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RCBC Newsletter

RCBC Hosts First PG Sunshine Showcase On Staten Island

The Richmond County Youth Complex was the host site for the 13th annual Perfect Game Sunshine Northeast Showcase on June 9-10. This highlight event, one of five "Sunshine" showcases held across the country in early June to kick off the summer baseball season, has grown into the largest of the Sunshine events and the most heavily scouted by college coaches.

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 Junior National Showcases. Over 160 players from throughout the Mid Atlantic region, as well as from as far as North Carolina and Canada, participated in the two day event. Held in Staten Island for the first time, the Richmond County Youth Complex was recognized by Perfect Game as an ideal facility to host this prestigious event.



The 14U and 16U Nationals hit the road next month.



First stop is the 14U Perfect Game BCS National Championship in Fort Myers, Florida July 2-8. Next is the Perfect Game WWBA 16U National Championship in Lake Point, Ga. July 6-13. These are showcase events that are attended by the largest collection of college and MLB scouts.



Next stop is the Marucci World Series in Baton Rouge, La. July 25-29 where our 16U will be competing against other Marucci Founders Club member organizations from around the US. Best of luck boys!

Tournament Update

We hosted the PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier for the 5th straight year. In the 10U division, the Mid Atlantic Show won out over the Camelot Knights. In 11U, North Jersey Select took honors over the Rising Star Junior Ducks. In 12U, the Jersey Storm took home the title over the New City Generals. And in 13U, the South Troy Dodgers were crowned champs over Grit Black.

In the PG Super25 17U Regional, First Move was crowned champions over the South Troy Dodgers.

Congratulations to all the winners who received a paid berth to the PG Super25 National Championships this summer in Florida.

Here's our upcoming July schedule:

July 6-8 - RC Summer Showdown (13U, 15U)

July 13-15 - RC Summer Slam (10U, 14U, 16U)

July 20-22 - PGBA Mid Atlantic Elite Invitational (12U, 17U)

July 27-29 - PGBA Northeast Summer Championship (10U, 11U, 13U, 14U)

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

June Champs



10U Nationals
USABL Flemington
Fathers Day Showdown

12U Americans
USABL
Bring The Heat
North Jersey



June Champs



**13U Nationals
Blue Chip
Prospects
Great American
Classic**

**14U Nationals
Blue Chip
Prospects
Great American
Classic**



June Champs



16U Nationals Diamond Nation World Series



9U Nationals MAC League Champs

RCBC Players In The News

Congratulations to Xaverian High School for winning the 2018 CHSAA New York City Championship. The team is led by RCBC coaches Frank DelGeorge and Mike Lopiparo and features 2 Richmond County

Baseball players. In the 5-0 title game victory over Iona Prep, Shamus Connolly was named MVP with a home run and 4 RBIs. Congrats to the Clippers.



Shamus Connolly (2018)



Joseph Reitano (2019)



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Baseball Manners (On And Off The Field)

Quote of the Month - Hall of Famer Cal Ripken recently said

"You can be a kid for as long as you want when you play baseball"

This column is for BOTH players and parents!!!! At RCBC, our goals are to Develop your sons and then help them get Recruited or even Drafted. In the previous couple of articles, I discussed parts 1 and 2 of getting recruited. I intend to have two other Recruiting columns in July and August. This article, smack in the middle of the other four, is important. Remember that I recruited for a Division 1 college for more than a decade. At RCBC, coaches know plenty of pro scouts and college recruiters and guess what? Talent is Vital....Academics (for college money) is Vital. BUT how the player and his parents present themselves CAN BE ALMOST AS VITAL! Please read CAREFULLY!!!!

1. You never know who is watching so always play hard, regardless of the score. Why?
 - a. A college recruiter may be present, but lurking in the background.
 - b. Even umpires are asked by recruiters about players. Plus, the umps may have a son that plays college ball or a relative that's a college coach. Sometimes umps will tell a college coach the he recently saw a possible recruit.
 - c. Pro scouts talk to college recruiters and visa-versa. Not hustling is a mortal sin!!!!
 - d. Opposing coaches may tell an interested recruiter that the player doesn't hustle.
2. You can attract NEGATIVE ATTENTION if any of the following are done:
 - a. Cursing or attacking an umpire. Recruiters also don't like the player's parents badgering an ump for 7 innings. A college coach has to see you for four years. He doesn't want these type of problems!
 - b. Yelling at a teammate for any reason, or showing up a teammate. Don't glare after a teammate's error.
 - c. DO NOT publicly argue with your coach and certainly do not give the coach a nasty look if you get the bunt sign, take sign or you get pinch hit for.



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- d. Always hustle to your position and hustle back to the dugout. Run out any grounder or fly ball you hit.
 - e. Catchers - Hustle after wild pitches or passed balls.
 - f. Don't throw helmets or bats after a poor at bat; and don't loudly argue with an ump over a strike call!!!
 - g. Don't look like a slob in your uniform!!!!
 - h. If you had an "exciting" Friday or Saturday night and you're descriptively telling your teammates about it, be aware I've met recruiters and scouts that put up the "red flag" if a recruit has a "party reputation."
 - i. The above suggestions are so you aren't labeled a "head case."

3. PARENTS: You want to see your son get drafted or recruited. You don't want to hurt his chances.

- a. As I said earlier, don't badger umpires all game. Remember umpires talk.
- b. DO NOT be yelling at your son's coach because he didn't make a strategic move you wanted. Remember, a college recruiter might say "I don't need this type of parent the next four years."
- c. Don't be yelling at an opposing coach or player unless there is a reason to do so.
- d. Don't be yelling at players on your son's team because of an error, strikeout, etc.
- e. Stay the heck away from the dugout, trying to give your son advice. Recruiters see that.

One final note to Players and Parents: Be polite to any recruiters that approach you. This includes if that college isn't one you're interested in. Be respectful. You may wind up needing that college. Plus, the recruiter knows other recruiters that may be interested in you and put in a good word. You can email me at mikelope19@aol.com.

Marucci Featured Item

Coming July - The New CAT Composite



The new CAT Composite is a USSSA certified, two-piece composite bat constructed with the maximum barrel length offering a longer surface area and wider sweet spot. The patent-pending SDX EXT connection increases stiffness to maintain energy transfer to the ball, while also dismissing negative vibrations to the hands, resulting in maximum power and minimum sting.

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