

'We'll be contenders' vows Mustang volleyball coach

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While a repeat of Halton and North-Halton Senior Boys' volleyball championships appears unlikely, Dave Walker is nonetheless excited about the potential of

his McKenzie-Smith Mustangs. Having lost all but one starting player from the talented 1994 roster - Ryan Bowen - the Mustang coach feels this season will be the start of a two-year rebuilding process.

"There's definitely potential with this team. We're going to be contenders, but most of the players are lacking game experience," said Walker, who starts his fifth year as Mustang boss. "We've got the size and power, but the guys now have to start using their heads."

"We've got individual talent, but haven't started gelling as a team. We're still working on new rotations."

Bowen will team with Kevin Drechsel as Mustang co-captains.

Walker also hopes he has solidified the backcourt with newcomers Joey Thompson and Rob McMillan, two Grade 8 students.

"They haven't played for me before. They're big, strong guys who I hope can power the back line, but they're sort of unproven," Walker conceded, adding graduates Sandy Chapman and Adam Ahearn flourished in a similar situation last year.

While a starting six hasn't been established, Walker let it be known that the offence would revolve around Craig Lockwood, the team's primary setter.

"He's not overly big," said Walker, "but he's quick. He can get to any ball."

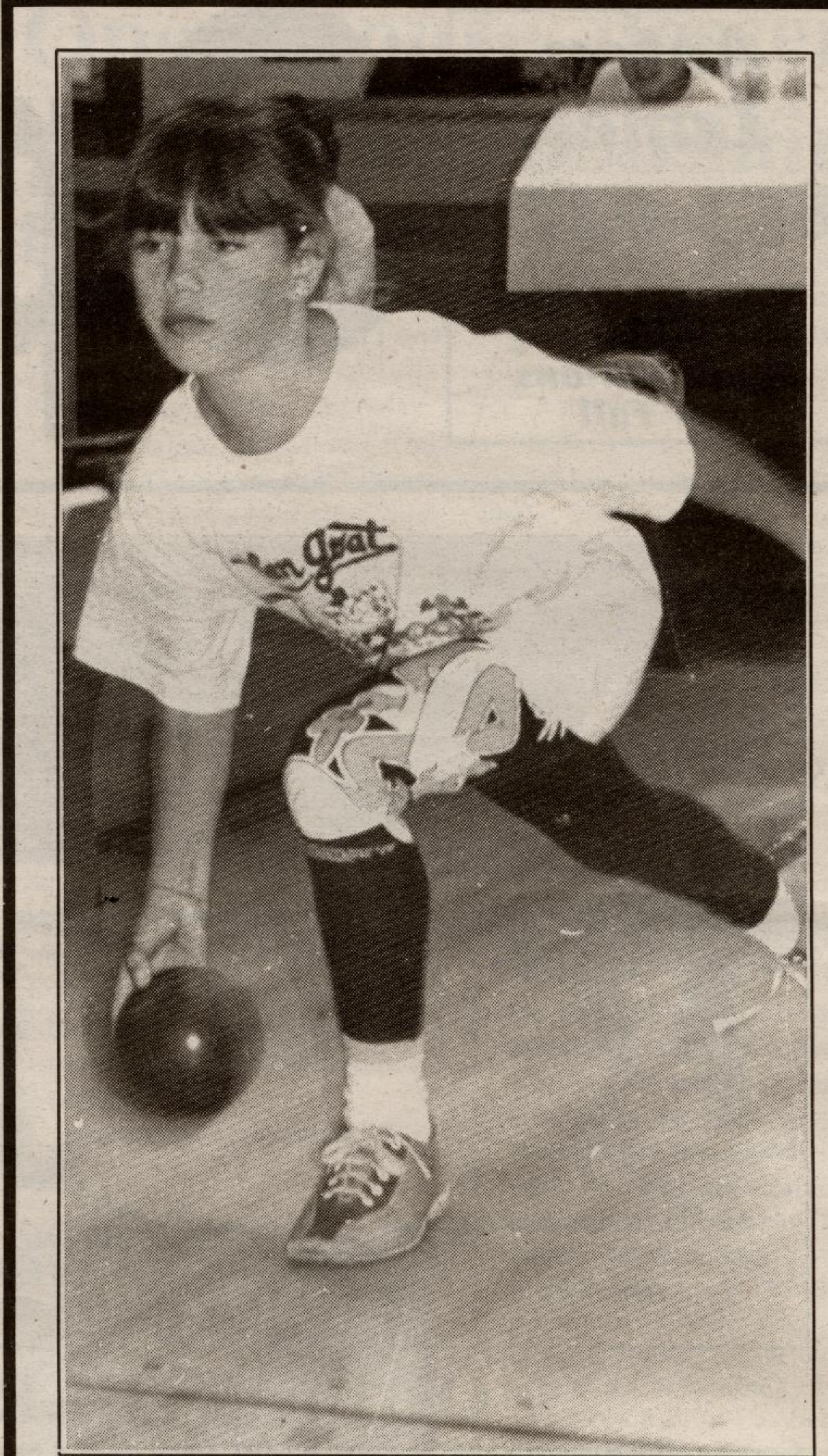
Lockwood is just in Grade 7, so Walker knows the importance of not putting too much pressure on the youngster.

