



Florida Dairy Farmers Sports Awards
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Leanna Taylor Named 2008 Florida Dairy Farmers Girls' Volleyball Coach-of-the-Year

Gainesville (Dec. 16) --- Tampa Plant volleyball coach Leanna Taylor was named the 2008 Florida Dairy Farmers Girls' Volleyball Coach-of-the-Year following a final round of voting by a statewide panel of high school volleyball coaches and media representatives.

Taylor is the 17th winner of the annual award sponsored by Dairy Farmers, Inc. and the Florida Athletic Coaches Association to honor the top high school girls' volleyball coach for the 2008 season.

Coach Taylor's team finished the regular season as district champ with a 29-1 record before repeating as state champion. In five years her teams have won five district titles, made five Final Four appearances, had one state runner-up finish in 2005 and won three consecutive state titles in 2006-08. Coach Taylor has a career record of 130-14.

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

Taylor, who was earlier named the 5A Coach-of-the-Year, earned four first-place votes and finished with 106 points to finish ahead of 3A Coach-of-the-Year Charmaine Cox of Lake Highland Preparatory, who was the runner-up with 90 points. Class 6A Coach-of-the-Year Allan Rubenstein of Orlando Timber Creek finished third with 89 points followed by 4A Coach-of-the-Year Margaret (CJ) Sherman of Ponte Vedra Nease (88), 1A Coach-of-the-Year Deb Wingard of Daytona Warner Christian (74) and 2A Coach-of-the-Year Michele Moreman of Orlando First Academy (42).

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 24 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.

2008 Final Voting

| Coach | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Total |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Leanna Taylor | 4 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 106 |
| Charmaine Cox | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 90 |
| Allan Rubenstein | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 89 |
| Margaret (CJ) Sherman | 5 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 88 |
| Deb Wingard | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 74 |
| Michele Moreman | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 42 |

Point totals based on: 1st place (10), 2nd place (7), 3rd place (5), 4th place (3), 5th place (2) and 6th place (1).

Past Winners:

2007 - Charmaine Cox, Lake Highland Preparatory
2006 – Louise Crocco, Ft. Lauderdale Cardinal Gibbons
2005 – Stephanie Gibson, Winter Park
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2003 – Cindy Boulware, Gainesville
2002 – Teri Ohme, Plant City Durant
2001 – Virginia Kelly, Boca Raton Olympic Heights
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1998 – Louise Crocco, Ft. Lauderdale Cardinal Gibbons
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1995 – Stephanie Gibson, Miami Sunset
1994 – Louise Crocco, Ft. Lauderdale Cardinal Gibbons
1993 – Carol Chalu, Tampa Berkeley Preparatory
1992 – Randy Dagostino, Tampa Berkeley Preparatory