

## More Canadian gold for Moffat

Accomplished wrestler pins down 60-kg. national jr. championship

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**D**uncan Moffat never sought to be a wrestler. The sport found him — or more specifically, his older brother found him.

“My brother (Alan) would come home from wrestling practice and want to try all these moves on me,” Moffat said. “It got very competitive. I hated losing to him.”

Because he enjoyed the brotherly battles and wanted to hold his own against his three-year-older sibling, Moffat joined the Milton Dynamos when he was in Grade 6 and began fine-tuning his own skills. While most of the Moffat vs. Moffat bouts took place in the basement of their house, it never took much to spark an impromptu match. One minute they would be raking leaves in the yard, the next they would be wrestling on the lawn trying to pin one another.

With little more than a few pounds separating them, the brothers were ideal sparring partners. Long after practices ended, they would still be putting what they learned into action as they squared off at home.

“I liked the physical aspect of it,” said Duncan. “It had more appeal to me than the team sports.”

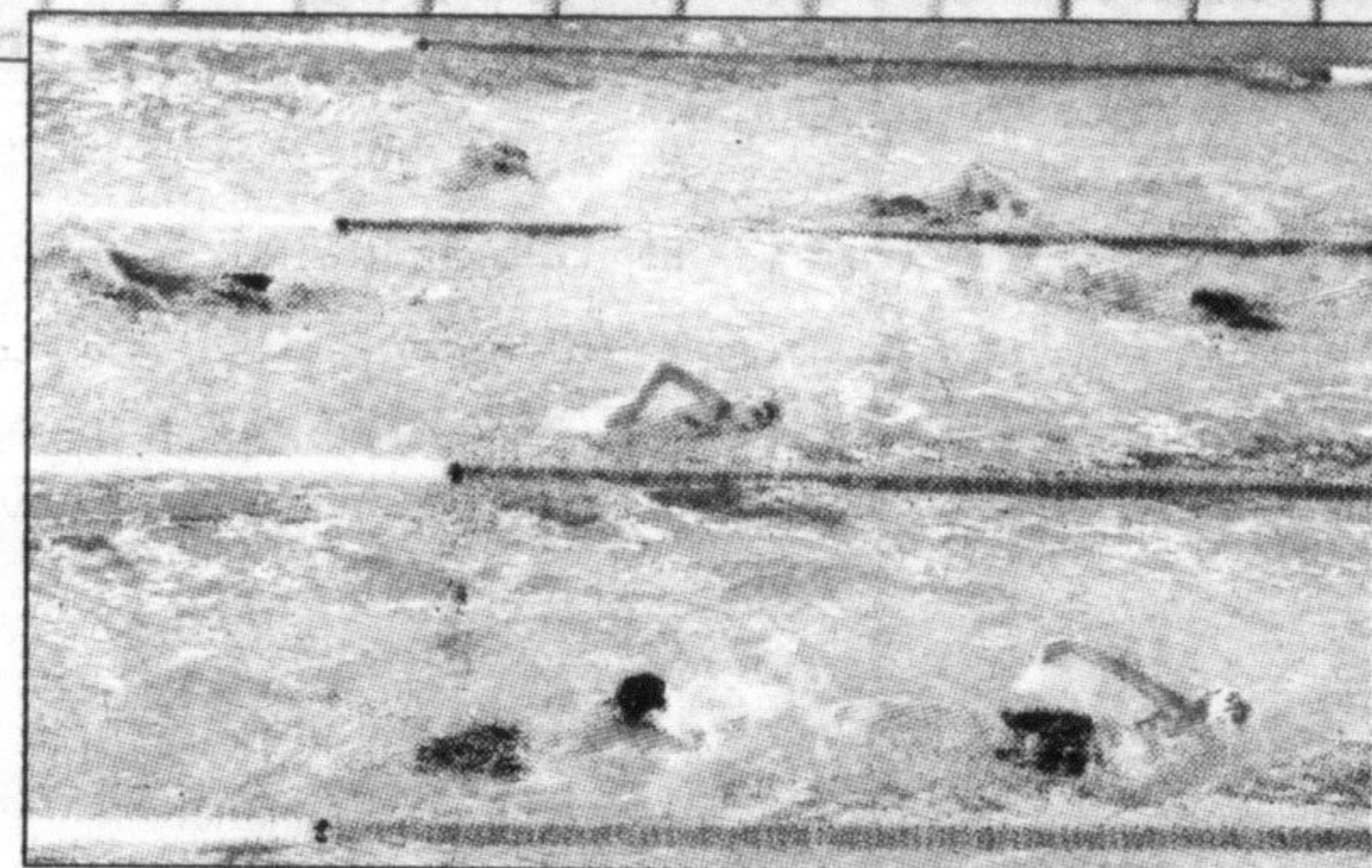
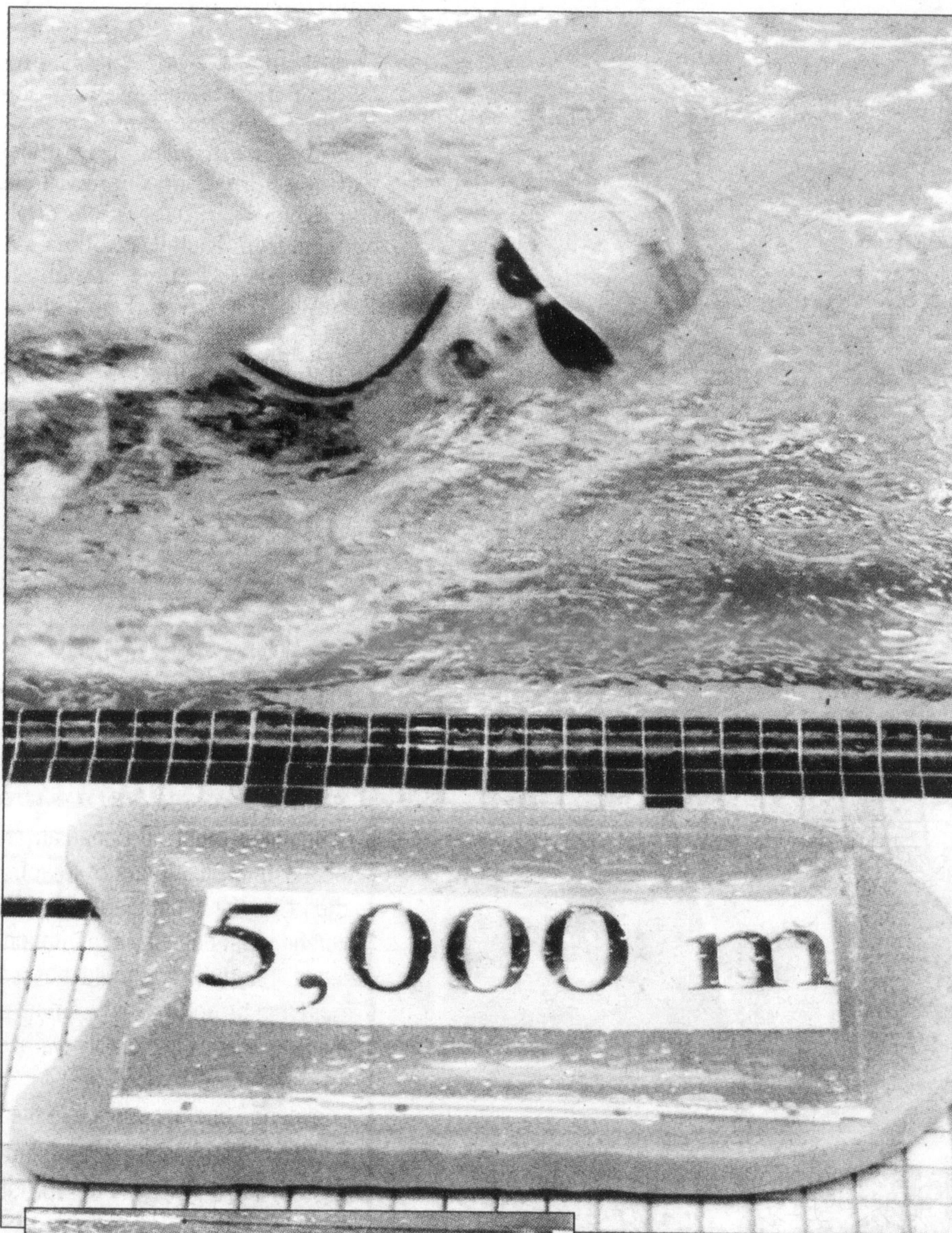
All those extra hours on the mat would pay off for the Moffats. In 2008, Alan won the Canadian junior championship. Late last month, Duncan followed in his footsteps by winning the 60-kilogram division at the national junior meet in Edmonton. That will earn him a trip to the world junior championships in Bucharest, Romania at the end of July.

