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Baseball Club**

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# RCBC Newsletter



This year's Marucci World Series will be held July 25-29 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. As Marucci Founders Club members, this is the 2nd year RCBC teams will be participating in this outstanding national event.

The tournament will feature 14U, 15U, 16U and 17U Marucci Founders Club teams from throughout the country and will be played on college fields such as LSU, Louisiana-Lafayette, Southeastern Louisiana, Tulane and the University of New Orleans as well as several outstanding high school fields in the Baton Rouge area. A large number of college scouts will be in attendance again this year.

The event will begin with an opening ceremony on July 25 with skills competitions and a Cajun-style dinner. There will also be a special concert and hospitality event on July 26. Games will be played July 26-29 with the championship game for each age bracket on Sunday, July 29. This is a metal (BBCOR) bat event and Marucci will supply all the bats in each dugout throughout the tournament.

Look for more details shortly.

## **Sign Up For RCBC Text Message Alerts**

Don't check your email often enough?

Forget to check the RCBC website?

Then sign up for text message alerts.

Important messages from RCBC sent directly to your cell phone.

To subscribe, text 84483 and enter RCBC2018 in the message field.



Reminder that RCBC is on Instagram too at *rcbc\_theclub\_*



We're close to 1,000 followers. Are you with us?



For those teams with tournament fee balances, your next payment is due by March 1.

If paying by check, make out to RCBC and mail to 98 Tanglewood Drive, Staten Island, NY 10308.

If paying by credit card, use the authorization form on the RCBC website.

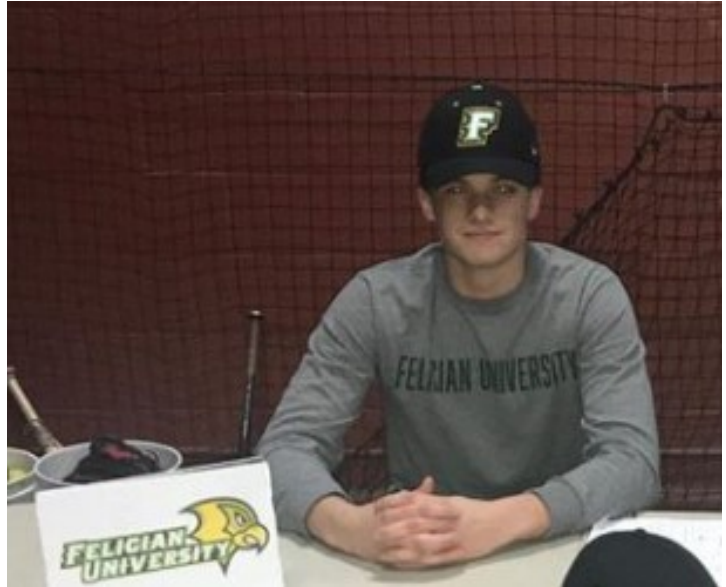
Your coach will also advise you regarding any additional tournament or league registration fees.

Players will not be allowed to participate in any games until the registration fee is paid in full.

If there are any issues meeting this deadline, please contact Coach DeFendis at 917-299-9211 or [nick@rcbclub.com](mailto:nick@rcbclub.com)

## RCBC Member Update

Congratulations to Will Lonergan on his commitment to Felician University



Congratulations to Ryan Hicks on his commitment to St. Thomas Aquinas College

## Granite Honored By NY Hot Stove League

Members of the Richmond County Baseball Coaching Staff attended the NY Professional Baseball Hot Stove League annual dinner where former RCBC standout Zack Granite was honored and presented with the Herb Stein “Star Of The Future” award. Zack is coming off his first MLB season with the Minnesota Twins after successful careers at RCBC, Tottenville High School and Seton Hall University.



Zack with two of his  
former RCBC coaches,  
Frank Amadeo  
and Nick DeFendis

Zack gets in a workout with a few fans  
from RCBC before heading down to  
Minnesota Twins spring training in  
Florida.

Good luck this year Flash!



## **Perfect Game (PG) Announces Two Spring Showcases in Staten Island, NY**

A Special Promotion from Richmond County Baseball. Once your invitation request is accepted, you will be sent a payment link. Enter promo code 549RCB at checkout to receive a 15% discount off of the regular Showcase price.

**PG 14U Northeast Showcase**

**May 5-6**

**Richmond County Savings Bank Ballpark**

**PG Sunshine Northeast Showcase**

**June 9-10**

**College of Staten Island**

**Richmond County Youth Complex**

**Curtis High School**

For more information and to request an invitation, go to [www.perfectgame.org](http://www.perfectgame.org) or [www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com).





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## Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

### In This Issue - Good Grades Equal \$\$\$\$\$\$

Quote of the Month - "Talent wins games, BUT teamwork and intelligence win championships" - legendary football coach Vince Lombardi

Obviously players want to win championships or tournaments. Naturally the final score determines whether you have earned "the thrill of victory" or suffered through "the agony of defeat." But did you know what is the biggest achievement you can have? Good Grades!!!!!! I know; you've heard it before!!! Your teachers tell you. Your parents tell you. Grandma and grandpa probably tell you. Your coaches tell you. NOW I'M TELLING YOU!!!!!!  
GOOD GRADES EQUAL MONEY!!!!!!

This article is written for those players who range in age from 10 to 18. From ages 10 through 12, you are gaining the knowledge that will carry you through your college years. The immediate impact can be if a good test grade is needed to qualify for a specialized middle school (e.g., Genesis, Mark Twain). In your middle school years, excellent report cards give you the chance to earn money to pay for private or Catholic high schools. These schools can range in tuition from \$9,000 to \$35,000 annually. The combination of excellent grades and a fine entrance exam can earn you a large sum of money....in many cases, 50% or more. Think of how many cell phones and X-Boxes you can buy with the savings. Now I know some wise guy is thinking "Hey buddy, relax; I'm going to Staten Island Tech or Brooklyn Tech and it doesn't cost a cent!!!" True...but wipe that smug grin off your face. You still had to be smart enough to pass the entrance test. But the challenge gets tougher. Guess what? There are no free colleges and the price of a secondary education for four years with room and board can be like \$250,000. But get a 90+ average; get an 1100 or more on the SAT or a 28+ on the ACT, and along with some baseball money and/or financial aid, you can cut down that cost!!! This sounds corny, but getting free money should never be waved off. So what are the ingredients to being a quality student? You may utter "tell me something I don't know" or "no kidding," but do this from an early age and if you're a late bloomer, start doing this now. It's called Work Habits!!!!!!

1. Behave in class: You get the benefit of the doubt if you do
2. Pay attention and take good notes: It makes it easy to study for tests
3. Participate in class: It helps you earn extra points
4. Do homework regularly and carefully: You can earn points
5. Read your textbook and even buy a review book: Again tests!!!
6. Study at least one day in advance for tests: Good notes and reading your textbook make this easier
7. Get a tutor or go to afterschool classes for weak students

Remember: GRADES MEAN \$\$\$\$\$\$ GRADES MEAN \$\$\$\$\$\$

Feel free to comment on this to me at mikelope19@aol.com.

## **Marucci Featured Item**

### **Marucci TeamSpeed Batting Helmet**

Reminder that RCBC has a mandatory batting helmet standard.  
Helmets must be royal blue and display the RC decal.



RC decals will be given to coaches prior to the season

**Special RCBC Member Pricing**

**Exclusively on the Marucci Online Store  
at [www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com).**