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Baseball Club**

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RCBC Newsletter

Showcase Camps At RCBC — Special Price

Reminder — special offer
for RCBC players - only
\$350 vs. the regular price
of \$495 for the College
Prospect Showcase Camp.
Coaches from Division I,
II and III schools will be
there, working on the
field and evaluating play-
ers. Two days of intense
workouts. Don't miss this
opportunity, even if you're
a fall 2013 high school
sophomore or junior.

Also, for September 2013
7th and 8th graders—the
High School Showcase
Camp featuring baseball
coaches from all the top
local public and private
high schools. Only \$99.

Sign up now!

College Prospect Showcase Camps August 20-21

High School Showcase Camps August 28

for more information please visit
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2013 Champions
Long Island Titans



The RCBC website passed the 200,000 visit mark last month. Its your one stop source for all that's happening at Richmond County Baseball.
Keep coming back!



13U Falcons



Richmond County Tournaments

This was a busy month at the complex with 3 tournaments taking place. In the Memorial Day USA Bash, the 14U division was won by the RCBC Nationals while the NY Steelheads took the crown in the 15U bracket. On June 8-9, we hosted the 13U Big Apple Classic for the second year with the Zoned Redhawks Elite emerging as champions. And on June 14-16, we held our showcase 18U Invitational Shoot For The Stars tournament. This year, 40 elite teams participated from NYC, NJ, Long Island, Connecticut and as far as Syracuse NY, with the Long Island Titans winning top honors. We had over 30 college and professional scouts at the tournament!

Upcoming tournaments at the complex:

- Blue Chip Prospects (June 21-24)
- 8U/15U School's Over Spectacular (June 29-30)
- 16U Mid Summer Classic (July 13-14)
- 14U Slugfest (July 27-28)

For more information and to view the full tournament calendar, visit our tournament website at www.rctournaments.com.

Patriot League

The 13U Patriot League at Richmond County concluded its spring season with the RCBC Falcons defeating the RCBC Hammers in the championship game. The 17U Division kicked off their schedule on June 19 with games running through the end of August. Come out to the complex to watch some great matchups. Visit www.rcpatriotleague.com for more information.

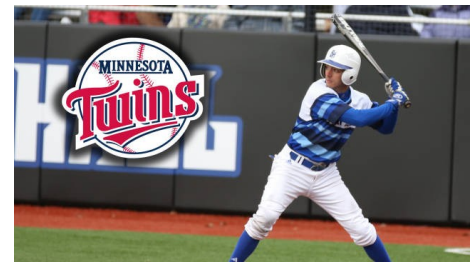
Summer Camps — Limited Spots Available

Richmond County Baseball in conjunction with 5 Tool Baseball will be hosting two camps at the complex this summer — July 15-19 and August 12-16, and a third at South Shore Little League July 22-26. Hosted by Johnny DeFendis and his staff of professional coaches, the camps will focus on all aspects of the game — hitting, fielding and pitching. 8-1 camper to coach ratio. Camper skill awards and fun and games too. Only \$225 per week. Sibling and multi-camp discounts available. Go to www.my5toolbaseball.com or the RCBC website for more information and to register.

RCBC Slams Three-Run Homer in MLB Draft — By Coach Lope

It was a proud couple of days for the Richmond County Baseball Club. When the dust cleared, three of our alumni were chosen in the 2013 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft. This is the first time our proud organization has had three players picked by the big leagues and we hope it will continue on a regular basis. The trio included center-fielder Zack Granite, middle infielder Tyler Sciacca and righthanded pitcher Dillon McNamara.

The first player chosen was Granite, who was selected in the 14th round by the Minnesota Twins. The star outfielder had a great career at Seton Hall University as he led the Pirates to the 2011 Big East Conference championship. Overall, he had a .299 career batting average with Seton Hall, setting up many a rally in the leadoff spot with hits, stolen bases and runs scored. Zack was also a gold glove



centerfielder. Coach Nick DeFendis, who helped pave the way for Granite to play with the Pirates, says he's not surprised at the happy result. "Zack's speed and fielding ability were definitely at a pro level. And he proved he could hit the top Division I pitching. Getting drafted was a no-brainer as far as I was concerned."

Tyler Sciacca is short in stature (5'8") but gigantic in performance. Tyler was taken in the 27th round by the Chicago Cubs. The star infielder survived an injury and was one



of the top infielders in the Big East while starring at Villanova. The slick fielder also has some extra base power and reminds people of a certain 2nd baseman on the Red Sox who won an MVP, Dustin Pedroia! "Tyler always defies the odds" says Coach DeFendis. "He would go up against all the big shot infielders

on other teams when he played at RCBC and outplay all of them. His heart, his determination, and his results, are as good as any player who ever wore a Richmond County Uniform.

RCBC Slams Three-Run Homer in MLB Draft (continued)

Dillon McNamara is a 6'5" pitcher who starred at Adelphi University. He was taken in the 27th round by the NY Yankees. With his great height and 90 mile-an-hour fastball, when Dillon releases the ball the poor batter has little chance to react in time to hit the ball solidly. Coach DeFendis, who will be coaching Moore Catholic High School starting in the fall, says he thinks McNamara will follow in the footsteps of another tall righthanded pitcher from Richmond County and Moore Catholic — Bobby Lanigan who is in the Twins farm system at the Double A level. "He has a good chance to reach the majors" says Coach DeFendis. "I have the same good feeling about McNamara, who gets better and more consistent each year."



