



Florida Dairy Farmers Sports Awards
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Brian Atkinson, Ashley Brosovan Named Florida Dairy Farmers 2008 Cross Country Runners-of-the-Year

GAINESVILLE (Jan. 3) – Melbourne junior Joseph Franklin and Wellington senior Ashley Brosovan were named the 2008 Florida Dairy Farmers Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Runners-of-the-Year following a final round of balloting by a statewide panel of high school cross country coaches. Both Atkinson and Brosovan captured individual state championships.

Atkinson, who was named the Class 4A Boys' Runner-of-the-Year with a time of 15:43 at the state championships, edged out the three other finalists, junior Matt Mizereck (Tallahassee Leon), junior Michael Wallace (Jacksonville Bishop Kenny) and sophomore Patrick Swain (Tallahassee Maclay) to capture the award honoring the top cross country runner in the state.

Brosovan, who repeated as the Class 4A Girls' Runner-of-the-Year with a time of 17:03 at the state championships, finished ahead of senior Kayla Hale (Holy Trinity Episcopal), senior Ashley Shiver (Satellite), and senior Erin Schappert (Pope John Paul) in the voting.

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

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, coaches and scholars in all 26 FHSAA-sanctioned sports for the 17th consecutive year, the program also emphasizes to young people the importance of keeping dairy products a primary part of their diet in their overall nutrition plan.