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TOP AMATEURS NAMED TO FLORIDA CUP TEAMS

SARASOTA, Fla. – The 1999 Florida State Player of the Year and three-time state champion Joe Alfieri II and seven other current state champions are among the 32 amateur golfers selected today (Tuesday, October 12) to participate in the 1999 Florida Cup Matches. The 2nd Florida Cup will be played October 21-22 at Laurel Oak Country Club in Sarasota.

The Florida Cup Matches are held every two years. The Matches vie the top amateurs from North Florida versus the top amateurs from South Florida. Using a Ryder-Cup format, the winner is determined by the number of points earned throughout the two days. The participants were invited based on their placement in the Florida State Golf Association's point standings list. The top 16 golfers from the North and South were invited to participate.

Alfieri, 30, of Lutz, was named to the North team along with 1999 Florida State Match Play champion Matt Avril, 38, of Orlando; 1998 U.S. Mid-Amateur runner-up Chip Holcombe, 38, of Casselberry; 1992 Florida State Amateur champion and 1996 Florida State Player of the Year Doug LaCrosse, 47, of Tampa; 1993 Florida State Mid-Amateur champion Bruce Scamehorn, 51, of Winter Haven; and Jacksonville's duo of Steve Dodson, 45, and David Anthony, 44, who have claimed three four-ball titles in the past three years.

Also named to the North Florida team were Lee Chira, 57, of Orlando; Edward Craig, 57, of Orlando; Robert Lasko, 44, of Tallahassee; Don Lucas, 56, of Tampa; Tim O'Neal, 37, of St. Augustine; George Roat, 42, of Windermere; Doug Snoop, 40, of Apopka; David Sutton, 41, of Maitland; and John Ward, 61, of Winter Park.

The South team is led by two-time Florida State Amateur champion Mark Leetzow, 31, of Sarasota. He is joined by the 1998 Florida State Player of the Year and 1998 U.S. Senior Amateur runner-up Bill King, 65, of Jupiter; the 1997 Florida State Player of the Year and two-time Florida State Mid-Amateur champion John Corzilius, 38, of Nokomis; 1993 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion Jeff Thomas, 40, of Jensen Beach; and 1998 Florida State Match Play champion Steven Sim, 48, of Ft. Lauderdale.

Others named to the South Florida team were Gunnar Bennett, 58 of Surfside; Ron Cleland, 53, of Naples; George Earle II, 25, of Key Biscayne; Steve Earsley, 51, of Wellington; Cary Geensburg, 38, of Weston; Stuart Iliffe, 60, of Coral Gables; Gordon O'Neil, 33, of Ft. Lauderdale; Paul Piccolo, 43, of Palm City; Tom Riley, 44, of Weston; Frank Strafacci, 41, of Miami Beach; and Rick Woulfe, 49, of Ft. Lauderdale.

In 1997, South Florida used a strong showing in the first day's afternoon foursome matches to win 10-6 in the rain-shortened event at Laurel Oak Country Club in Sarasota.