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**Richmond County
Baseball Club**

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RCBC Newsletter

Upcoming Showcases On Staten Island



PG Sunshine Northeast Showcase

June 9-10

College of Staten Island

Richmond County Youth Complex

Curtis High School

A Special Promotion for RCBC Members.

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 PG Showcase price.



RC College Showcase Camp

August 14-15

Richmond County Youth Complex

To register for either Showcase, go to www.rcbclub.com



For those players with outstanding tournament fee balances, all fees must now be paid in full.

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 all fees are paid in full.

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

Tournament Update

As a result of poor weather, both the PG Super25 Northeast Spring Qualifier and the PGBA Northeast Mayhem tournaments were canceled.

In the PGBA Memorial Day Kickoff, the Keystone State Bombers were champs in 15U while in 16U, Rockland A's Showcase took the title.

Here's our upcoming June schedule:

June 1-3 - PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier
(10U, 11U, 12U, 13U)

June 15-17 - PG Super25 17U Regional

June 15-17 - PGBA 11U Fathers Day Classic

June 22-25 - Blue Chip Prospects Great American Classic
(13U, 14U, 16U)

June 30-July 2 - Triple Crown Tri-State Regional
Championship

For our full tournament schedule, visit
www.rctournaments.com.

Sign up for *PG Super25 Mid Atlantic's Finest*,
the new tournament blog from Perfect Game.
Go to www.midatlanticsfinest.com.

May Champs

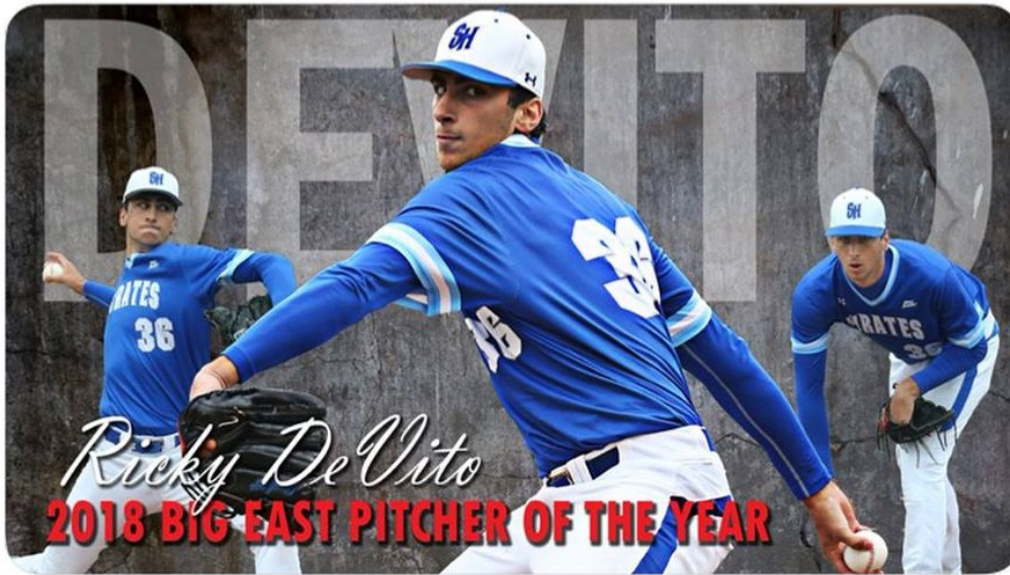


**12U Nationals
Diamond Nation
Williams Harley
Davidson**

**8U Nationals
iWork Baseball
Spring League
9U Champs**



RCBC Player Updates



Rickey DeVito
Seton Hall
Big East
Pitcher Of The Year

Dan DiGeorgio
Rutgers
All Big Ten
Freshman Team





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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Getting Recruited (Part 2)

Quote of the Month - Former Yankee Manager and Hall of Famer Bob Lemon once said *"Baseball was made for kids, but grown-ups screw it up."* (Boy, is that ever true, LOL)

In Part 1, we discussed finding the right level of college ball that a player is right for. We said DO NOT choose a college so that you can win the "bragging rights" over your friend, whose son is also looking to get recruited. Dreams are nice, but they don't compare to playing regularly. Be Careful....Be Smart....Be Realistic! Listen for the words "WE WANT YOU." In Part 2, we discuss how to get the attention of colleges. There's a variety of ways to be noticed!!!

SUMMER TEAM: This is not a mistake in the ranking order. In the 21st century, high school players get maximum exposure if they play on well-known and reputable summer teams.

A. Summer teams play a cluster of games in good weather; conditions that are favorable to evaluating a player's talent.
 B. Summer teams play in tournaments that are attended by a variety of college recruiters and MLB scouts. Locally, Richmond County, Diamond Nation, Baseball Heaven, and Perfect Game Vineland offer excellent tournaments where players are on the Broadway stage for recruiters to evaluate them. Obviously, RCBC sends its teams to top and well-attended tournaments.

C. Recruiters are usually college coaches who have their own schedule of games in the spring, but have way more free time in the summer to look at recruits.

HIGH SCHOOL: The importance of playing for a good high school, besides education of course, is credibility. College recruiters will be impressed if you're a prime player on a high school that continually competes for a city championship, and features a coach that develops players. Let interested recruiters know if you're playing for a top high school.

COLLEGE CAMPS: College camps are becoming increasingly popular. If you have a short list of colleges you like, GO to their camp. See what the coaches there feel about your ability. You can then decide if its worth pursuing.

WARNING: This runs into \$\$\$\$\$\$.

SHOWCASES: These can be productive! And....RCBC has an August Showcase (see page x) that has benefited many of our players. However...BE CAREFUL....You will likely get deluged with Showcase invites. Show us any invitation you get. We are Experts at which Showcases are realistic for you.

SUMMER SPECIAL ALL STAR TEAMS: Coach DeFendis does a great job of getting our elite players on elite teams that travel part of the summer to locations around the U.S. Perfect Game and the Area Code Games are two examples of teams that play in tournaments that feature top recruiters from high level Division 1 schools. You will compete against All State and All America high school stars. YOU will know how high a level you can play at following these games.

I am not finished with this section. I will continue this article in the next issue. And soon I will show you what to put in a letter to a college coach! Hint....DO NOT put that you won a Little League MVP at the age of 9 (LOL).

Remember: You can email me at mikelope19@aol.com.

Marucci Featured Items

AP5 Hybrid Pro Model

The AP5 Hybrid Pro Model, Marucci's first wood composite hybrid bat, features a dual composite tube design for increased durability and performance, while the 100% maple exterior provides an authentic wood bat feel and sound. The popular AP5 turn model profile is built for power with a large barrel and slightly end-loaded feel. Approved by Perfect Game.



CAT8 and CAT8 Connect

The CAT8 is precision-balanced to control this one-piece alloy's strength and speed.



The CAT8 Connect's two-piece hybrid design combines explosive power and optimal feel.



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