All three will be heading to their minor league assignments. What makes this so great is that not only are Granite, Sciacca and McNamara getting the chance to play professional baseball, but all three received a college education at fine universities.

"With the talent pool we have at RCBC," says Coach DeFendis, "there will be many more of our players starring in college, getting their education, and receiving the opportunity to have their names announced on draft day!"

Reminder — Visit the RCBC Online Apparel Store on our website: www.rcbclub.com. Players and parents alike can proudly show off their RCBC colors, especially at games and at tournaments. Tee shirts, shorts, hoodies, hats and other items are available. Simply order online and have them shipped directly to your door.



Coach Mike Lopiparo
College Placement
Coordinator
Quality Control Coach

This month's baseball quote:

President Hoover once said
*"Next to religion, baseball has
had a greater impact on
American life than any other
institution."*

If you want to voice a
comment on anything I write,
email me at
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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

WRITING A BASEBALL LETTER TO A COLLEGE COACH

It is important that you communicate with the colleges you are interested in. Writing a letter or an email are the ways to do this.

You don't want a life story in the letter or email. They don't need to hear about your t-ball career or your MVP as a ten-year old little leaguer. The coaches want to know your current situation in high school.

Here is the INFORMATION that belongs in your letter:

1. In the opening paragraph, state your NAME, the GRADE you are in, the SCHOOL you attend and the PRIMARY position that you play. Mention that you've heard positive information about their baseball program, the coaches and the academics. Say that you're interested in playing there.
2. Next begin a new paragraph by saying here is INFORMATION about yourself. You will then put the information in OUTLINE or POWER-POINT form so it's easy for a coach to find what he's looking for.
3. Here are the facts that you want to include about yourself in the outline or Powerpoint format:
 - NAME
 - GRADE
 - BIRTHDAY
 - HOME ADDRESS
 - EMAIL ADDRESS
 - HOME PHONE
 - CELL PHONE
 - PARENTS' NAMES
 - PARENTS' CELL NUMBERS
 - PRIMARY POSITION

- SECONDARY POSITION
 - THROWS (R OR L)
 - BATS (R OR L)
 - HEIGHT
 - WEIGHT
 - STONGEST SKILLS (e.g., 88 mph, 6.7 in the 60, gold glove fielder, excellent power hitter)
 - HIGH SCHOOL
 - H.S. ADDRESS
 - H.S. COACH'S NAME
 - H.S. COACH CELL PHONE
 - GRADE POINT AVERAGE
 - SAT SCORES
 - ACT SCORE
 - CLASS RANK (if its good)
 - SANDLOT TEAM
 - SANDLOT COACH NAME
 - SANDLOT COACH CELL #
 - SHOWCASE RATING
 - HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS (BASEBALL & ACADEMICS)
 - SANDLOT SCHEDULES (especially the tournaments your team is entered in)
 - And mention that you will easily pass the NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE
4. In a final paragraph, mention that you should be eligible for Academic or Financial Aid (if its true). Then say you look forward to hearing back from the coach and would like to visit the college in the near future.
 5. Follow up your letter with a phone call to the coach. You should ALWAYS let your summer coach know who you wrote to. The reason—at tournaments, they can alert a recruiter to come watch you play.
 6. Start writing letters after sophomore year or early in your junior year.

Featured Article — Swagger



By Coach DeFendis



We love to see our kids have swagger, just make sure to monitor how big those britches get!

As coaches, we love to see swagger from our kids. We love to see that confident walk to the plate; the walk that says I am going to succeed no matter what. We can't wait to get to the ballpark when not just one but the whole team is feeling cocky and sure of the outcome of the day's events. There is nothing like having a group of guys who have put in the work and are getting the rewards in spades. But just like managing your team when they are down, managing a team that is up has its own set of challenges.

Swagger in the wrong hands or left unchecked can develop into a tough case of being a jerk. Young players need guidance even when things are going well. That kid who can do no wrong and has put on his swagger pants, left unchecked, can quickly become the player that even his own team shuns. Confidence is a great think but a kid too full of himself can become a classless player, an umpire's enemy, an opponent's target, and a cancer for the previously high riding team. Make sure to manage the swelled heads of players and of a hot team. Keep the fire up but make sure they are tuned into the responsibilities of sportsmanship and fair play.

Conduct unbecoming is not acceptable and is not part of being confident so make sure all players are focused on their game and their team. The game does not take too kindly to mouthy ballplayers or teams that step over the line of the unwritten rules of good sportsmanship and classy play. Sure we strive to get our swagger on, but make sure it is used well and doesn't evolve into something ugly!

Coach DeFendis

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Sponsor Of The Month

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Dick's is also sponsoring the upcoming School's Over Spectacular tournament at the complex June 29-30. Come down for a chance to win some prizes from Dick's.

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