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# RCBC Newsletter

## 3rd College Showcase Camp A Success

The 3rd annual Future College Prospect Showcase Camp was held at the complex this month with over 50 players and 20 colleges in attendance. Participating players got the opportunity to showcase their skills in front of the college coaches and learn about the college recruiting process. Over 150 RCBC players have gone on to play college baseball, many as a direct result of the exposure they received and relationships they formed at one of our college showcase camps.



## RCBC Welcomes Canada Team

This month, the North Toronto Athletics participated in our Summer Sizzler tournament, the first team from Canada to attend one of our events.

Our tournaments have received regional and national acclaim, and now international, giving our teams wide exposure to elite competition right in our own backyard.

This fall, we continue our association with Perfect Game Super25 which attracts teams from as far as Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Massachusetts. Richmond County continues to be an elite tournament destination!

## Tournament Update

In the Summer Slam tournament, the 9ers Baseball Club won the 13U title while our own RCBC Americans took the 17U division. In the Summer Sizzler, the Frozen Rope Bombers were champs in the 15U division while the Jersey Giants took the 16U crown. And in the Battle Of The Island, our RCBC Royals won the 13U division while Prospect Academy won in 14U.

Our September schedule is as follows:

Sept 12-13 - 12U/14U Back To School Spectacular

Sept 12-13 - 11U/13U Transition Tournament

Sept 19-20 - 11U/12U/14U PG Super25 September Showdown

Sept 26-27 - 11U/12U/13U/15U Fall Brawl

For the full tournament calendar, visit our tournament website at [www.rctournaments.com](http://www.rctournaments.com).

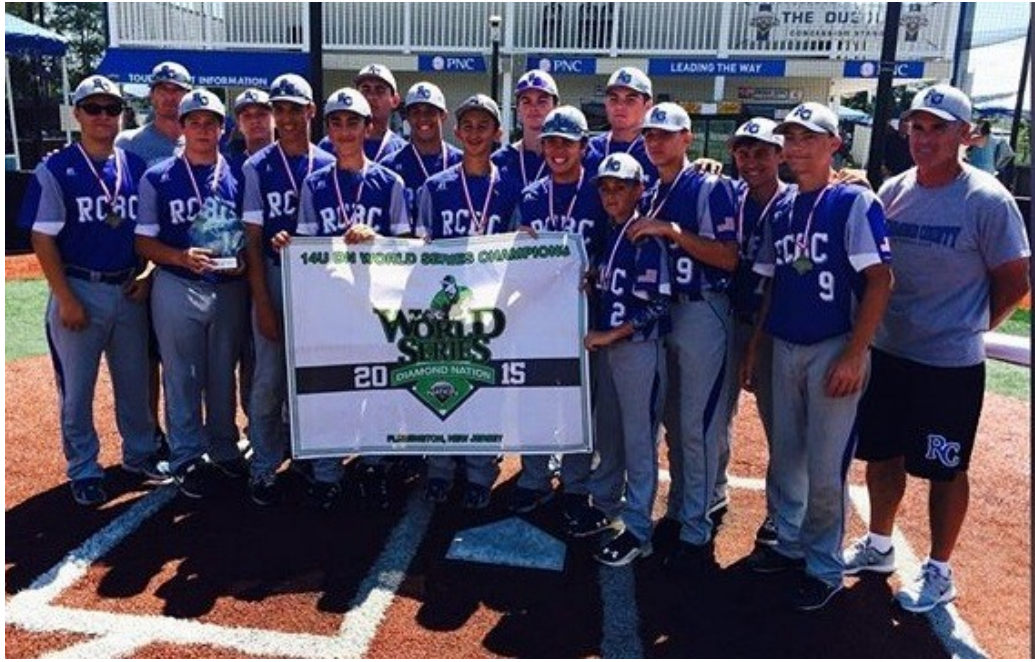
## Save The Date

The 4th annual Johnny Ray Memorial Fall Classic for high school baseball teams will held be on October 2-3-4. Proceeds benefit the Johnny Ray Memorial Fund which provides tuition assistance to deserving athletes. Come on out to cheer on your favorite team and support a great cause. Both corporate and personal field sign sponsor opportunities will be available; look for more information soon.





