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Ryan Price Named 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Boys' Soccer Player-of-the-Year

GAINESVILLE (May 4) --- Melbourne High School's Ryan Price has been named the 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Boys' Soccer Player-of-the-Year.

Price, a junior forward scored 32 goals and had 12 assists this season, helping lead his team to a 27-2 record and the Class 6A state title.

The winner of the 17th annual Boys' Soccer Player-of-the-Year Award, sponsored by Florida Dairy Farmers, Inc. and the Florida Athletic Coaches Association, was determined in voting by a statewide panel of high school soccer coaches and prep media representatives.

"Florida's dairy farmers congratulate Ryan for a job well done and we salute him with a milk toast," said Matt Lussier, a Gainesville area dairy farmer. "We take a lot of pride in watching a winner such as Ryan represent our industry and this award in such a positive manner and we wish him continued success."

Price, who was earlier chosen as the Class 6A Player-of-the-Year, finished ahead of Class 4A Player-of-the-Year Filip Ivanov of Ponte Vedra Nease, as well as winners in the three other state classifications. Price received four first-place votes and totalled 60 points with Ivanov finishing second with two first-place votes and 54 points.

Brennan Hyler of Orange Park Fleming Island, the Class 5A Player-of-the-Year, finished third with 43 points followed by John Rush of Jacksonville Bolles (Class 3A) with 31 points and Jimmy Merrit of St. John's Country Day (Class 2A) with 18 points.

The Florida Dairy Farmers Sports Awards program exemplifies Dairy Farmers Inc.'s commitment to the state's youth. While honoring the state's top athletes and coaches in all 25 FHSAA-sanctioned sports, the program also emphasizes to young people the importance of keeping dairy products a primary part of their diet in their overall nutrition plan.

Dairy Farmers Boys' Soccer Player-of-the-Year Winners

- 1993 – Frankie Cipolla, Longwood Lyman
- 1994 – Michael McIlwane, Tampa Berkeley Prep
- 1995 – Kevin Alvero, Dunedin
- 1996 – Chris Welling, Naples
- 1997 – Mark Pizzulo, St. Thomas Aquinas
- 1998 – Sheldon Barnes, St. Thomas Aquinas
- 1999 – Jeremy Plokemba, Tampa Jesuit
- 2000 – Rob Daly, Tampa Jesuit
- 2001 – Justin Brandt, Miami Sunset
- 2002 – Hunter West, Bradenton Manatee
- 2003 – Jason Poole, Brandon
- 2004 – Tyler Davis, Tampa Berkeley Prep
- 2005 – Fabrice Noel, Palm Beach Lakes
- 2006 – Hansen Woodruff, South Fork
- 2007 – Eugene Starikov, Palm Harbor University
- 2008 – Luis Yamashita, Miami Varela
- 2009 – Ryan Price, Melbourne

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Jerry McCabe Named 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Coach-of-the-Year

GAINESVILLE (April 30) --- Melbourne soccer coach Jerry McCabe has been named the 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Boys' Soccer Coach-of-the-Year.

McCabe is the 17th winner of the annual award, sponsored by Florida Dairy Farmers, Inc. and the Florida Athletic Coaches Association. A statewide panel of high school coaches and prep media representatives voted on the award honoring the top high school coach for the 2008-09 season.

At Melbourne, coach McCabe's teams have won 10 district titles, made three Final Four appearances and won two state titles (1994, 2009). He has a record of 329-106-45 at Melbourne and a career record of 418-139-53. This is the second time coach McCabe has won the award after also being named the state's top coach in 1994.

"Florida's dairy farmers congratulate coach McCabe for a job well done and we salute him with a milk toast," said Matt Lussier, a Gainesville area dairy farmer. "We take a lot of pride in watching a winner such as coach McCabe represent our industry and this award in such a positive manner and we wish him continued success."

McCabe, who was earlier chosen as the Class 6A Coach-of-the-Year, finished ahead of Class 4A Coach-of-the-Year Scooty Carey of Merritt Island and Alex Delgado of Palm Harbor University as well as winners from the two other state classifications. McCabe received three first-place votes and totaled 53 points with Carey and Delgado finishing tied for second with 31 points.

Alvin James Delray American Heritage, the Class 2A Coach-of-the-Year, finished fourth with 30 points and Jim Lieb of Jacksonville Bolles (Class 3A) was fifth with 25 points.

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- 1993 – Dave Zimmerman, Tampa Berkeley Prep
- 1994 – Jerry McCabe, Melbourne
- 1995 – Santiago Molina, Tallahassee Lincoln
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- 1997 – Bob Bauman, Tampa Jesuit
- 1998 – Kevin Brown, Neptune Beach Fletcher
- 1999 – Jim Willenborg, Hialeah American
- 2000 – Adrian Bush, Tampa Gaither
- 2001 – Bob Bauman, Tampa Jesuit
- 2002 – Darrin Karuzas, Olympic Heights
- 2003 – Allen Ware, Brandon
- 2004 – Dave Zimmerman, Tampa Berkeley Prep
- 2005 – Jay Flipse, Miami Sunset
- 2006 – David Sica, Clearwater Countryside
- 2007 – Matais Asorey, Miami Varela
- 2008 – Jose DaCosta, Tampa Preparatory
- 2009 – Jerry McCabe, Melbourne