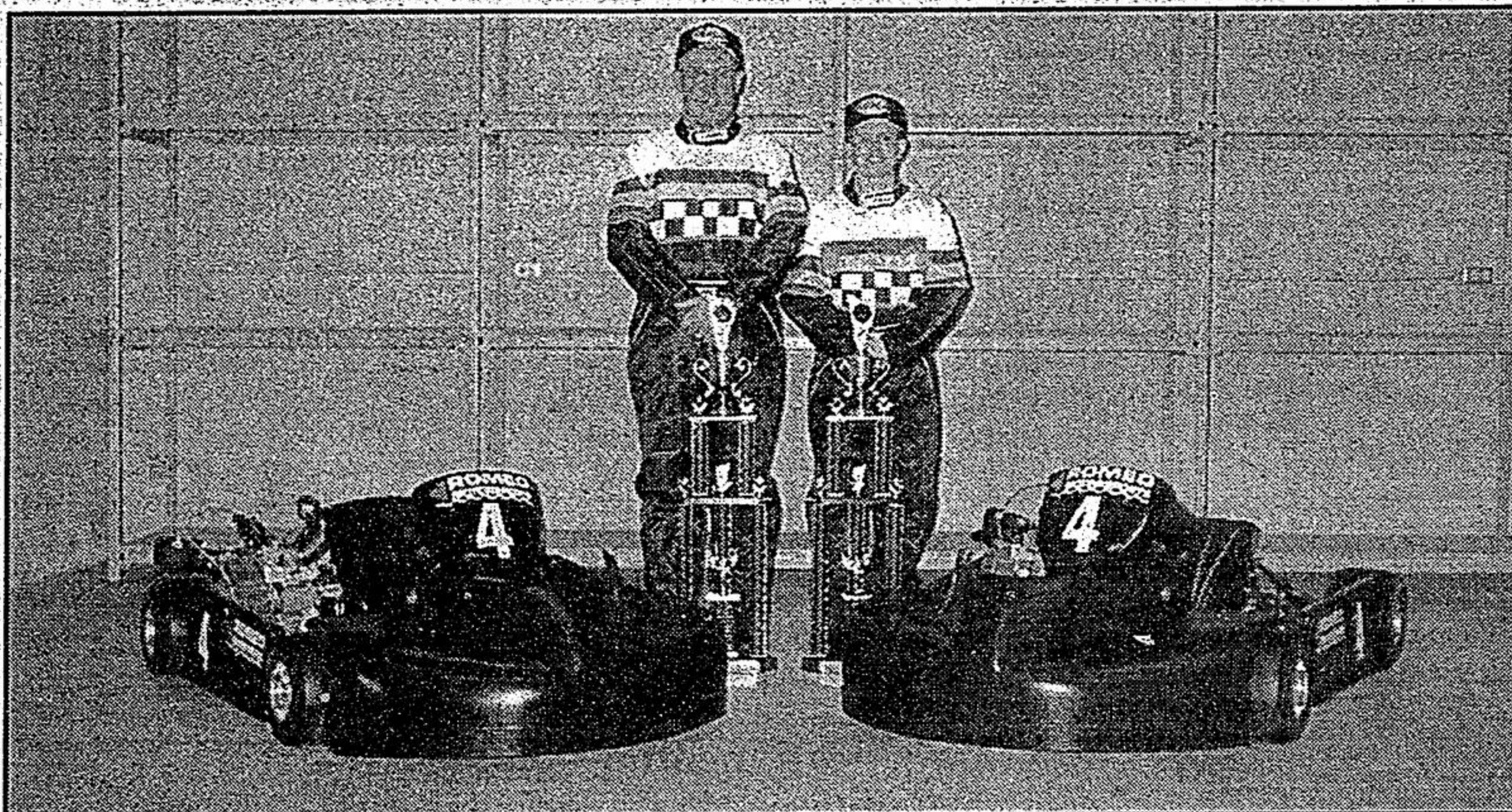
But the adjustment has been made and both riders are primed and ready to go.

"We're confident we're going to fare well. We both have a shot at winning this weekend. It would be a real feat if we did."

An added incentive rests in the likelihood that the younger Barrick, who will go into Grade 8 at Summitview Public School this fall, would land a major sponsorship from a factory team such as Margay if either racers should take a title at Mosport this weekend, said Kevin.

The pair are currently sponsored in part by the Niagara Falls-based Romeo Motor Sports, the Canadian distributor of Margay Karts.

Kevin and Keith both won



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON: Kevin Barrick (left), and his son, Keith, 12, shown here with their racing karts, will be competing in the upcoming Canadian Grand National Championships of go-karting at Mosport this weekend.

Toronto Kart Club championships in 1996. They were also Trillium Race Series champions last season, with Keith managing a third-place finish in the junior category at the Canadian nationals.

