

Rebels shore up team with last-minute additions

■ From page 23 ■

The Claremont club earlier this week solved what was looming as a huge pitching and shortstop shortage when they convinced Paul Koert and Evan Boyd to come onboard.

Koert, a big, overpowering lefthanded pitcher, and Boyd, a gifted shortstop and hitter, were approached by the Mennos as well.

For Rebels coach Frank Hendy, the acquisition of Koert, 19, and Boyd, 20, means he'll now be able to sleep a little better at night. With the team's regular starter Tim Evans gone, Hendy was facing the prospect of starting the season with just one pitcher, Scott Evans.

While just about any team in Canada would love to have the former Stouffville Merchant Junior in uniform, Evans couldn't guarantee Hendy he'd be able to make it to any more than 70 per cent of the team's games.

Scott, who has made spot appearances for the Rebels the past few seasons, will play with the Claremont team between weekend tournaments with a senior men's team from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adding to Hendy's worries was the fact his all star shortstop Rob Watson wouldn't be available Wednesday nights due to his commitment to the Scarborough Thunder.

When Hendy heard Koert and Boyd were looking for a local team to provide them with a game between weekend outings with the Napanee Juniors this summer, he sprang into action. With the two in the fold, the Rebels are now ready to go out and defend their Campbell Division regular season title.

"That's great, I'm excited about having these two additions," said Hendy. "We'll have a lot of fun this season."

With Koert and Evans giving him a formidable lefty-righty pitching tandem, Hendy is grinning from ear to ear. "That's a fantastic combination."

The Rebels have also added Brent Bonner, John Pollard and Paul Graham from the folded Bandits.

Graham provides the Rebels with an occasional pitcher for those times when neither Evans nor Koert can make it. Bonner, a big man with a big hat, and Pollard, will also be a welcome addition.

Uxbridge resident Darryl Horne has also signed on. In addition to Rob Watson and Scott Evans, Tom Watson, the team's second best hitter last season, is returning, along with Dale and David Jones, Jim Closs, Ray Kurhan, Brad Evans and Cliff Herbert.

Jim Chilvers, another Stouffville institution, should also be back. However, a groin injury suffered last season means he won't likely pitch. But his bat is always welcome.

"We'll utilize everybody," said Hendy. "We've finally got a bit of bench strength."

Unfortunately, the Rebels and Mennos will be playing many of their home games on the same night. Wednesday

is the Rebels home night.

The Mennos were to play all their home games at Memorial Park on Wednesday nights.

MENNOS HOME ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

But they succeeded in switching with the local midget boys rep team, giving the Mennos some Thursday night dates. Howard Burkholder's Mennos will bear a striking resemblance to the team whose nickname they've restored.

The Mennos pitching staff features proven ace Byron Baranieski, with a couple of lesser back-ups.

Burkholder has no reservations about using the workhorse hurler every game.

"We're fine unless Byron gets hurt," he said.

The Mennos infield will be made up of Howard's three sons, Rich, Ryan and Chris, along with another former Markham Menno, Rob Reesor. The roster is rounded out by Kyle Barber at catcher, along with Terry and Rich Reesor, Ed Burkholder, Eric Musselman, Scott Eyre.

"We'll look just like the old Mennos of four years back," Howard suggested.

That team, he reminded me, won the North Durham league title.

