

Larmer leaves with kind words for Spirit

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rumours of mutiny or dissension to damage the team's growing reputation.

"I'll still be involved with the Spirit in a small role, at least if I'm still here," Larmer told me.

He said that role could involve promoting the higher profile Spirit players with colleges in the United States. "I feel responsible to help the kids. After all, they came along and helped us out."

Larmer insisted the wholesale coaching change wasn't an attempt to clean house. Like himself, assistant coaches Trevor Clark and John Peron simply couldn't commit to the time required to take the Spirit to the next level.

Clark, he suggested, was holding down two jobs, and is still in college. Peron is to be married this summer and is equally time-strapped. With major scouting and recruiting taking place in the spring, Larmer said the three just wouldn't have been able to give the time necessary.

"You need to be out there now."

Larmer endorsed Perrin, his assistants Ken Burrows and Craig Donovan, and new general manager Dieter Schmidt.

"I think they're going to do a great job. This is going to be a turnaround year. We turned a huge

corner last year."

He pointed to the increase in fan support, the improvement of the players, and the growing respect in the community.

"We've put the team in a position where it's ready to make the jump up."

He suggested that if the proposed merger of the Provincial League and the Metro Junior A Hockey league takes place it could make it even easier for the Spirit to make the playoffs, as they would be

in a 12-team division with the top 10 qualifying for post-season play.

Larmer said with from 10-15 players returning from last year's team the Spirit should have a good shot at making the playoffs for the first time in its fourth year in the league.

He said goalkeepers Corey Lloyd and Andrew Harper could both be back, along with the likes of star winger Kevin Edgar, hard rock

defenceman Phil Vito, Phillippe Lakos, and Joe Byles.

"The organization is great, and they're a great bunch of kids," he said in parting.

Larmer also squelched rumours circulating that he left the Spirit to take a position with the Newmarket Hurricanes, or with St. Mike's of the OHL.

"Nothing doing," he said of those rumours.

Comito leads girls team

Whitchurch-Stouffville Girls Hockey Association product Julia Comito scored two goals and added three assists to help her Scarborough Sabres Senior AA team to two wins in four tries at last weekend's Quebec Ontario Cup tournament in Quebec City.

Julia, 20, helped the Sabres go all the way to the finals in this spring's league playoffs.

Junior A regional rollerhockey tryouts slated

The York Region Thoroughblades Junior A Rollerhockey Club begins tryouts next week.

Tryouts are slated for a number of locations across the region.

On Sunday May 3 there will be a tryout at Clatworthy Arena, John St. and Leslie Rd. in Thornhill, at noon.

A tryout is also scheduled for Monday, May 4 at 8:10 p.m. at the Aurora Community Centre, Aurora Heights and Yonge St.

A third tryout goes on Friday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Rosemount Arena, Bathurst south of Hwy. 7, in Vaughan.

