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# RCBC Newsletter



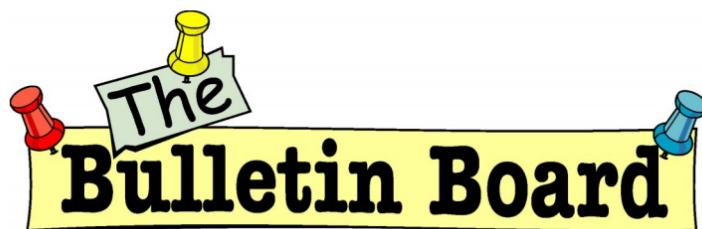
## 2021 SUNSHINE NORTHEAST SHOWCASE

Attention RCBC 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 grads.

Sign up now for the PG Sunshine Northeast  
Showcase June 5-6 in Newark, New Jersey.

In addition to being the first opportunity for many  
top young prospects to be evaluated by Perfect Game  
scouts, the Sunshine series is also the last  
opportunity for players to earn an invitation to  
the prestigious Perfect Game  
National and Jr. National Showcases.  
Spots are limited so don't wait.

Register at [www.perfectgame.org/showcases](http://www.perfectgame.org/showcases)

A graphic of a yellow bulletin board with a black border. The word "The" is written on a small white piece of paper pinned to the top left with a yellow pushpin. The words "Bulletin Board" are written in large, bold, black letters on the yellow board. A red pushpin is pinned to the top left corner of the board, and a blue pushpin is pinned to the top right corner.

- Reminder that tournament fee payments for teams 15U-16U are due by June 1. Payment can be made by credit card via your LeagueApps account, by check made out to RCBC, by Venmo to Nicholas-DEFENDIS or in cash. All teams should now be paid in full by June 1.
- Reminder for 15U-16U players to keep your SportsRecruits profile updated and tag favorite schools via the college search feature. Videos are critical so continue to upload from any of your workouts or high school games.
- Due to changes in the D1 Quiet Period which now begins August 16, we will be rescheduling our annual College Showcase Camp so that Division 1 schools can attend. The new dates will be August 10-11 so mark your calendars.
- On this coming Memorial Day, RCBC salutes all of our military personnel, and honors and remembers those that made the ultimate sacrifice.

## **Tournament Update**

In May, we hosted the PG 14U Mid Atlantic Super Qualifier and the PG 13U Mid Atlantic Regional. In 14U, the NY Gothams defeated the Mid Atlantic Ghost to take the title, while in 13U, the Garden State Ducks won out over Bulldogs Baseball Academy.

The PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier (13U, 14U) takes place Memorial Day weekend with 24 teams competing.

In June, we will be hosting the following PG events:

- June 11-13 - PG Super25 Mid Atlantic Regional (17U)
- June 18-22 - PG WWBA Northeast Championship (14U)
- June 24-28 - PG WWBA Northeast Championship (17U)



Reminder too to spread the word regarding our East Coast Invitational tournament (powered by Marucci) on August 14-16. We recently added a 13U division so there's now 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 16U and 17U. The tournament will feature Marucci product demos, sales and give-aways.

## May Tournament Champs



13U Nationals

Baseball Heaven  
Northeast  
Spring Series



9U Nationals

Ripken  
Armed Forces Day



## May Tournament Results

Congratulations too to the following teams who finished runner up in their tournament events:

