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Baseball Club**

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# RCBC Newsletter

## Marucci Founders Club Summit



RCBC along with 22 other elite organizations from around the country participated in the first annual Marucci Founders Club Summit in Baton Rouge, Louisiana this month. Topics covered included the Marucci World Series, upcoming rollout of the new *Locker Room* online store, in-house embroidery and new products on the horizon. There was also a tour of the Marucci facility as well as the LSU baseball and football complex. Stay tuned for more exciting announcements from our partnership with Marucci.





For those teams with tournament fee balances, your next and final payment is due by May 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 up-to-date.

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

## Tournament Update

The 2018 tournament season is underway. In the PG Super25 Mid Atlantic Spring Super Qualifier, Legit Baseball took the title in 10U and 11U, the RCBC Nationals were champs in 12U and the NJ Axemen came out on top in 13U.

Here's our upcoming May schedule:

May 5-6 - PGBA Northeast Spring Fling Classic (9U, 12U, 13U)

May 12-13 - PG Super25 Northeast Spring Qualifier (11U, 12U, 13U)

May 19-20 - PGBA Northeast Mayhem (12U, 14U)

May 26-28 - PGBA Memorial Day Kick Off (15U, 16U)

For our full tournament schedule, visit [www.rctournaments.com](http://www.rctournaments.com).

Sign up for *PG Super25 Mid Atlantic's Finest*, the new tournament blog from Perfect Game. Go to [www.midatlanticsfinest.com](http://www.midatlanticsfinest.com).



We are looking for part time weekend help during our tournaments. Positions include both onsite and offsite tournament directors, game scorers, apparel sales and gate security.

If interested, submit your contact information via the 2018 RCBC Employment form on the RCBC website ([www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com)) under Online Forms.



## April Tournament Champs



**9U Nationals  
USABL Spring Fling**

**12U Nationals  
PG Super25  
Mid Atlantic  
Spring Super  
Qualifier**



## RCBC Player Updates



Andrew Cordero  
Molloy College Commit

Ricky DeVito  
Seton Hall  
Big East Pitcher  
Of The Week





## **Reminder: Perfect Game Spring Showcases Coming Soon. Limited Spots. Register Now.**

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 - Getting Recruited

Quote of the Month - Pete Rose once said (young hitters, please read this) *"A hitter's impatience is the pitcher's biggest advantage."*

IT'S NOT EASY TO GET RECRUITED IN BASEBALL. IT'S EVEN HARDER TO GET RECRUITED TO THE COLLEGE OF YOUR CHOICE!!!

I'm sorry. I'm not here to destroy a dream. I'm here to get players, and especially parents, on the Road To Reality. At Richmond County Baseball, our track record of getting players recruited is excellent. Coach Nick DeFendis and the rest of us have built up excellent college contacts to help our players. Nick does excellent negotiating with the schools. He could probably talk North Korea into hanging an American flag in Pyongyang with Kim Jong Un saluting it. LOL! Baseball is played in 50 states and therefore many colleges don't need to roam too far for players (unless of course a pitcher with a 98 MPH fastball is floating around somewhere). In college baseball, we have Division (D)-1, D-2, D-3, NAIA and Junior College. However, within each division there are different levels of pecking order. Each level has conferences that are stronger than other conferences within that division. In D-1, the SEC and Pac-12 are ranked higher than the other D-1 conferences. Therefore, you have to be careful what you are looking at.

Here are the guidelines you should follow:

- Know the level of baseball you can play at. A large number of NYC high school players will usually wind up at low level D-1, D-2 or D-3. There are many good programs on the D-2 and D-3 level. Of course, some local players hit the jackpot with college baseball. But, more than likely, it is going to be low level D-1, D-2 or D-3.
- GO WHERE YOU ARE WANTED!!!! The words you want to hear from a college coach is "WE WANT YOU."
- It may be nice to brag that you are going to Florida State but the uniform doesn't look as good when you get only 15 at bats or 15 innings on the mound while having to practice from mid-January on.
- Remember....you have been a full time player and/or pitcher since you were 8 years old. You can probably deal with sitting freshman year until some players graduate. But....you want lots of playing time by sophomore year. If you're still sitting then, you might lose interest in baseball and would rather hang at the Jersey Shore with the boys, chill with your girlfriend or get a part time job in your major. You never want to be the 30th player on a 25 man traveling squad.
- When you look at a college, always check to see how many New Yorkers, or even New Jersey players are on the roster. That might tell you how much interest the school has in Eastern players.
- Remember you are still looking for an Education! It's rare you are getting drafted. Look for a school that has the major you are interested in.

Remember, it's tough to get recruited. We at RCBC are committed and have succeeded in getting our players recruited. You must talk to us about colleges. Nick has a tremendous success rate. I was a recruiter at a D-1 college. Talk to us!

## **Marucci Featured Item**

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