Moffat won all four of his matches, capping it with a 1-0, 1-0 victory over Richard Balfour of London in the final. The two had tangled many times before, and usu-

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Duncan Moffat



### GOING THE DISTANCE:

Above, Milton Marlins Swim Club member Marija Ilic swims her laps during the club's annual fundraising swim-a-thon at the leisure centre Wednesday afternoon. At left, club members do their required 200m to reach the 5,000m total. More than \$4,000 was raised this year.

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### No playoffs for Haydar

For a second straight year there'll be no playoffs for one of the American Hockey League's (AHL) top scorers.

Named AHL Player of the Decade for the 2000s by The Hockey News, Darren Haydar closed out the regular season fourth in overall scoring with 27 goals and 47 assists.

This marks the fourth time in the past six seasons that the 31-year-old Milton native was top-10 in scoring — this time finishing just a point behind good friend and on-again, off-again teammate Jason Krog.

But Haydar's Chicago Wolves will be hitting the golf course earlier than they hoped, having fallen just two points shy of the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

### Sgarbossa's Wolves on ropes

Michael Sgarbossa's point streak continues, but his Sudbury Wolves' playoff run may soon be over.

Now facing the top-ranked Mississauga St. Michael's Majors, Sgarbossa picked up a point in each of the first two games of second-round play.

But that wasn't enough, as Sudbury fell 8-5 Friday — having trailed 8-0 until a late surge made the final outcome respectable — and 3-2 Sunday.

Sgarbossa had a dozen points in a first-round upset of the Ottawa 67s and as of last night sat tied for second in playoff scoring with five goals and nine assists.

The third-year OHL centre and his Wolves will look to turn the tide in game three tonight.

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