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## Hudson returns to Ranger lineup

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Acton Tanner

Mike Hudson is feeling great — again.

Returning to his hot New York Ranger teammates, who played admirably during his four-week absence, certainly lessened the pain of a broken metacarpal bone in his left hand.

"There's a little pain still, but I was told it would be like that for another two weeks," said the 26-year-old Rockwood native on Friday. Hudson has picked up two assists in six games since his return two-and-a-half weeks ago.

"The team is staying relatively injury-free and we're playing well as unit — everybody is doing their job," Hudson said.

Upon his return, Hudson stepped into his familiar fourth-line role, centering Joey Kocur and either Ed Olczyk or Mike Hartman. However, for Saturday's matinee on Long Island, N.Y., the 6-foot-1, 185-pounder lined up between Sergei Nemchinov and Mike Gartner.

Hudson prefers centre but left-wing allows him more ice time.

Meanwhile, the Acton Minor hockey product was disappointed to hear the news of former Edmonton Oilers coach Ted Green's

firing on Thursday.

"It wasn't his fault. I thought he was a pretty good coach," said Hudson, who was traded from the Chicago Blackhawks to the Edmonton Oilers on Mar. 22, the National Hockey League trade deadline.

Under Green, Hudson played the power-play, a regular shift and killed penalties.

"He was a player's coach and understood the game," praised Hudson, who dressed for five games with the Oilers before being claimed by the Rangers at the NHL waiver draft Oct. 3. "He knew

how tough it was for the players (during long and taxing road trips). He was fairly forgiving to his players."

With the Pacific Division Oilers last-place in the NHL, a shake-up was needed, said Hudson.

"They (Oilers) have traded a lot of great players over the years and they didn't give Ted much to work with. Edmonton's pretty picky," said Hudson, taking a shot at Oilers owner Peter Pocklington and president, general manager and now coach Glen Sather.

"It will be interesting with Slats (Sather) behind the bench. He's known to make over-achievers out of under-achievers," Hudson said.



MIKE HUDSON



**TIER II CHAMPS!** The McKenzie-Smith Girls' volleyball team were crowned 1993 North Halton champions after they defeated Milton's W.I. Dick by scores of 15-4, 14-16 and 15-5 last Tuesday at Georgetown High. The winning members are back row, left to right, Lindsay Almand, Kristin Finley, coach Mark Turner, Darya Barbir, Jenn Elliot, Cara Reynolds, Kristy Schult and Steph McKay. Middle row is Rachel Chaiton, Eleni Halis, Kelly Holmes and Jenn Schultz. Front row is Sandra Wray and Sheri Forbes. Absent is Kalyn Carter. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Mustang Girls crowned champs; Boys finalists

BY KELLY HOLMES  
M-S Reporter

"We are the champions!"

It's a phrase that might be emanating from the McKenzie-Smith hallways and surely was in Georgetown High last Tuesday.

The Mustang girls were red-hot in their championship match against W.I. Dick.

They were successful in winning the first game of a three-game final 15-7, but Dick took the second game 14-16. Battling back, McKenzie-Smith won the third game 15-5, making them the 1993 champs.

Excellent job, girls. The Most Valuable Player award went to Eleni Halis with Super Spiker awards to Sheri Forbes, Kelly Holmes and Sandra Wray. Super Servers were Steph McKay and Kristen Finley.

The McKenzie-Smith Boys saved their best for last.

Last Wednesday, they planned to kick some butt — and tried.