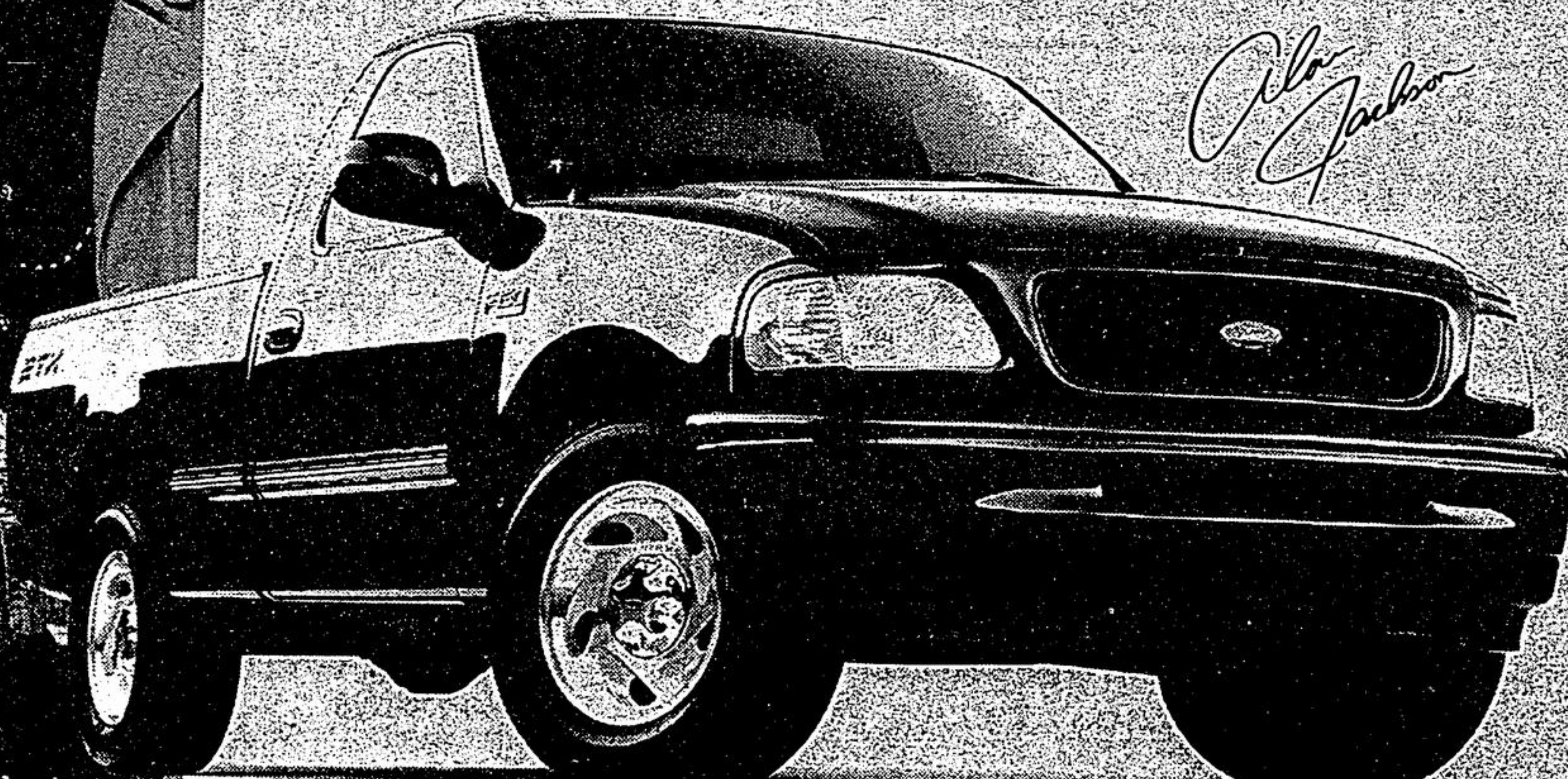
All tryouts are \$5, and are open to any players born 1977 or later.

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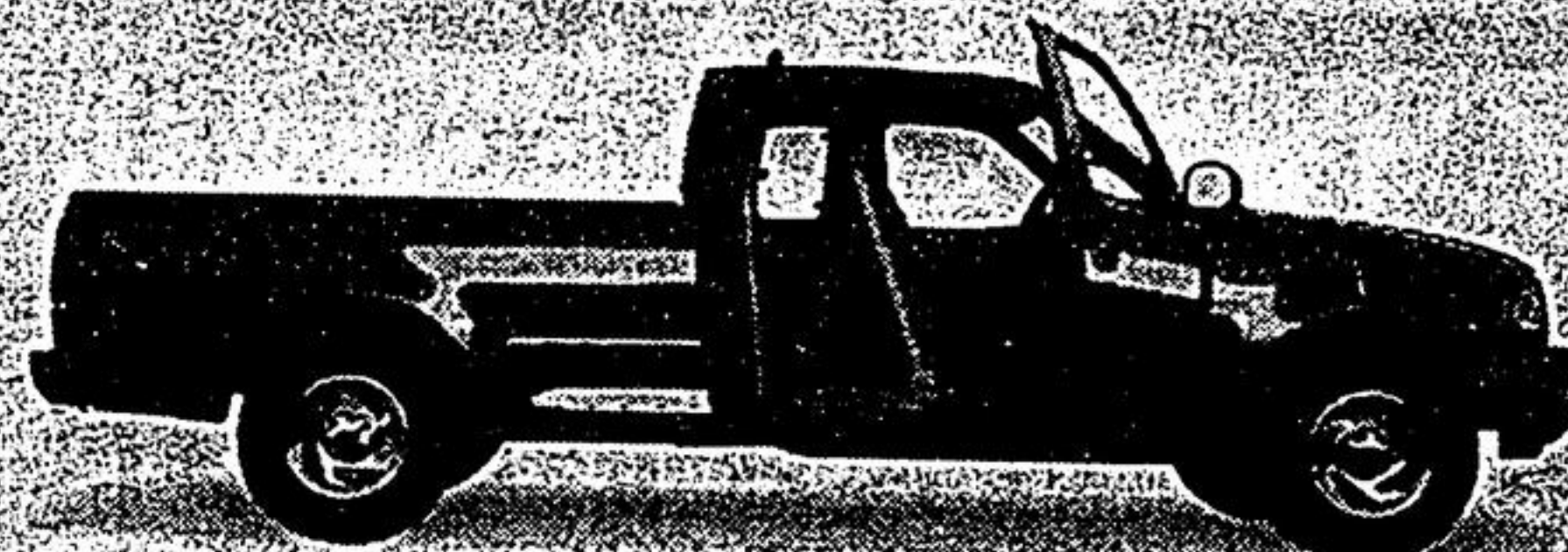
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