



Duck race duo takes control

DUCKtor Dre, DUCK Rogers each take two races this weekend at Maris Farms while Michael QUACKson goes winless, loses momentum and falls from lead

Perhaps, the first weekend was just an anomaly when Michael QUACKson took two of four races to jump to an early series lead in the Iron 'DUCK' World Championships at Maris Farms. Or, perhaps, this past weekend was, when he went winless to fall behind DUCKtor Dre and Duck Rogers, who both split the four-race weekend and jumped into a tie at 3 wins apiece.

Whatever the case may be, the momentum most certainly swung to this new duck race duo, which seems to have created a bit of a rivalry that could build as the season continues.

"It didn't sit well with me last weekend, seeing QUACKson dancing around, acting like he was 'king duck' and always having been more of a middle-of-the flock finisher all these seasons," DUCK Rogers said from his racing quarters following Sunday's final race. "Don't start acting like you're the 'ducks quack' until you've proven you can have more than a good weekend."

In the meantime, DUCKtor Dre and DUCK Rogers battled each other in all four races, splitting victories on consecutive days and each time edging the other by a duck bill.

"Competitive and he's got a great kick," acknowledged Rogers. "He's a helluva finely tuned fowl!"

"I haven't been pushed like that since the 2012 DUCKatholon at the FOWLympics," DUCKtor Dre admitted.

Sir QUACKS-a-lot and Disco DUCK are both winless and QUACKson now appears to have lost his zip.

"I feel it's come down to me and Rogers," Dre proclaimed. "...and neither one of us is going to duck the competitor's challenge."

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 DUCK-athletes 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 \$106 was raised this past weekend and 148 tickets purchased to place bets. So far, the totals are \$163 raised and 241 tickets purchased.

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 Dre	3
• #3 Michael QUACKson	2
• #5 DUCK Rogers	3
• #6 Sir QUACKS-A-Lot	0
• #7 Disco DUCK	0



DUCKtor Dre and DUCK Rogers prepare to do battle this past weekend at the Iron 'DUCK' Championships at Maris Farms in Buckley. They are tied at 3 wins apiece heading into this next weekend.