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Patrick Schuster Named 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Mr. Baseball

GAINESVILLE (June 11) --- New Port Richey Mitchell High School's Patrick Schuster has been named the 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Mr. Baseball.

Schuster, a senior pitcher/first baseman, finished the 2009 season with an 8-1 record, an 0.93 ERA and 115 strikeouts, including four consecutive no-hitters. In addition, he finished with a .403 batting average, three doubles, one home run, 21 runs scored and 21 RBI, helping lead his team to a 22-4 record. Schuster signed a letter of intent to attend the University of Florida and was also drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 13th round of the 2009 MLB Draft.

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

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

Schuster, who was earlier chosen as the Class 6A Player-of-the-Year, finished ahead of Class 4A Player-of-the-Year Josh Patton of Naples, as well as winners in the four other state classifications. Schuster received six first-place votes and a total of 94 points with Patton receiving four first-place votes totaling 77 points.

Mychal Givens of Tampa Plant, the Class 5A Player-of-the-Year, finished third with 59 points followed by Jordan Carroll of Madison County (Class 3A) with 41 points, Jacob Johnson of Lake Worth Trinity Christian (Co-Class 1A) with 37 points, John Nogowski of Tallahassee North Florida Christian (Class 2A) with 34 points, and Josh Romeo of Brooksville Hernando Christian (Co-Class 1A) with 30 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 26 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.

Mr. Baseball Voting Breakdown

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Kelly	6	2	1	0	1	1	0	94
Patton	4	3	1	1	1	2	0	77
Givens	1	2	4	3	0	1	1	59
Carroll	0	2	1	1	4	3	1	41
Johnson	0	2	1	0	1	7	1	37
Nogowski	0	0	1	2	4	4	1	34
Romeo	0	0	2	0	3	4	3	30

Totals based on a 10-7-5-4-3-2-1 point system

Florida Dairy Farmers Mr. Baseball Winners

1993 – Alex Rodriguez, Miami Westminster
1994 – Doug Million, Sarasota
1995 – Doug Blosser, Sarasota
1996 – Nick Stocks, Tampa Jesuit
1997 – Geoff Geotz, Tampa Jesuit
1998 – Felipe Lopez, Altamonte Springs Lake Brantley
1999 – Bobby Bradley, Wellington
2000 – Tony Richie, Bishop Kenny
2001 – Casey Kotchman, Seminole
2002 – Edgar Ramirez, Miami Southridge
2003 – James Houser, Sarasota
2004 – Warren McFadden, Davie Nova
2005 – Andrew McCutchen, Fort Meade
2006 – Max Sapp, Orlando Bishop Moore
2007 – Michael Main, Deland
2008 – Casey Kelly, Sarasota
2009 – Patrick Schuster, New Port Richey Mitchell

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Rick Turner Named 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Baseball Coach-of-the-Year

GAINESVILLE (June 11) --- Naples High School baseball coach Rick Turner has been named the 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Baseball Coach-of-the-Year.

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

Naples finished the season with a 33-1 record and won the Class 4A state title. In his five years at Naples, coach Turner's teams have won four district titles, made one Final Four appearance and won a state title (2009). He has a career record of 119-45.

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

Turner, who was earlier chosen as the Class 4A Coach-of-the-Year, finished ahead of Class 5A Coach-of-the-Year Mike Harper of Stuart South Fork as well as winners from the four other state classifications. Turner received seven first-place votes totaling 84 points with Harper receiving two first-place votes and 66 points.

Storm Davis of Jacksonville Bolles, the Class 3A Coach-of-the-Year finished third with 49 points, followed by Mike Smith of Altamonte Springs Lake Brantley (Class 6A) with 44 points, Mac Mackiewicz of Jacksonville Providence (Class 2A) with 38 points and Rick Shears of Tampa Cambridge (Class 1A) with 19 points.

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Coach-of-the-Year Voting Breakdown

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Turner	7	1	0	1	2	0	84
Harper	2	5	1	0	3	0	66
Davis	2	0	3	3	2	1	49
Smith	0	2	3	3	3	0	44
Mackiewitz	0	2	2	0	7	0	38
Shears	0	0	1	0	4	6	19

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

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

1993 – Clyde Metcalf, Sarasota
1994 – John Crumbley, Tampa Jesuit
1995 – John Carpenter, Lakeland Santa Fe
1996 – Rich Hoffman, Miami Westminster
1997 – John Crumbley, Tampa Jesuit
1998 – Howard May, Terry Parker
1999 – Scott Benedict, Wellington
2000 – Bob West, Bishop Kenny
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2003 – John Crumbley, Tampa Jesuit
2004 – Pat McQuaid, Davie Nova
2005 – Ralph Henriquez, Key West
2006 – Scott Benedict, Palm Beach Central
2007 – Dave Wheeler, Orlando Bishop Moore
2008 – Tom Hilbert, Dunedin
2009 – Rick Turner, Naples