



**CLOSE PLAY:** Georgia's Buster Posey hustles to first base to beat a throw during Dixie Youth World Series action Friday. Awaiting the throw is Louisiana's Matt Gaudet.

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# JPRD Spotlight Matt Gaudet JPRD 2000-2002 Delgado Dolphins 2006-2007 LSU Tigers 2008-2010

After helping Mike Miley reach the 1998 Dixie Youth World Series for the first time since the 1980 Girard Vikings (Miley placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the series and

was eliminated by Buster Posey's Georgia team shown above), Matt Gaudet was a force in the middle of the lineup for the JPRD 13's, 14's, and 15's. After a successful career for the Rummel Raiders, Matt was drafted in the 40<sup>th</sup> round by the Devil Rays but decided to play for the JUCO power Delgado Dolphins. As a Dolphin, he shattered their homerun record and got the call to play for LSU. At LSU, he led the Tigers with 19 dingers, good enough for 4<sup>th</sup> in the highly touted SEC. Known for his fun loving nature and obsession with the batting cages, Matt won on a regular basis which translated into a successful career.