



DUCKtor Dre dominates

Upstart quacker takes control of Iron 'DUCK' Championships with 3 wins

It wasn't until the final race of the rainy weekend at Maris Farms that someone was able to end his four-win streak, but when the final race was complete on Sunday, DUCKtor Dre had dominated the competition by taking 3 of 4 races and jumping to a 6-4 lead over DUCK Rogers, who finally won that final race.

The two duck-athletes had entered the weekend tied at 3 wins apiece and atop the series leader board.

"I knew this would be an opportunity to establish a little separation if I could jump on everyone that first day," an ecstatic Dre said late Sunday from his racing quarters. "DUCK (Rogers) was just a bit off his game, and I wasn't going to let up. Now, I just need to stay focused, stay consistent and keep my bill pointed forward."

DUCK Rogers battled as hard as he could, coming within a duck-length in both races Saturday and the first one on Sunday, but wasn't able to get past Dre's strong kick until the final race.

"Again, that kick is so clutch, and he really knows how to find that extra gear," Rogers surmised. "Got some work to do this upcoming weekend as well as the final weekend. There's still time."

The extra weekend this season (5 instead of the normal 4) does create more opportunity.

"These guys are getting 'down' to the final duck stretch now," race announcer Dennis Riley said. "There's sure to be plenty of quack-talking in the race pen this week as they get 'down' to business in these final two weekends."

Maris Farms raises funds for the Fisher House of Seattle with its live duck races – it's the third 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 \$104 was raised this past weekend and 74 tickets purchased to place bets. So far, the totals are \$267 raised and 315 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:

<u>Maris Farms 'Iron Duck' series competitors</u>	<u>WINS</u>
• #2 DUCKtor Dre	6
• #3 Michael QUACKson	2
• #5 DUCK Rogers	4
• #6 Sir QUACKS-A-Lot	0
• #7 Disco DUCK	0



DUCKtor Dre has extended his lead over DUCK Rogers by 2 wins after taking 3 of 4 races this past weekend at the Iron 'DUCK' Championships at Maris Farms in Buckley.