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Baseball Club**

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# RCBC Newsletter

## 2016 College Showcase Camp

We hosted our 4th annual College Showcase Camp in August with over 25 colleges and 50+ players attending. This is a great way for players to get exposure to many schools at once and learn more about the college recruiting process.



See Coach Lope's column in this Newsletter for more info. For pictures from the Showcase and a list of schools that participated, visit our Showcase website at [www.rcshowcasecamps.com](http://www.rcshowcasecamps.com).



## **Fall 2016/ Spring 2017 Prospects**

For anyone interested in joining Richmond County Baseball who missed the August tryout dates, they should submit the Registration Interest form on the RCBC website ([www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com)). Prospective new players will be invited to one of the team practices after Labor Day for their tryout.

Spread the word.

With 17 tournament championships this year and counting, RCBC is the place to be!

## **Tournament Update**



PERFECT GAME



Rain resulted in the cancellation of the Summer Slugfest tournament. In the Summer Sizzler, the Brooklyn Bombers won the 16U division while the Hit n Run Outlaws took home the title in 13U. And in our summer finale, the 14U Battle Of The Island, the Rockland As defeated the RCBC Nationals.

September starts our fall schedule which features Perfect Game (PGBA and PG Super25) events. Remember that teams move up to the next age level starting September 1. Winners of the PG Super25 Super Qualifiers receive a paid berth to the 2017 Perfect Game National Championships.

Here's our upcoming lineup for September:

RC Labor Day Classic (9/3-9/4) - 17U/18U

PGBA Mid Atlantic Fall Championship - 9U, 10U, 11U 12U, 15U (9/9-9/11), 17U (9/16-18), and 13U (9/23-25)

PGBA Staten Island Fall Brawl (9/16-9/18) - 9U, 11U

PGBA Staten Island Fall Showdown (9/23-9/25) - 10U, 12U

PG Super25 Northeast Fall Super Qualifier (9/30-10/2) - 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U

Visit [www.rctournaments.com](http://www.rctournaments.com) for more information and to view the full fall schedule.



## August Tournament Champs



12U Royals

Leconte Experience  
at Ripken,  
Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

12U Americans  
USABL Farewell  
To 50/70,  
South Wall, NJ





## August Tournament Champs



8U Nationals

USABL  
Summer Slam,  
Old Bridge, NJ



11U Nationals  
Diamond Nation  
Boys Of Summer



Coach Mike Lopiparo  
College Placement  
Coordinator  
Quality Control Coach

This month's  
baseball quote:

Former University of North  
Carolina basketball coach  
Dean Smith once said:

*"When players make  
mistakes, they should  
recognize it, admit it,  
correct it, learn from it,  
and then forget it."*

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comment on anything I  
write, email me at  
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## Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

### 2016 RCBC COLLEGE SHOWCASE

It ran like clockwork. It was well organized and well attended. The weather (though hot) cooperated. The fields were immaculate. The lunch delicious. I am talking about the annual mid-August event at Richmond County where players perform in front of college coaches in hopes of getting recruited. This year's showcase had 60 teenagers being observed by 30 college coaches. They represented schools that were Division I, Division 2, Division 3 and Junior College. The coach that supervised the Showcase was Phil Cundari, the Associate Head Coach at Seton Hall University. The Showcase is a two day event. On the first day, the players do skill work. After being timed in the 60 yard dash, the players are divided into their primary positions whether it be pitcher, infield, outfield, catcher. They go to different fields where they are taught by the college coaches in their group the proper way to play their position. The coaches lecture and then run the drills. Players come away with expert teaching. An infield-outfield or I-O as its now called, is done so all the recruiters

can start evaluating which players top the list as recruits. All the players took batting practice that first day and the pitchers threw a bullpen to see who stuck out. Each coach addressed the entire group as well. They gave their name, their school, and explained what requirements would be needed to attend their respective school. Each coach also had words of advice and motivation for the players to take away from the Showcase. Day two is dominated by games as the players are divided into teams. Now the recruiters can see how the players perform in game situations. The RCBC Showcase gives its players a good starting point in the chaotic world of college recruiting. The coaches have the players' full information if they choose to pursue the recruit. Up close and personal benefits both parties. Coach DeFendis and Coach Quinn, with loads of help from Jim Russo and Christina Flashner, do a great job. And the results are coming in. Star right-hander Vincent Vitacco has committed to Rider University in the MAAC conference and we will soon be saluting Travis Zurita who will attend West Point. What an honor to have an Army commit in our program!



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**\$400 PER PLAYER**  
GROUP DISCOUNT (5-10 PLAYERS)



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**Premier:** Complete college athletic program

**Premier Pro:** Complete college athletic and academic program

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