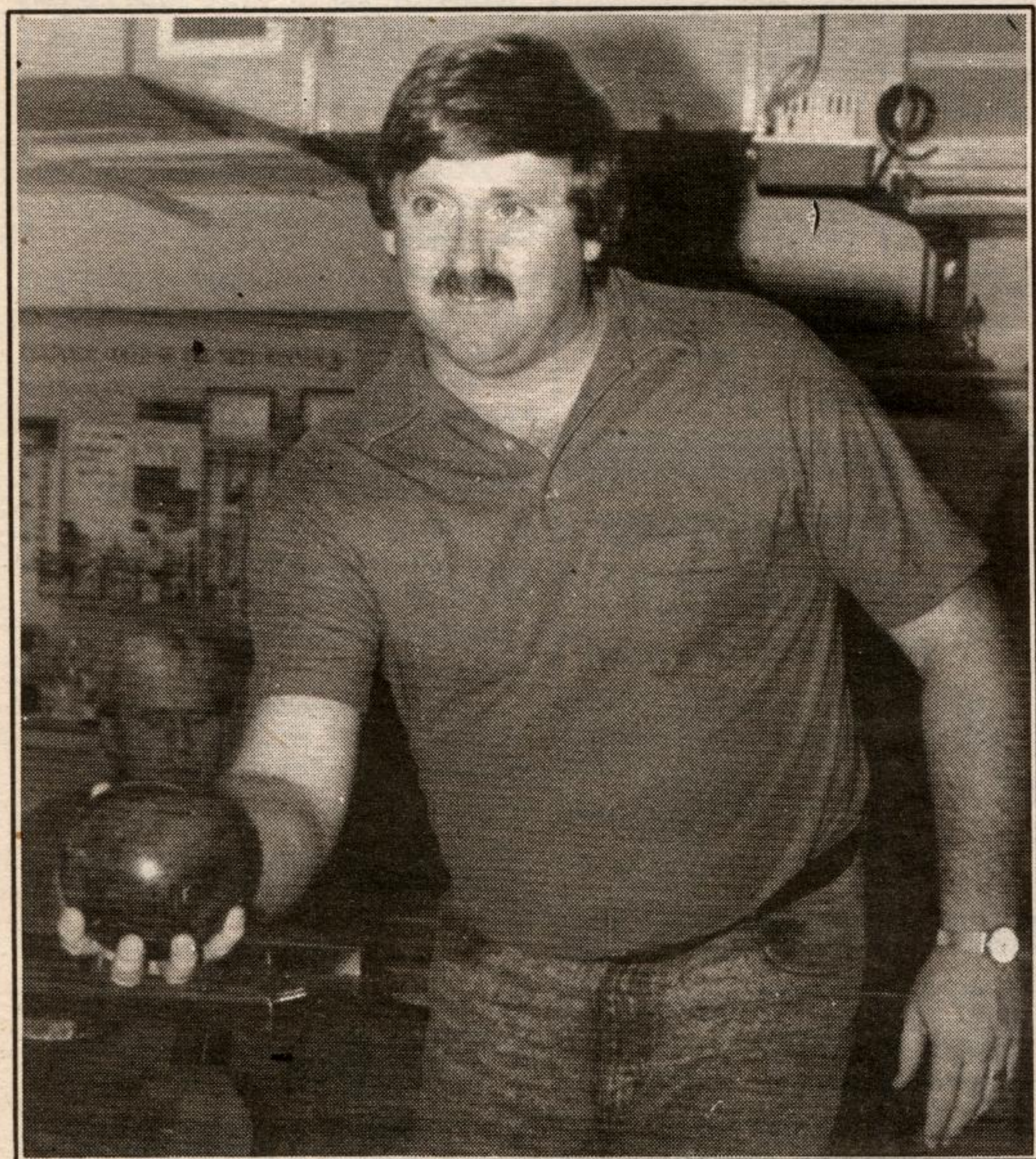
Trying to win the Tier I finals, they played Sam Sherratt hard but couldn't take the first game, losing 15-12. Sherratt won the second and final game 15-10.

The boys finished second in their league. TSN All-Star award goes to Andre Savard, with Jeff Birrell our Super Spiker, Ben Muggridge, MVP and Super Server Andy Kilmer.

It had been years since the Mustang Boys had advanced to the Tier I final.

Coach Dave Walker was impressed by how well the boys pulled their game together in the last weeks of the regular season.

"The boys have nothing to be disappointed about," he said on Monday. "They played outstanding volleyball and were beat by an outstanding Sam Sherratt team."



**CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN!** Acton's John Ahearn recently scored a perfect 450 during mixed league play at Acton Bowling Lanes. It was the first time in 22 years an errorless game was rolled at the local establishment. It was previously achieved in 1965 and '71. (Tony Rouse photo)

## Christmas water show Friday

Christmas is in the air.

Acton has already experienced frigid temperatures, had its first mini-snowfall and Santa Claus parade. So what's next?

The Acton Indoor Pool won't be converted into a skating rink on Friday, but a Christmas atmosphere will be prevalent.

It will be the site of the pool's 20th annual Christmas Water Show beginning at 7 pm.

Featured will be the Halton Hills pre-school, learn to swim, synchronized swimming, Royal

Life Bronze cross and Red Cross leaders programs.

Also performing will be the Acton Aqua Ducks; aquatic staff, volunteers and a special visitor.

All are welcome with donations being accepted for the Acton FoodShare.

For more information call the Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department at 873-2600 ext. 266 or the Acton Indoor Pool at 853-3140 after 6 through Thursday.