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## Burke enjoys silver lining at nationals

Finishes second in breaststroke events

Brent Burke represented the Marlins' best hopes for a medal before last week's Canadian Age Group National Championships in Calgary — and proved just why during

Matching the medal count he secured last summer in Montreal, the 15-year-old swimmer highlighted a busy fourday stretch with a pair of silver-medal performances in the boys breaststroke.

His finishes in the 50m and 100m, personal-best and club record times of 31.13s and 1:09.18 respectively, were just a heartbeat off of the winner from Pointe-Clarie, Quebec.

Burke shed more than a second off his third-place

preliminary time in the 100m to move up a spot in Saturday's final, and made a slight improvement in the shorter distance as well — allowing him to take second on Friday.

"Brent was really strong and aggressive out there," said Marlins head coach Jamie Brough, who pointed out that Calgary's much higher altitude definitely impacted his team. "He's still got a lot to learn, with also having had a DNF (did not finish) and another race that was well off his personal best. But he really competes hard."

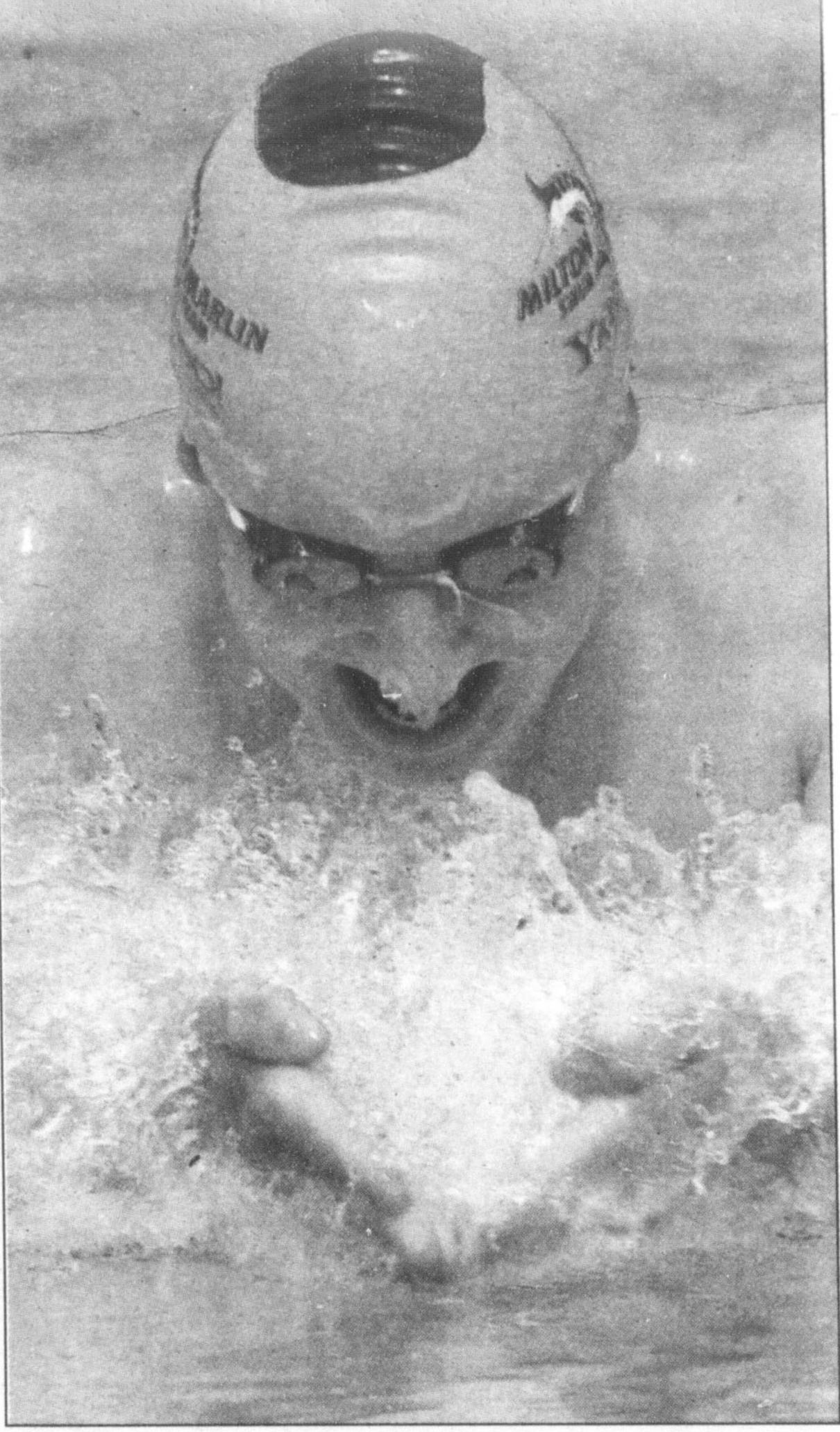
Added Burke, "I think I did pretty well. I've been working a lot on my turns and I think that really helped."

The Marlins' standout would complete his breaststroke efforts with a seventh-place showing in the 200m and swam the 50m freestyle to eighth-place honours.

Six other local swimmers made the trip out west, including Davis brothers Alex (16) and Scott (13), who both placed eighth in the 50m breaststroke in their respective age groups. Alex also placed 17th in both the 100 and 200m breaststroke.

Nadiya Safonova and Bryan Iwasa-Madge also cracked the top-20 — in the 12-and-under girls 200m butterfly (14th) and 15-year-old boys 50m butterfly (19th) respectively.

Rounding out the national team were Colm Whitford and Paul Zielinski, who broke a club record in the 16-year-old boys 50m backstroke with a time of 31.34s.



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MAKING WAVES: Brent Burke practises the breaststroke form that earned him two national medals in Calgary.

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3	ST. GEORGE	15	10	5	0	20
4	HILLCREST	17	9	7	1	19
5	SOUTHSIDE 2	15	6	7	2	14
6	NEW LIFE "B"	15	6	8	1	13
7	NEW LIFE "A"	15	6	8	1	13
8	BOSTON	15	5	8	2	12
9	HOLY ROSARY	14	5	8	1	11
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