Parity might set in among the North-Halton loop, with the likes of Centennial, whom Walker says is also rebuilding, a strong W.I. Dick outfit, along with ever-contending Stewarttown and Milton's Sam Sherratt.

"I think it will come down to whoever puts together their game on that day," Walker, who will be assisted by Acton High Senior player Chris Cullen, predicted. "Our strength now is at the net."

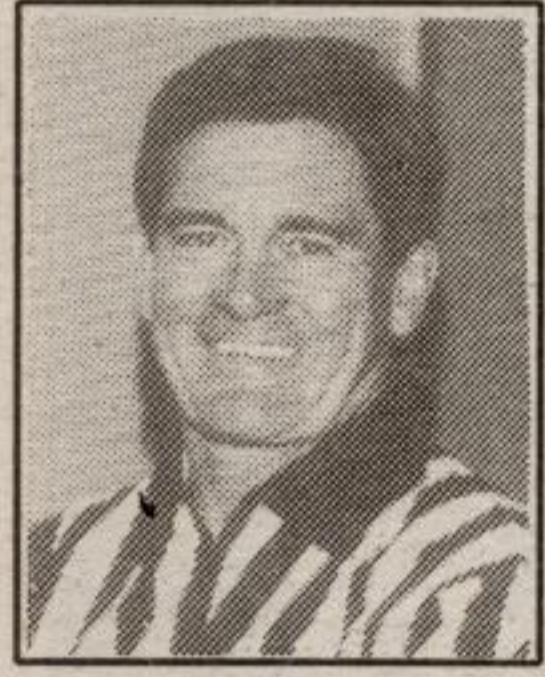
Rounding out the '95 Mustang roster are **Joey Field, Dave Schmuki, setter Steve Barends, Mitchell Moore, Paul Lemiski, Mark Chumley, Paul Schiller, Josh Bowen, Thomas Mahon and Adrian Dolloway.**

NOTE: This year's Mustang Main Event tourney is scheduled for Oct. 21 from 8 am to 8 pm.



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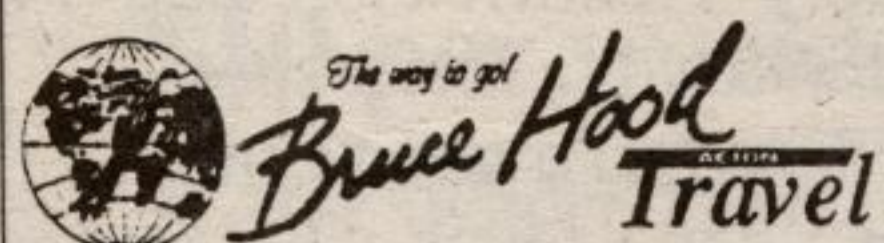
Daily updates on damage status of the various islands and resorts effected by the storms in the Caribbean are available at your local travel agency. Some are back onside now, others returning in the near future, while some resorts will be out of commission for a long time. Effected also are Cruise ship stops. There are still hundreds of islands and resorts unaffected - lots to choose from for your vacation!

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