



Strong kick, sprint to the title

DUCK Norris takes DUCKtor Drey by a bill in series' finale to capture the 2015 Iron 'DUCK' World Championship



DUCK Norris captured the Iron 'DUCK' Championship series with his strong kick On the season's final race, defeating an upstart DUCKtor Drey, 7 wins to 6.

After opening the day with a victory on Saturday and tying the score with DUCK Norris at 6 wins apiece, DUCKtor Drey felt he had the momentum heading into the final race of the 2015 Iron 'DUCK' World Championship series.

DUCK Norris had different thoughts as he used his now world famous kick to outsprint the upstart Drey by a duck bill on Saturday and capture the series title with his 7th win of the season. Norris knew it might come down to his world famous kick, but he also knew the fear of his presence was felt by the upstart Drey.

"You know, there is something that 'they' say about me?" a confident Norris explained to reporters at the final post-race press conference and referencing the highly popular DUCK Norris sarcasms. "I once stood next to a bear and was told I had to leave because the bear was scared."

Yes, it did appear as though DD may have been a bit nervous as the six triQUACKaletes made their way from their pen to the racing pond during their pre-race duck parade. Drey was nervously scanning the parade route fans, as though he felt the weight of a thousand pounds on his wings and could barely stay focused.

"I'll admit, I hadn't quite expected to feel that nervous and didn't realize the amount of pressure," he confessed following the finale. "I heard Norris once won the Tour de France...on a stationary bike.

That's enough to make anyone a bit fearful of that kick at the end."

Still, Drey was able to gather himself halfway down the 100-foot pond during the swim portion and actually was right on Norris' tail feathers as the two climbed the ramp to the platform for the final sprint. Norris jumped out to a slight lead with Drey giving chase and just stretched his neck enough at the very end to outdistance a fading Drey.

"Like whatever off a...well you know the saying," Norris said. "I knew I had it in the bag."

Disco Duck, last year's series champion, and Sir Quack-a-Lot both finished with two victories and DUCK Rogers had one. Michael QUACKson was winless.

Maris Farms raised funds for the Fisher House of Seattle with this season's live duck races – it's the third annual "Iron Duck" Championship series. Prior to ALL racing sessions, patrons can donate at our mock "wagering" window. Fans 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 go to the Fisher House of Seattle.

After someone donates, they receive a numbered raffle ticket – they 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 - Anytime Fitness, Westside Pizza and Wally's Drive In, Applebee's of Bonney Lake, Monster Energy Drink, Chic-Fil-A of Tacoma and Smith Bros. Dairy.

Despite a stormy weather weekend and a very small crowd, a total of \$14 was raised this past weekend and 15 tickets purchased to place bets. A total of \$360 was raised during the 5-weekend series and 519 bets were wagered.

These top tier "triQUACK-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 were 18 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 was 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!

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:

Maris Farms 'Iron Duck' series competitors

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