## RCBC Tournament Champs In August



14U Nationals -  
Diamond Nation  
World Series



17U Americans -RCBC Summer Slam



## RCBC Tournament Champs In August



12U Nationals -  
Brick Summer Slam

13U Royals - RCBC  
Battle Of The Island



10U Nationals -  
Plainedge Baseball  
Wounded Warrior  
Tournament



Coach Mike Lopiparo  
College Placement  
Coordinator  
Quality Control Coach

This month's  
baseball quote:

Former Yankee and Met  
manager Casey Stengel said

*"Ten players on a team like  
you....ten players dislike  
you. The secret of manag-  
ing is to keep the five  
players who are undecided  
away from the ten players  
who dislike you."*

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

### EDUCATION IS MONEY FOR COLLEGE BASEBALL (Part 2 of 2)

In last month's Newsletter, part 1 of this article addressed work habits for high school athletes. They included Class Behavior, Paying Attention In Class and Taking Good Notes, Participating In Class, Doing Homework Carefully and Reading The Textbook. The conclusion of this article will address Tests as well as some advice for parents.

**STUDY FOR TESTS** - Don't wait until 10 minutes before a test to start studying. Study at least the night before. By the way, good work habits make it easier to study for mid-terms, finals and Regents exams. Why....because you can go to your good notes and your homework and just review the textbook. Go to [regentsprep.org](http://regentsprep.org) to look for questions, especially if your teacher gives those types of questions on the exam.

### PARENTS PARENTS PARENTS

1. Please check that your son is taking notes in class.
2. Please check homework....now to see if he has homework and then check to see if he's doing it.

3. Please check his test grades which are posted to make sure he is studying.

4. Contact a teacher if his test grades are poor and find out why.

5. Get your son a Barrons or Amsco review book if he's struggling in a subject. Review books simplify the textbook and the questions are similar to the test, and even the Regents.

6. Make sure your son does the homework and gets the notes when he's absent.

7. Don't look to blame the teacher. I had a mother once complain to me when her son failed four subjects. When she got to the 3rd teacher to blame, I said "Mrs. X, if I ever failed four subjects, I would have been homeless." LOL  
"Blame your son for this report card."

**FINALLY....**Why in the name of RCBC are so many players in summer school this year for failing a class or a Regents? You hurt your team and your baseball development. Coach Nick wants to talk about his situation. I can't bring myself to use this type of language. LOL.

## **Featured Article - High School Player "Time Lines" - Part 2 of 3**

### **By Coach Nick DeFendis**

In last month's Newsletter, we inadvertently included part 3 of this series of articles instead of part 2. Not to leave the Juniors out, we are including them this month.

#### **JUNIORS**

September - Send out your first contact letters. Ask your coach to write letters to a few preferred colleges. Include a copy of your fall schedule if available.

Written contact by college coaches is allowed. Register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse (your high school guidance counselor should have these forms).

Register for the fall ACT/SAT standardized tests. Most students take these tests at least twice. Try to avoid the spring dates as they may conflict with your high school season. Request that your ACT/SAT scores be sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse (there is a box on the application form you can check for this). Familiarize yourself with the NCAA admission/eligibility requirements. Continue the fall and winter schedule as you did for your freshman and sophomore years. **DO NOT LET UP ON ACADEMICS.**

February-March - Send out your spring high school schedule. Prepare a videotape: Hello This is Us!!!! to be sent out when requested (do not send out unsolicited tapes). Plan visits to as many schools as possible this spring and summer. Some schools have "Junior Days" during the spring season. Don't be shy; write a letter to the coach and ask about them. All of these visits are "unofficial," meaning that the college cannot pay for any part of the visit. These are done on your own. Make contact with showcase groups. June, July and August are the primary showcase months. Work on getting your information to them so that if you qualify, they can send out an invitation. Don't wait until school is over; the better showcases fill up fast.

July - The summer between a player's junior and senior year is very important. Send out letters to college programs. Tell them about your high school junior season. Sending stats is OK. Focus this summer should be on attending Select or Advanced College Camps. In this environment, you will be able to gauge yourself against some of the best players at each camp. The college coaches will be able to do the same. Phone contact from college coaches is now permissible. Also try to attend a Pro Try-Out Camp in your area. These are often listed in the daily paper's sports section.

Good luck to all of our players either entering or returning to high school this fall. If you have any questions on how to prepare yourself for the next stage, please contact me or Coach Lope.

Coach DeFendis



### Sponsor Of The Month

Each month, we feature a local business that has supported or provided valuable services to Richmond County Baseball. Please help support them back.



Gerald Peters is proud to announce a big and exciting change! After almost 20 years in its Staten Island Mall location, we have relocated to the Macy's wing on the 2nd floor of the mall. This new store is triple the size of the original store, contains double the number of brands, and is operated and run by the same family that has been dedicated to serving the Staten Island community for over 30 years! This exciting relocation and expansion will provide you with a luxury jewelry shopping experience unlike any other on Staten Island!