

Stangs lack chemistry, chat

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Another year, different team. That's what Dave Walker has come to realize in the young North Halton elementary school volleyball season. Take the McKenzie-Smith Boys' Mustangs home and season-opening loss to Centennial of Georgetown on Thursday as a perfect example.

Gone was that electrifying atmosphere that was present at last year's North Halton Tier 1 final at Milton District high school when the Stangs pulled out a thrilling 16-14 Game 3 victory over the Chargers' after a gut-wrenching split in the opening two games.

However, most if not all the Charger arsenal of '94 is gone. Ditto for the Mustangs.

While this year's outfit hasn't lost anything in the height department, they are short on playing experience and cohesiveness.

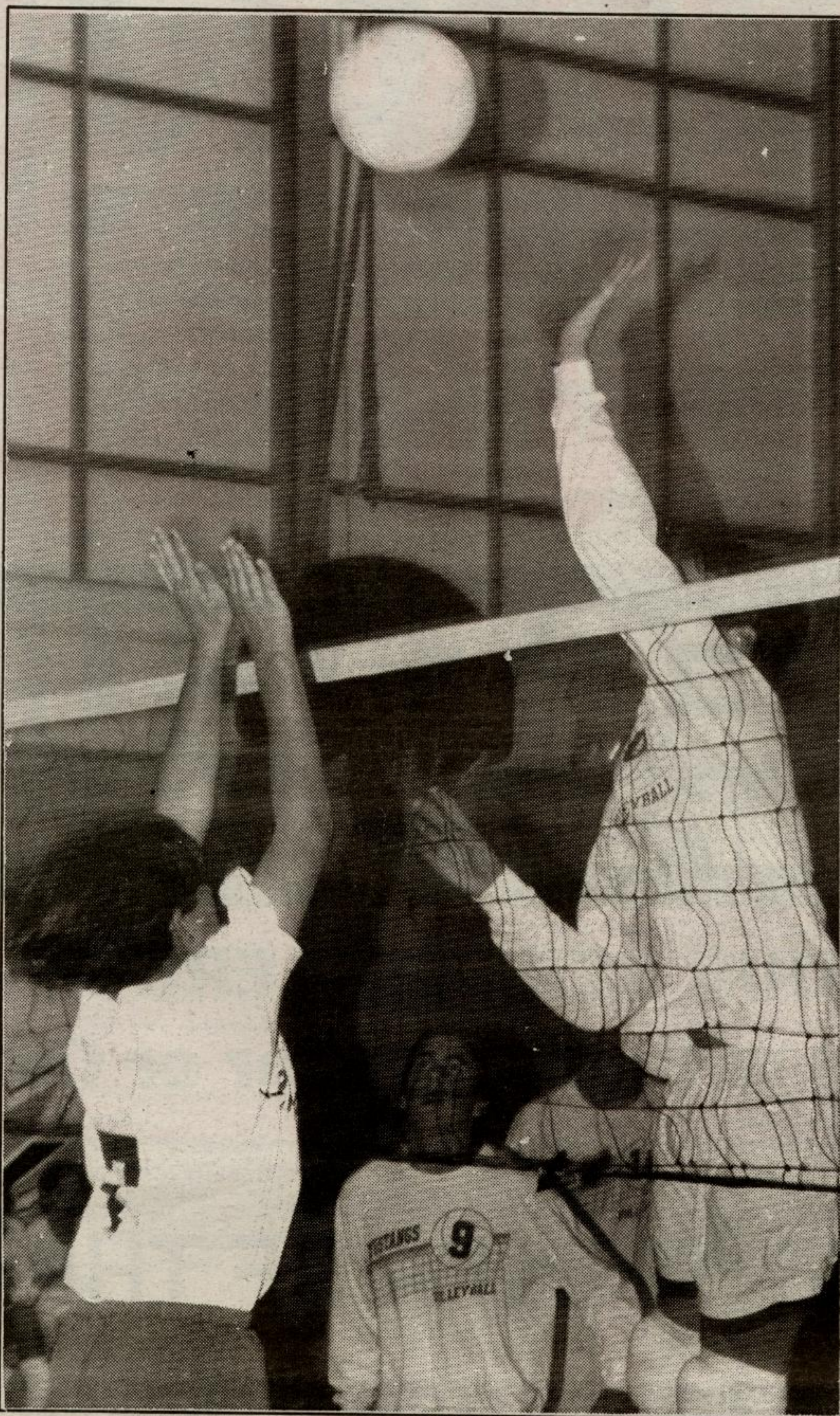
Until that improves, Walker agrees, the Mustangs can't be labelled a legitimate to the upper echelon of their opposition.

"We're playing as six individuals with a lot of inexperience," Walker summed up after the 13-15, 11-15, 15-12 setback. "Once we play as a team, then we've got the height and power to be a dominating force."

As might be expected with a group of new faces, no player has stepped to the fore as a leader on the court to motivate and encourage his teammates.

"Silence kills," Walker quipped, "and that's what it's doing. We have to start moving our feet and communicating."

Down 13-7 in Game 2, Mustang Craig Lockwood made four terrific serves to make an interest-



NET PLAY! McKenzie-Smith's Ryan Bowen goes for the block against Centennial on Thursday. (Doug Harrison photo)

ing finish. A communication error, however, at the front line on a block attempt by Paul Lemiski and Adrian Dolloway negated the

comeback attempt. The Mustang "B" squad appeared stronger than their Charger counterparts with a 15-12 verdict.

Jeffrey takes Smurf single

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Ladies' High Triples: Kathleen Tulk, 499; Anna Arnold, 443; Doris Townsley, 406; Elma Braida, 343; Jean Jackson, 339; Betty Bousfield, 321; Florence Sayers-Gough, 311; Isabel Nicholls, 295.

TUES. SMURFS

Liam Pritchard, 102; Ryan Kinsey, 95; Richard Pokocky, 87.

WED. SMURFS

Dean Hilton, 197; Dylan Burgess, 101; Jeff Manes, 99; Kyle Kinsey, 75.

WED. SMURFETTES

Gillian Beaton, 115; Raeanne Dingwall, 87.

THURS. SMURFS

John Jeffrey, 86; Brian Larocque, 80.

SAT. JUNIORS

Girls' High Singles: Sara Kruk, 182; Mallory Dayman, 153.

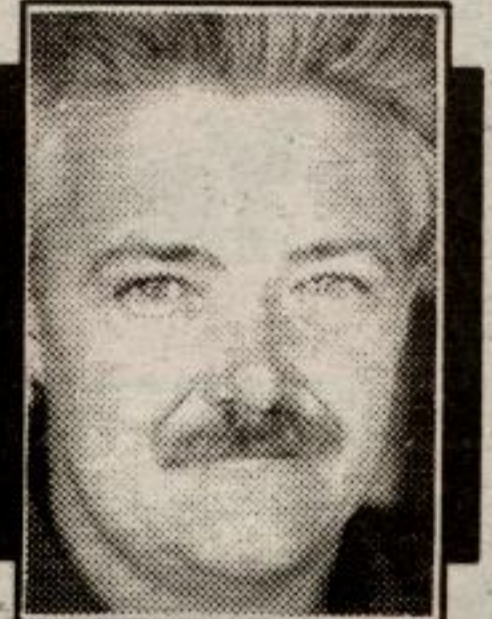
Girls' High Triples: Kruk, 487; Dayman, 330.

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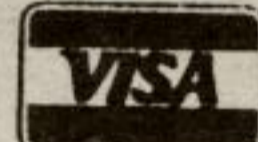


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