



Duck Norris “kicks” a little tail



Duck Norris had a great weekend, winning 3 of 4 races to take the early lead in the Iron Duck series.

Upstart sets tone with 3 straight victories in ‘Iron Duck’ series, as Disco Duck – last season’s series champ – wins one race

Duck Norris made sure he was not going to be the lame duck competitor he seemed to be in last season’s Iron Duck World Championship series at Maris Farms.

Norris, sporting a dark, velvety coat this season, sauntered his way to the series lead by taking three out of the first four races this past weekend after going winless in 2014. Last season’s series’ winner, Disco Duck, managed to capture the final race of the weekend.

“It was a bad taste in my mouth, being one of the lamest of the lame quack-athletes out here last season,” Norris said in the post-race press conference Sunday afternoon. “I definitely had a much more focused training regiment and diet this past off season. More worms and slugs, less bread and marshmallows. A lot more yoga after seeing the Aflac duck had taken it up. I was much more limber.”

Disco Duck seemed calm, cool and collect – almost a bit arrogant - as he explained away his lackluster performance over the weekend.

“Let’s put it this way, it’s a long race season,” DD quacked, implying he knew something others might not. “Distractions occur with some of our weekly duck engagements. One thing I know is Duck Norris is not above being distracted, and I am the quack-master of disaster” when it comes to creating them.”

Maris Farms is raising funds for the Fisher House of Seattle with this season’s live duck races – it’s the third annual “Iron Duck” Championship series.

These top tier “QUACK-aletes” – each named after a singing star or actor – start at one end of an old cow feeder by swimming 100 feet one way, then climbing a ramp and “running/fluttering” back to where they started. First one back is the winner. In all, there will be 16 races during the season (Saturdays/Sundays only, two per day) at 1 pm and 3 pm. The duck with the most victories over that period will be crowned “Iron-Duck” World Champion.

This special event race is patterned after the famed Iron Man Triathlon, where competitors (human, that is) challenge one another over a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and 26.2 mile marathon along the Kona (Hawaii) coast each October. However, instead of 1800 human racing machines, Maris Farms will serve up six of the finest QUACK-aletes in Pierce County and they’ll cover a grand total of 200 feet!

PRIOR to ALL racing sessions, patrons can donate at our mock “wagering” window on the west end of the duck race track - you the fan can make donations of \$1 (1 ticket) and \$3 (5 tickets) and pick a duck they feel will win. All donators are given a special duck bill for their contribution. ALL DONATIONS will go to the Fisher House of Seattle.

After someone donates, they will receive a numbered raffle ticket – they will keep half and put the other half in the slot of their “predicted” winner. At the end of the race, the announcer will draw a name from the “winning” duck’s slot, and that individual will win a prize, provided by one of our many race sponsors.

A total of \$57 was raised this past weekend and 93 tickets purchased to place bets.

Maris Farms has become one of Pierce County’s favorite family fall destinations for its pumpkins, corn maze and haunted attractions...and, of course, its duck races. All races are at 1 and 3 pm on both Saturdays and Sundays.

Here are the current wins for the competitors:

<u>Maris Farms ‘Iron Duck’ series competitors</u>	<u>WINS</u>
• #2 Ducktor Drey	0
• #3 Michael Quackson	0
• #4 Duck Norris	3
• #5 Duck Rogers	0
• #6 Sir Quack-A-Lot	0
• #7 Disco Duck	1