The pair practice regularly with the Toronto Kart Club, which operates out of the Goodwood Kart Club. Kevin was president of the Toronto club last year.

Keith takes to the specially constructed 1.1-kilometre

Mosport kart track for his first race Friday, with Kevin getting his first taste of competition on Saturday. The action runs through Sunday.

"It's a big anticipation weekend for us," concluded Kevin.

Local players having a ball on the diamond

It's being billed by organizers as the Memorial Cup of Junior Softball.

It's the 1997 Junior Men's Canadian Fast Pitch Championships,

and the week-long competition is being held this year at Oshawa's Durham Fields beginning on Sunday.

Those who followed the local fastball scene back in the early 1990's will recall how the Stouffville Merchants travelled to Quebec and to Newfoundland to contest the national junior title after prevailing in the OASA Junior Men Eliminations.

Scott Evans, who was with the 1990 OASA championship Merchants, went on to establish himself as the country's premier Junior level pitcher when he went on to lead the Alberta Liners to the national crown in 1992 and '93.

Teams representing eight provinces are competing at this year's national showdown, with the Napanee Express back to defend their crown.

The preliminary round robin begins on Sunday, running through Thursday.

The championship playoff round gets under way on Friday, wrapping up Sunday afternoon.



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Admission is \$10 per day, \$5 after 6 p.m., or \$50 for the week.

Kids 12 and under are free with an adult. Minor teams wearing their uniforms are free from Sunday through Thursday.

Stouffville minor softball product Reno Dambrosio will be wearing the colors of the host Oshawa Juniors at the event, taking to the field Sunday at 4 p.m. against Quebec.

The Oshawa squad plays New Brunswick on Monday at 8 p.m., Saskatchewan, Tuesday at 8 p.m., British Columbia Wednesday, 8 p.m., and Ontario's Fingal-Boxall Juniors, Thursday, 8 p.m. Check it out!

WATSON BROTHERS A SLAM HIT WITH BRAMALEA

Claremont residents Rob and Tom Watson, mainstays with the Claremont Rebels, recently helped lead their Bramalea Slam I.S.C. Travel League team to a first-place finish in the league's Eastern Division.

The Slam then earned the right to contest the I.S.C. World Tournament Aug. 8-17 in Victoria B.C. by finishing second to the awesome Owen Sound Tiremen in the I.S.C. qualifier last weekend in Owen Sound.

The Watsons and Chris Wilson, who pitched with the Rebels last year, will be in Owen Sound this weekend as the Slam competes in the O.A.S.A. Men's Senior Eliminations.

The winner goes on to contest the 1997 C.A.S.A. Senior

Men's Nationals in Victoria Aug. 24-31.

Last year, Rob Watson and Wilson helped their Wisconsin tournament squad to a record of five wins and two defeats at the Worlds.

Several other Stouffville fastball players will be in Owen Sound this weekend as well, wearing the uniforms of the Uxbridge Bandits, who will be chasing after the OASA Intermediate Men's title. The Bandits' Stouffville contingent includes Byron Baraneski, Chris and Rich Burkholder, and Rob Reesor.

BANTAM BALL GIRLS AIM FOR BERTH IN PROVINCIALS

And of course here in Stouffville, the Weston Produce/Angie's Eatery bantam girls' rep team is one of 11 teams vying for one of three spots up for grabs at the Provincial Women's Softball Association Qualifier being played at Memorial Park this weekend.

There should be some entertaining ball played at the town park as coach Bill Johnson's crew takes on the best from centres like Peterborough and Nepean.

And don't forget to come out and watch Paul Koert and Evan Boyd as they return from this week's national midget finals in Newfoundland to join their Team Ontario Youth fastball team for a Memorial Park doubleheader with the Betz Pool midgets and Claremont Rebels on Thursday.

Chilvers, Herbert stymie Mud Hens' batters, help Rebels in 2-0 victory

Jim Chilvers and Cliff Herbert combined on a one-hitter as the Claremont Rebels blanked the visiting Aurora Mud Hens 2-0 Wednesday in an Oshawa City and District Fastball League game.

Chilvers hurled a perfect two innings before having to leave the game at the start of the third with a pulled groin muscle. Herbert was more than capable in relief, receiving superb defen-

sive support as he shut down the Mud Hens on just one hit the rest of the way. The Mud Hens managed their only hit of the night when they led off the sixth with a single. Chilvers had four strikeouts in his two innings pitched, with Herbert fanning three.

The Rebels scored their first run in the fifth inning when Dale Jones opened things off by smashing a triple over the Aurora right fielder's head, then with two out came home on a scratch

single by Dave Jones.

Rob Watson led off the Rebels sixth with a single, advanced on a sacrifice by Herbert, then scored on a base hit by Ray Kurhan.

The victory extended the Rebels winning streak to six games since being upended by the Uxbridge Bandits June 25.

Dale Jones also had a single to go with his key triple.