



Michael Rudd says he's thoroughly enjoyed learning to dive in both Milton and now with the Burlington Gatquatics Club.

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Local youngster taking the plunge

Michael Rudd loves a sporting challenge.

So when the local Learn to Dive program was discontinued last year — due to a lack of a coach — the 11-year-old Miltonian wasn't about to let that leave him high and dry.

"I like it a lot," said Michael, a former member of the Milton Marlins Swim Club who's already attained his Level 11 in swim lessons. "It's one of those sports that I have to work a little harder at."

Hooking up with Burlington's Gatquatics about two months ago, the pre-

teen diver now takes the plunge twice a week — and has already shown significant improvement in four basic dives.

That was evident in Scarborough January 29, when he took third in his age group at the annual Snowball Classic Diving Meet. A particularly solid front dive tuck and credible efforts in the back flip, front flip and back dive combined for a promising sign of things to come.

"I thought I did okay. It can be tricky sticking the landing, especially when you've got just one shot at each dive, but for my first time I think I did pretty well."

Coach Janice Austen agreed.

"Michael did a great job for his first meet. He was a little nervous, but that's to be expected," she explained. "Hopefully, there's more to come."

The only known competitive diver from Milton, Michael says he's eagerly anticipating his next meet — which comes March 5 and 6 in Burlington — now that the butterflies from his competitive debut are out of the way.

"Yeah, I'm looking forward to it. It's pretty cool, being able to do flips and stuff."

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