



MONTROSE MARLINS SWIM TEAM

Marlin of the Month Tatum McHugh

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A freestyle/butterfly sprinter, Tatum finished a strong 12-and-under summer with several state cuts before moving up to the 14-under ranks this fall after becoming a teenager. A Columbine 8th grader, Tatum is a 4.0 student and also a talented musician, having been named to a regional select band – one of only eight tuba players. She also plays the trombone. She is the younger sister of Maggie McHugh, a Montrose High freshman who also swims in Coach Silas' senior group.

Parents: Marty & Alexia McHugh

Favorite food: “Cereal. Especially in the summer, I'm always pouring bowls of Life cereal. Coach Silas says chocolate milk is a good recovery food, so I use that on my cereal.”

On her playlist: “Pretty much anything but country ... Phantom of the Opera is what I listened to last.”

Coach (Silas) comment: “Though she may come across unassuming, when it's race time, Tatum knows how to mix it up. What I really appreciate about Tatum is how hard she quietly works at the solution every day in practice after something has been pointed out in her technique.”

Entertainment: “When I have time to watch TV, I like 'Chopped.' It's a cooking competition show. I was just curious about it at first, but now I'm hooked.”

Favorite swimmer: “I've always looked up to Alyssa Christianson, and it's pretty cool to now swim with her. It's one thing to watch her swim so fast in a meet, but it's also impressive how hard she works in practice – especially when she beats the boys.”

Nickname: “Coach Silas was the first to call me Tater. I wouldn't let anyone call me that at school or anything, but I have a lot of respect for Coach, so, it's cool. Now some of the older swimmers like J.D. (TenNapel) and Noah (Stangebye) call me it, too. It's a swimming thing, and that's one of my favorite things in life, so it's all good.”

Sister act: “Maggie and I are pretty competitive, but it's pretty cool both of us swimming together now. I can beat her in some fly/free sprints, but she kills me in breaststroke and backstroke.”

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.