9U Nationals - USABL Cinco De Mayo Slam

10U Nationals - USABL Cinco De Mayo Slam

9U Nationals - USABL World Series Qualifier

10U Nationals - Diamond Nation Spring Fever

## 2021 RCBC Marucci Tournament Tracker

**19 Championship Game Appearances**

**11 Tournament Championships**

**8 Runner Ups**



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## RCBC Players In The News

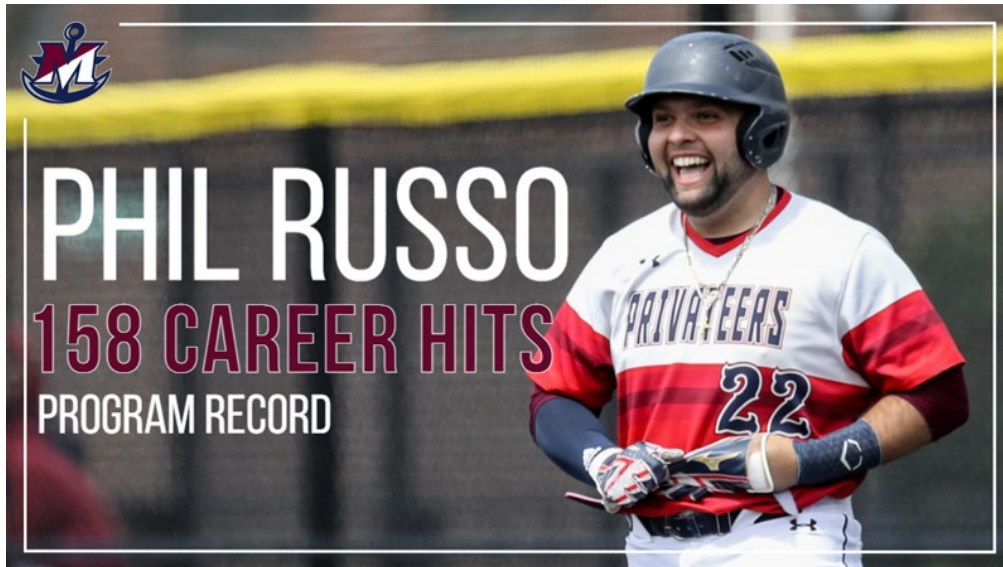


RCBC and Monsignor Farrell standout Michael Doyle (2021 grad, NJIT commit) was named CHSSA Hitter Of The Week for his outstanding performance.

RCBC pitcher Joe Dimino (2021 grad, NJIT commit) was named Player Of The Week in the Colonial Valley (NJ) conference for his dominant performance. The hard throwing left-hander made 2 starts, recording 21 strikeouts in 10 innings of work and allowing only 3 hits and 3 earned runs.



## RCBC Players In The News



Congratulations to former RCBC standout Phil Russo on his 158th hit to break the SUNY Maritime school record.

Congrats to former RCBC star Zack Granite (Birmingham Barons) on being named the first Double A South Player Of The Week for the 2021 season.

**DOUBLE-A SOUTH  
 PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

**ZACK GRANITE**  
 MAY 4TH - 9TH

<u>.AVG</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
.444	.442	.563
<u>HITS</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>TB</u>
9	2	21

REGIONS FIELD

#BUILTINBHAM

## **Marucci On The Island**

Marucci Vice President of Team Sales Kyle Achord and Marucci's RCBC Sales Rep Mike Gammon visited New York this month to meet with RCBC Management as well as their other Franchise Club organizations here in the Northeast.



We had the opportunity to discuss the most recent player package ordering process and addressed a number of areas for improvement going forward. We also finalized plans for Marucci's involvement with our East Coast Invitational tournament and College Showcase in August which will feature product demos and sales of some of their new products coming out this summer. Together, we continue to identify ways to enhance the relationship and offer the best products, prices and service to our members.



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## Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

### In This Issue - Parents: Please Avoid The Going-Home Argument

Quote of the Month - Reggie Jackson on why he didn't care about being booed: *"Afterall, fans don't boo nobodies."*

My Xaverian team was playing a road game recently. A parent on the opposing team did not leave his son alone during the contest. He was the pitcher and daddy made a comment on every pitch thrown. To make it worse, the son also batted. So now daddy bellowed "do this, do that" after every pitch.

We know many parents do a fine job helping their boy develop. The son gets lessons; perhaps daddy himself was a star. But may I make a useful suggestion.....during the game, give it a rest. Relax. Let sonny boy play the game.

Trust me, player after player who have fathers acting like the analyst on a TV baseball broadcast who comments on every pitch, go mumbling under their breath on the way back to the bench. Phrases like "Leave me alone already".... "Will you keep quiet"...."He doesn't stop"....are some of the more Christian-like responses. Let your son play the game. You have all night to correct and comment.

Which brings me to a familiar topic I have written about. I call it the "Going Home Argument." Your son goes 3 for 4, drives home 3 runs and has a solid fielding game. He gets in the car and daddy starts



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getting on him about the one poor at bat....or perhaps a baserunning error. Instead of praising him, he's criticizing: "Why are you swinging at that high pitch! How many times have I told you to hold off that pitch!"

And the daddy whose son pitched 5 innings, one run allowed. Daddy starts complaining about the one not-so-good inning. "Why are we walking two hitters in a row....yada, yada, yada!"

Baseball is not easy and many daddies know that. Praise your son as much as possible when you drive home after the game. Later on, you can offer suggestions and/or corrections in a conversational voice. And allow your sone to have feedback!!!

Let me stick my nose into one more category. That all important "bragging" column. Do Not Over-Brag about your son to people. You will end up having people rooting against your boy....privately. It also puts more pressure on your son.

Email me with any comments: [mikelope19@aol.com](mailto:mikelope19@aol.com).

## Marucci Featured Item

### New CAT9 America's "Pastime"

Marucci introduces the new CAT9 America's Pastime model in red, white and blue now available on our Locker Room store.



Available in -5, -8, -10 and BBCOR -3,  
as well as Connect and Composite versions

For all your equipment needs, visit our Marucci Locker Room online store where RCBC members always get a discount.



## Marucci Featured Item

### New Custom Pro Wood Bat Models

Marucci introduces three new Custom Pro wood bat models,  
now available on our Locker Room store.



GLE Y25  
(Gleyber Torres)  
Thin handle  
Large/long barrel  
Slightly end loaded



FREEMAN5  
(Freddy Freeman)  
Thin handle  
Large barrel  
End loaded

TVT  
(Trey Turner)  
Thin handle  
Medium/large barrel  
End loaded



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