



# Quackson the quickest quacker

## 2 wins puts Michael ahead of the favorites after first weekend



Michael QUACKson leads after first-weekend action with a pair of victories in the Iron Duck Championship series at Maris Farms

With no expectations coming into this season's Iron Duck World Championship series at Maris Farms, Michael QUACKson came out of nowhere with a pair of first-weekend victories to secure a one race lead over DUCK Rogers (1 win) and DUCKtor Drey (1 win).

QUACKson, with his grey coat and white flowing streaks, danced on the competition in Saturday with two straight wins, but had nothing on Sunday as both Rogers and Drey split to narrow the lead.

"I had a 'down' Sunday," reported a somewhat dejected QUACKson. "But I'll get my head together and be ready for some serious racing this upcoming weekend."

DUCK Rogers actually gained momentum as Sunday drew to a close. The brownish coated little DUCKathlete ran away with the first race on Sunday and was barely

edged by a beak by DUCKtor Drey in the weekend's final race.

"I let up for just a second, and I've gotta keep my wings a flappin', web feet to the floor till I cross that finish line," Rogers said.

Rogers and Drey are the favorites to contend for a series title after last season's champ, DUCK Norris, announced he was not returning just before this season started. Norris, who has yet to be seen since his announcement, said he planned to pursue a motivational speaking tour/career with Aflac.

"Not sure if that's just a "duck tale" or the truth," surmised DUCKtor Drey, "but his absence is our opportunity. Wish him well, and I'll thank him for the door he opened if this season turns out the way I'm hoping."

Maris Farms is raising funds for the Fisher House of Seattle with this season's live duck races – it's the fourth annual "Iron Duck" Championship series.

These top tier "DUCK-athletes" – 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	1
• #3 Michael QUACKson	2
• #5 DUCK Rogers	1
• #6 Sir QUACK-A-LOT	0
• #7 Disco DUCK	0