



Tragedy and a new trio for Iron Duck competitors

After an off-season of extreme duress and tragedy, last season's Iron Duck World Championship series winner - DUCKtor Dre - will indeed be back in the lineup of competitors at this year's month-long event. Dre captured the series title last season on the final weekend by storming to three wins out of final four races.

But this past winter/spring, Dre saw two teammates – Michael QUACKson and Sir QUACK-A-LOT – suffer tragic and still unsolved deaths while all three were relaxing in their pens. Dre, himself, barely survived the ordeal and has spent the summer recovering from the trauma.

“Terrible, horrible, awful,” explained DUCKtor Dre, while reflecting on that fateful day. “I’m dedicating this upcoming season to my friends and fellow DUCK-athletes who suffered a senseless death at the hands of a still-unknown assailant. It’s been a roller coaster, but I’m physically back and getting better emotionally.”

Dre and the rest of the team had already been through a bit of an emotional set back prior to the start of last season when one of their colleagues – DUCK Norris - surprisingly turned up missing. It was later discovered he had, under the dark of night, left for a motivational speaking gig with a large national insurance company. But the shock of a longtime QUACK-athlete and teammate up and leaving so suddenly and without warning, really rocked the rest of the group.

“It was rough at the start of last season,” surmised DUCK Rogers, who returns this season after a runner up finish to Dre in 2016. “We got through the grind of 2016 after suffering losing DUCK Norris and were just starting to really recover, then this...we’re hopeful with the new group, new blood, we can get past this tragedy.”

The “new group” includes Sirius QUACK, Wolfgang DUCK and The DUCK Knight, each of whom have been coming up through the ranks these past few years and are finally ready for the “big leagues” of Tri-QUAKE-athons.

“We have a fast, fit and finesse-filled group,” said Dennis Riley, who’s heading into his fifth season as the race announcer. “Just the ‘quack-and-forth’ chirping I’ve been hearing between the old timers and these newbies during their training has been quite entertaining and at times contentious. It’s going to be a real ‘duck’ fight this season.”

Training started late this fall and continues up to opening day, Sept. 30th, when the Buckley farm hosts the live duck races - which helps raise funds for the Fisher House in Seattle.

Even with all of the tragedy and chatter, the mantra remains the same: swim, flutter and run! It’s live duck racing with a triathlon twist!

The 2017 Iron ‘DUCK’ World Championships, features the following duck-athletes:

#1 - Sirius QUACK

#2 – DUCKtor Drey

#3 – Wolfgang DUCK

#4 – Duck Rogers

#5 – The DUCK Knight

#6 – Disco DUCK