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Kristen Grubka Named 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Girls' Soccer Player-of-the-Year

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

Grubka, a sophomore forward/goalkeeper, finished the season with 32 goals, 15 assists and a 0.36 GAA leading her team to a 23-0-1 record and the Class 6A state title.

The winner of the 17th annual Girls' 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 Kristen for a job well done and we salute her with a milk toast," said Matt Lussier, a Gainesville area dairy farmer. "We take a lot of pride in watching a winner such as Kristen represent our industry and this award in such a positive manner and we wish her continued success."

Grubka, who was earlier chosen as the Class 6A Player-of the-Year, finished ahead of Class 4A Player-of-the-Year Chrissy Gratz of Ft. Lauderdale Archbishop McCarthy, as well as winners in the three other state classifications. Grubka received six first-place votes and totaled 96 points with Gratz finishing with three first-place votes and 77 points.

Brooke Thigpen of Jacksonville Bolles, the Class 3A Player-of-the-Year, finished third with 66 points, Sam Scalf of Jacksonville Bartram Trail (Class 5A) finished fourth with 61 points followed by Ceci Colon of Miami Westminster Christian (Class 2A) with 36 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 Girls' Soccer Player-of-the-Year Winners

- 1993 – Stacia Masters, Tampa Leto
- 1994 – Robin Cofer, Clearwater Central Catholic
- 1995 – Jill Ford, Orange Park
- 1996 – Gina Foster, St. Thomas Aquinas
- 1997 – Andrea Sellers, Satellite Beach
- 1998 – Alexis Mackenzie, St. Thomas Aquinas
- 1999 – Aly Benitez, Lake Brantley
- 2000 – Nandi Pryce, Lake Howell
- 2001 – Annie Adams, Gulf Breeze
- 2002 – Holly Ryder, Plantation American Heritage
- 2003 – Alison Tradd, Lake Mary
- 2004 – Ashlyn Harris, Satellite
- 2005 – Brianna Schooley, Parkland Douglas
- 2006 – Brianna Schooley, Parkland Douglas
- 2007 – Ella Stephan, Satellite
- 2008 – Kayla Grimsley, Lakeland George Jenkins
- 2009 – Kristen Grubka, Melbourne

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John Planamenta Named 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Coach-of-the-Year

GAINESVILLE (April 30) --- Palm Harbor University High School girls' soccer coach John Planamenta has been named the 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Girls' Soccer Coach-of-the-Year.

Planamenta 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.

Coach Planamenta's teams have won eight district titles, made five Final Four appearances, had three state runner-up finishes and won two state titles (2006, 2009). He has a record of 117-9-3 at Palm Harbor and a career record of 198-41-16.

"Florida's dairy farmers congratulate coach Planamenta 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 Planamenta represent our industry and this award in such a positive manner and we wish him continued success."

Planamenta, who was earlier chosen as the Class 5A Coach-of-the-Year, finished ahead of Class 6A Coach-of-the-Year Rosanna Lord of Melbourne as well as winners from the three other state classifications. Planamenta received five first-place votes and totaled 76 points with Lord finishing second with two first-place votes and 73 points.

Mike Pickett of St. John's Country Day, the Class 2A Coach-of-the-Year finished third with 57 points followed by Phil Zayas of Plantation American Heritage (Class 3A) with 55 points and Dave Silverberg of Ponte Vedra (Class 4A) with 48 points.

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Dairy Farmers Girls' Soccer Coach-of-the-Year Winners

1993 – Carlos Giron, St. Thomas Aquinas

1994 – Gary Bennett, Longwood Lyman

1995 – Frank Adsit, Jacksonville Bolles

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1998 – Bill Eissele, Lake Mary

1999 – Kenny Morgan, Pensacola Washington

2000 – Dean Johnson, Lakeland Christian

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2003 – Laura Rountree, Parkland Douglas

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2007 – Brett Terry, Satellite

2008 – Joe Lenard, Lakeland George Jenkins

2009 – John Planamenta, Palm Harbor University