

Marauders ride again

Milton Marauder running back Sean Faulknor (above centre) gains some yardage the hard way as he is corralled by a pack of Belleville Panthers, while Marauders Robert Hewitt and Rayon Walker (at left) guard against the pass during pre-season action at Milton District High School. The Marauders scored a late touchdown, but were edged 12-9. The second-year football team — looking to rebound from a 0-9 inaugural campaign — opens regular-season play Saturday at MD against Sudbury. Game time is 4 p.m.

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Porenta feeling confident about challenge out west

Jennifer Porenta is never one to look past any type of competition — particularly that of the international variety.

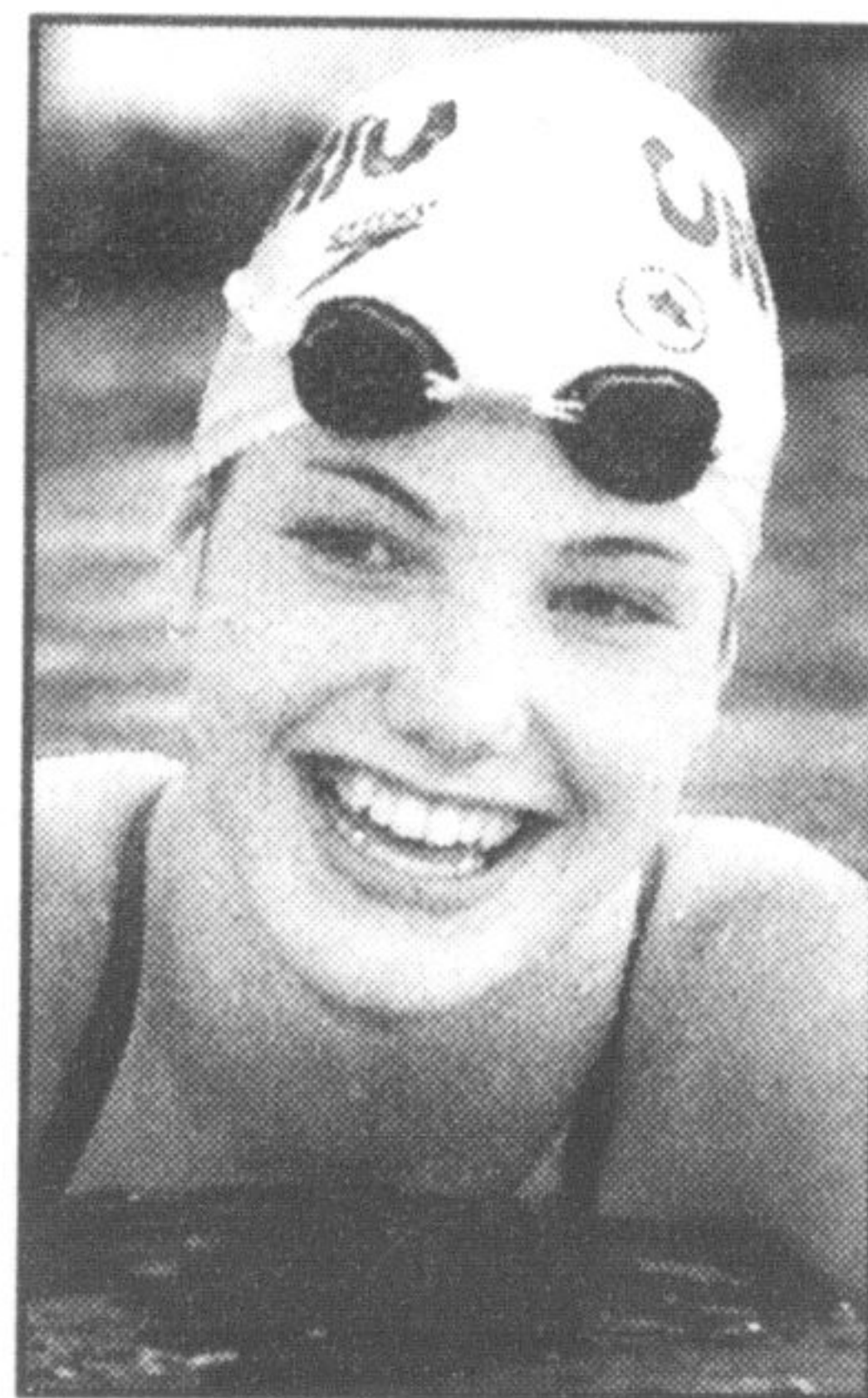
Nevertheless, given the timing of her latest cross-border excursion, Milton's Olympic hopeful saw the recent Grand Prix in Anarbour, Michigan as simply a prelude to next month's world championship trials in Victoria, BC.

With that in mind, her somewhat modest efforts were a little easier to accept.

"I don't think anyone really swam their best," suggested Porenta, who turned 18 earlier this month. "I wasn't really happy with my results, but given the level of competition, I can't really complain either."

The provincial and national champion finished fifth in her two bread and butter events — the 50 and 100m freestyle — after fourth-place performances in the preliminary round over the Victoria Day Weekend.

She clocked in at 27.91 seconds in the shorter race,



Jennifer Porenta

and posted a 58.33s showing in the other. Both times were within a respectable mark of her personal bests of 26.51s and 57.48s.

In the 200m freestyle, Porenta had to settle for the 'B' finals and took fifth in 2:07.77 — which was three-and-a-half seconds off of her individual record.

But Michigan aside, the local pool shark has made vast improvements over the past two years and set personal bests in both the 100 and 200m just five months ago at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival.

Combine an intensified training regimen with a stellar track record, and

Porenta's hopes for showing strongly out west and earning a spot on one of three international-bound teams appears awfully good.

"My training's been pretty crazy lately. I can hardly move some days, but it's worth it. I've just got a feeling things will go well in BC," she said.

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