



MONTROSE MARLINS SWIM TEAM

## Marlin of the Month Barney & Benny Algacs

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*The Marlin of the Month is selected by our coaching staff with the intent on highlighting success both in and out of the pool. Each honored swimmer also receives two complimentary movie passes from San Juan Cinemas.*



October brings us a double-take with identical twin brothers Barney & Benny Algacs (All-gaCH). Separated by less than one minute at birth, only a few freckles on Barney's neck are the slight clue when trying to determine just who is who. Same goes for trying to follow them in the water. Barney, who sports blue goggles, is more of a freestyle/backstroke specialist. Benny, who can be found in red goggles, prefers freestyle/breaststroke. Both have been swimming for one year now, beginning in the fall of 2014 with Coach Alexia before graduating after just a few months up to Coach Haylee, of whom they competed under through this past



summer. Both can now be found in Coach Clint's bronze group. The twin 8-year-olds are third-graders at Cottonwood.

**Parents:** Csaba (CHUBB-ah) & Henny Algacs. The Algacs moved to the Western Slope of Colorado from their native Hungary in 2009 after first living a few transitional years in Florida. Csaba owns and operates the valet parking business at The Peaks in Mountain Village.

**Barney on being a Marlin:** "I love to race. I think me and Benny can get pretty fast together by this next summer."

**Benny on being a twin:** "It makes practice a lot better having Barney with me. And then when we go to meets we can root each other on."

**Spare time:** "They pretty much have the same interests, no surprise there. They love their video games and pretty much anything daring. Especially climbing things and roller-coasters. We try to visit those any time we can when we travel," says their mother, Henny.

**Coach Haylee on their rapid development:** "They were such a joy to coach, as they always came to practice motivated to work hard. I was amazed at how quickly they were able to fix things in their technique as I would point things out ... They have such a bright future in this sport."

**The Algacs athletic background:** Csaba, who is 6-foot-3, was a Hungarian Jr. National Soccer Team member growing up, while Henny specialized in handball at a more regional level.

**Favorite foods:** They both love the Hungarian staple meal of goulash, which includes a variety of meaty soups. Burgers and pizza are right up there, too. "We sort of ate so much pizza last month we kinda got sick of it for awhile," says Barney.

**Coach Clint on the twins:** "You can quickly see they are very strong, athletic kids. Now, it's about refining those tools and putting the time in the water."

**All in the family:** The twins have a younger brother, Oliver (5). They also have a grandmother (Irene) who is coming to live here with them this winter/spring from Hungary. "Irene is my mother, and we are so looking forward to having her here with us. We can't wait to bring her to some Marlins swim meets. And she will be great for keeping the kids fluent in their native lan-