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Erin Schuppert Named 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Miss Softball

GAINESVILLE (June 9) --- Neptune Beach Fletcher High School's Erin Schuppert has been named the 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Miss Softball award winner.

Schuppert, a senior pitcher, finished the 2009 season with a 31-1 record, an ERA of 0.51 and 312 strikeouts, including 13 shutouts. In addition, she had a .385 batting average, eight doubles, three home runs, 27 runs scored and 17 RBI, helping lead her team to a 31-1 record and a spot in the Class 6A state championship game.

The winner of the 17th annual Miss Softball Award, sponsored by Florida Dairy Farmers, Inc. and the Florida Athletic Coaches Association, was determined in voting by a statewide panel of high school softball coaches and prep media representatives.

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

Schuppert, who was earlier chosen as the Class 6A Player-of-the-Year, finished ahead of Class 4A Player-of-the-Year Kasey Fagan of Dunnellon, as well as winners in the four other state classifications. Schuppert received seven first-place votes totaling 121 points with Fagan finishing with a total of 114 points.

Kalyn Loverich of Bartram Trail, the Class 5A Player-of-the-Year, finished third with 67 points followed by Kayla Minger of Port St. Joe (Class 2A) with 52 points, Heather White of Winter Park Trinity Prep (Class 3A) with 45 points and Krista Brown of Jacksonville Eagle's View (Class 1A) with 38 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.

Miss Softball Voting Breakdown

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Schuppert	7	6	1	0	2	0	121
Fagan	7	2	5	1	1	0	114
Loverich	1	3	4	2	4	2	67
Minger	0	2	2	4	8	0	52
White	1	1	0	4	6	4	45
Brown	0	0	2	3	8	3	38

Totals based on a 10-7-5-3-2-1 point system

Florida Dairy Farmers Miss Softball Winners

1993 – Mary Babb, Barron Collier (Slow Pitch)
Jodie Hughes, Palmetto (Fast Pitch)
1994 – Jean Bonnici, Naples
1995 – Monica Triner, East Bay
1996 – Michelle Moschel, Naples
1997 – Kellie Wilkerson, Jacksonville Mandarin
1998 – Jennifer Gladding, Martin County
1999 – Jennifer Joiner, Bell
2000 – Claire Sua, St. Thomas Aquinas
2001 – Julie Henneke, Sickles
2002 – Erin Horn, Tallahassee Leon
2003 – Stacey Stevens, Gainesville Buchholz
2004 – Allison Kime, Valrico Bloomingdale
2005 – Dani Hofer, Palm Harbor University
2006 – Kelsi Dunne, Port Orange Spruce Creek
2007 – Kelsi Dunne, Port Orange Spruce Creek
2008 – Kelly Saco, Miami Palmetto
2009 – Erin Schuppert, Neptune Beach Fletcher

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Kevin Fagan Named 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Softball Coach-of-the-Year

GAINESVILLE (June 9) --- Dunnellon softball coach Kevin Fagan has been named the 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Softball Coach-of-the-Year.

Fagan 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 softball coaches and prep media representatives voted on the award honoring the top high school coach for the 2009 season.

Fagan's team finished the season with a 33-1 record and was the Class 4A state champion. In his four years at Dunnellon, his teams have won three district titles and made one Final Four appearance and won a state title (2009). Fagan has a career record of 89-22.

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

Fagan, who was earlier chosen as the Class 4A Coach-of-the-Year, finished ahead of Class 5A Coach-of-the-Year Jen Harman of Bartram Trail as well as winners from the four other state classifications. Fagan received eight first-place votes totaling 114 points with Harman finishing with a total of 84 points.

Christina Flores-Deszell of Neptune Beach Fletcher (Class 6A) finished third with 75 points followed Marty Cooper of Plantation American Heritage (Class 3A) with 56 points, Willie Evans of Jacksonville Eagle's View (Class 1A) with 55 points and Jim Belin of Port St. Joe (Class 2A) with 53 points.

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Coach-of-the-Year Voting Breakdown

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Fagan	8	3	1	1	2	1	114
Harman	4	2	2	5	2	1	84
Flores-Deszell	1	4	4	3	4	0	75
Cooper	2	1	1	2	8	2	56
Evans	0	4	1	2	7	2	55
Belin	1	0	5	1	6	3	53

Totals based on a 10-7-5-3-2-1 point system

Florida Dairy Farmers Softball Coach-of-the-Year Winners

1993 – Jean King, Niceville (Slow Pitch)
Marlyn Bevetta, Ridgewood (Fast Pitch)
1994 – Robert Iamurri, Naples
1995 – Leslie Black, Cardinal Mooney
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1997 – Mike Clamon, Valrico Bloomingdale
1998 – Kathy Finnucan, Winter Park Trinity Prep
1999 – Bryan Baucom, St. Thomas Aquinas
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2001 – Mark Schusterman, Miami Gulliver Preparatory
2002 – Glenn Rutenbar, Bartow
2003 – Becker Downie, Miami Palmetto
2004 – Glenn Rutenbar, Bartow
2005 – Chuck Poetter, Palm Harbor University
2006 – Glenn Rutenbar, Bartow
2007 – Kathy Finnucan, Winter Park Trinity Prep
2008 – Coy Adkins, Wewahitchka
2009 – Kevin Fagan, Dunnellon