Tracksters advance to regionals

■ From page 23 ■

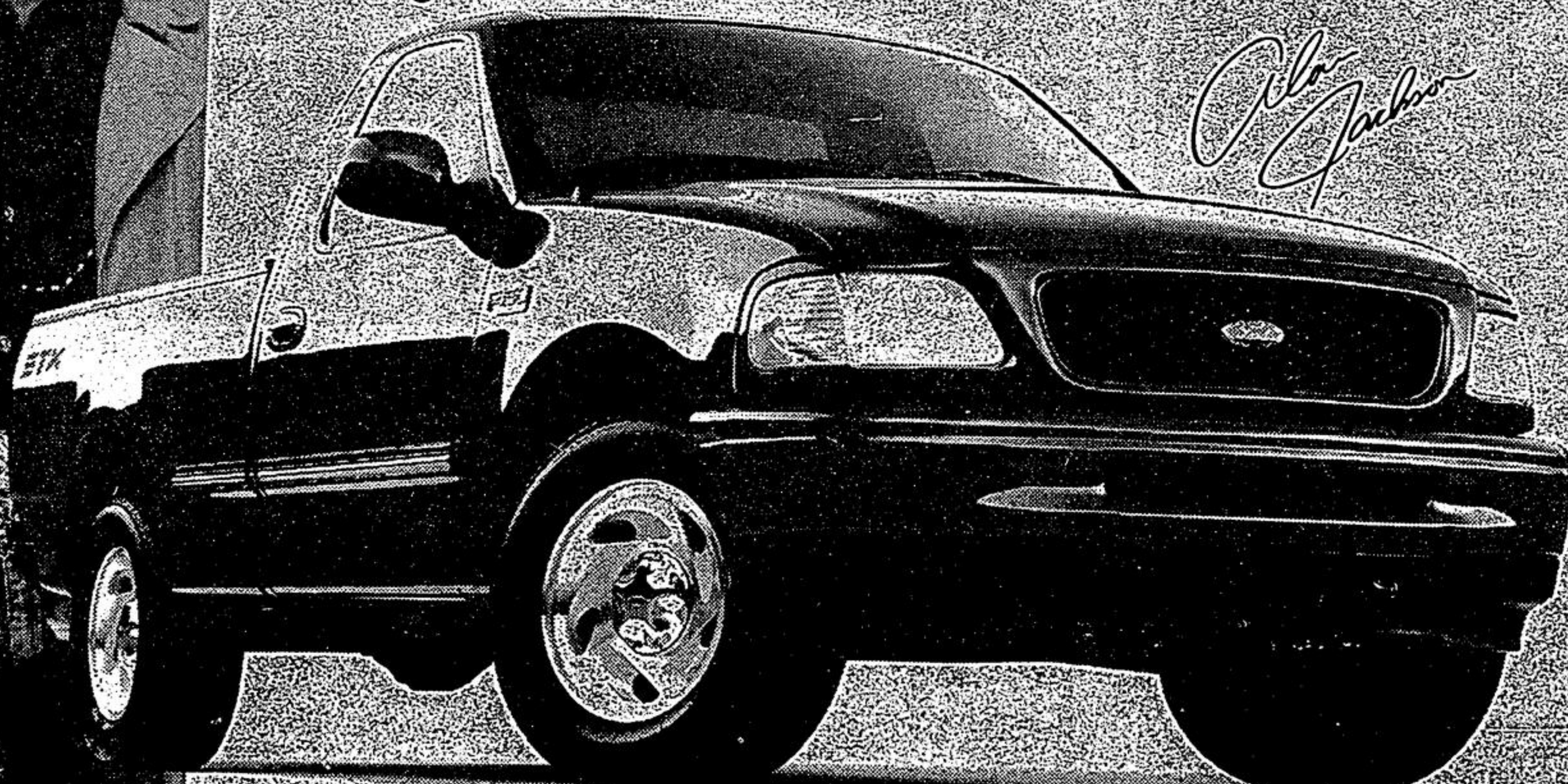
the Oshawa meet. Julianne Lowrie took the silver in the 800m with a time of 2:29, while picking up a bronze medal in the 1500m event with a time of 5:18. Wendy Wright was third in the 3000m, and fifth in the 1500m. Ian Hazelwood was third in the 800m with a time of 2:09. He was fourth in the 400m. Jessica Weatherill won the bronze in the junior girls' javelin with a throw of 28.62m. Josh Sheriff was second in the midget boys' shot put with a throw of 12.96m.

Brenda Robbins advanced by placing fourth in the senior girls' shot put with an effort of 7.88m. Shaun Carmanico was fourth in the senior boys' javelin with a heave of 33.02m.

Erin Hamilton just missed advancing when she placed fifth in the 80m hurdles. Samantha Metcalfe was sixth in the 200m. Charlene Guane was seventh in the long jump. Rachel Shanahan was eighth in the long jump. Travis McMaster was 12th in high jump.



"Loaded with everything you want and more"



Now is the time to get a great finance rate on Canada's best-selling trucks.

1.9% ⁰ 48 Month Financing On **ALL** New In-Stock '98 F-Series.

Featuring "The Complete Truck" '98 F-Series XLT with the all new STX Package

Includes Automatic and Air Conditioning

- Power Locks, Windows and Mirrors
- 17" Cast Aluminum Wheels
- 8' Cargo Bed • 205 hp Engine
- Colour-keyed Front and Rear Bumpers
- Speed Control and Tilt Steering
- Plus much, much more

On a 1998 F-Series STX Supercab you could save

\$3,980

in interest compared to 8% financing



Canada's Truck Leader

LIMITED TIME OFFER

Ontario **FORD** Mercury Dealers

WISE BUYERS READ THE LEGAL COPY. 1.9% financing on all new in-stock 1998 F-Series for a maximum of 48-months on approved credit. E.g. \$15,000 financed at 1.9% annual percentage rate for 48-months, monthly payment is \$324.78. Cost of borrowing is \$589.44 and total to be repaid is \$15,589.44 with \$0 down payment. Down payment may be required. Financing not available with any other offer. This is a sample calculation only. F-Series XLT Supercab with P.E.P. 810A and STX package with \$30,000 financed at 1.9% annual percentage rate for 48-months, cost of borrowing is \$1,179.00, compared to average financing rate of 8% for 48-months, cost of borrowing is \$5,159.00. This is a sample calculation only. Offers may change without notice. Offer available for a limited time only. See dealer for details. *Based on 1997 calendar year manufacturer reported deliveries. Ontario FMDA, P.O. Box 2000, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5E4