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## **Matt Bellando Named 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Boys' Lacrosse Player-of-the-Year**

GAINESVILLE (June 25) ---Matt Bellando of Boca Raton St. Andrews High School was named the 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Boys' Lacrosse Player-of-the-Year.

Bellando finished the season with school record 101 goals, and also contributed 38 assists while leading his team to a 24-0 record and the 2009 state title. As a junior, Bellando has 171 career goals and was named the *Palm Beach Post* Player-of-the-Year for the second straight year.

Jeff Goldberg of St. Andrews High School was named the 2009 Boys' Lacrosse Coach-of-the-Year. In his 16<sup>th</sup> year as head coach, Goldberg led the Scots to a 24-0 record on their way to capturing the 2009 state title. His teams have made 16 Final Four appearances and have won 14 state titles, including the last seven years in a row (2003-2009). Coach Goldberg has a career record of 361-71.

"We raise our milk glasses to Matt and coach Goldberg for a job well done this season," said Matt Lussier, a Gainesville area dairy farmer and president of Dairy Farmers, Inc. "They are a great examples of what we're looking for in winners of these awards. We're confident that they will represent this honor and the Florida Dairy Farmers in a positive manner and we wish them continued success in the future."

The Florida Dairy Farmers Sports Awards program exemplifies Dairy Farmers Inc.'s commitment to the state's youth. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year that Florida Dairy Farmers has honored the state's top athletes and coaches. The program also emphasizes to young people the importance of keeping dairy products a primary part of their diet in their overall nutrition plan.