



DUCKtor Dre (left) took 3 of 4 races this past weekend to run away with the season series title (Iron 'DUCK' World Championship) over DUCK Rogers (left), with whom he was tied at 7-7 heading into the final weekend of racing at Maris Farms.

## Last duck standing: DUCKtor Dre

### Another momentum swing helps 'ferocious fowl' overcome slow start and nab season series title by winning 3 of 4 races over the weekend

DUCK Rogers appeared poised and prepared to capitalize on the extreme momentum he'd created - after taking 3 of 4 races last weekend and the first race of this weekend - to collect his first Iron 'DUCK' World title. The upstart little 'duck'athlete had taken an 8-7 lead over DUCKtor Dre with only three races left in the month-long, 20-race series.

Then DUCKtor Dre made what he called a 'ferocious' mental and physical adjustment.

"I shaved my wings down to the feather bones, started listening to A LOT of AC/DC in the duck racing quarters and told myself I was headed to the local Thai restaurant for a meal or two after the season if I didn't get my act together," Dre reported to the media contingent gathered around him following the final race of the season. "It really seemed to give me that little extra kick I needed for the final race on Saturday afternoon, so I just did the same thing Sunday. I think it made the difference."

Yes, it did.

Heading into the weekend, DUCK and Dre were tied at 7 wins apiece, this following an extraordinary weekend 4 of racing that saw Rogers win his own 3 out of 4 races, which followed weekend two when Dre had collected 3 of 4 victories.

"It's been a seesaw season, lots of quack back n' forth," said longtime race announcer Dennis Riley. "What a roller coaster, like a 'Rocky' movie, where one boxer is hot for one round and the other gets hot the next...except it was a pair of ferocious & feisty fowls, neither quite able to build enough momentum to put the other away before the other would storm back."

And, perhaps, with another weekend, the momentum might have swung back to DUCK Rogers. But as DUCKtor Dre had boldly stated following his own let down last weekend, it's never a good idea to count your ducklings before they're hatched as he had experienced the momentum swing already and knew it could just as easily come back his way.

"It was just going to come down to the last duck standing," DUCK Rogers explained. "And DUCKtor did what he had to do to gain the momentum back. I'm completely 'down' with that. He's proven he's one tough duck."

"Fortunately, I made the final adjustment and I am the champ," exclaimed Dre. "I made the right adjustment at the right time. And I just believed my adjustments were going to make the difference."

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 \$229 was raised this past weekend and 188 tickets purchased to place bets. And for the season, the totals were \$740 raised and 627 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 final standings/wins for the 2016 competitors:

<u>Maris Farms 'Iron Duck' series competitors</u>	<u>WINS</u>
• #2 DUCKtor Dre	10
• #3 Michael QUACKson	2
• #5 DUCK Rogers	8
• #6 Sir QUACKS-A-Lot	0
• #7 Disco DUCK	0