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Welcome to the home of the **Richmond County Baseball Club** We play the game, we teach the game.

RCBC Newsletter

Marucci World Series



The 16U Nationals participated in the Marucci World Series held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This is the 2nd year RCBC teams have competed in this prestigious, invite-only event for Marucci Founders Club members.

The tournament kicked off with opening ceremonies at LSU's Alex Box Stadium, featuring a home run derby and fastest man competition. Coach DeFendis' squad opened pool play with a solid 10-0 win over the East Coast Sox out of Mississippi. After a 5-5 tie with the Sun Devils Legends from Kentucky, it was a must win vs. Garciaparra Baseball of California. The boys came through with a 11-8 victory to advance to the playoff round.

In the quarter finals, the Nationals squared off against Marucci Elite Texas, coming away with an impressive 8-3 victory. The semis pitted the boys vs. another Marucci Elite Texas team, the number 1 seed. It was an exciting back and forth battle with the Nationals coming up just short in a 9-8 final.

Overall, the boys played great baseball against some of the toughest competition from throughout the county and had an incredible experience with memories that will last a lifetime.

See pictures on pages 5-6 as well as the full photo album on the RCBC website.

Showcase Player Profiles



ATTENTION

RCBC players
ages 14U-17U.

Last chance to submit
your Player Profiles
for the August 14-15
RC Showcase Camp.

If you haven't
submitted yet, go to
rcshowcasecamps.com
and select the form
from the drop down
menu under Pages
at the top.

Additional
information regarding
the Showcase will be
emailed to you shortly.

For a current list of
schools attending,
go to the Showcase
website.

If you are unable to
attend the camp,
email us at
info@rcclub.com.

Tournament Update

In the RC Summer Showdown, Wladyka Baseball American defeated the Bronx Bombers in 15U while Frazier Sox took the title over the NY Gotham's Red in the 13U division. Unfortunately, rain played havoc on much of our July schedule and as a result, the RC Summer Slam, PGBA Mid Atlantic Elite Invitational and PGBA Northeast Summer Championship were all canceled.

Here's our upcoming August schedule:

August 10-12 - RC World Series (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 14U, 16U)

August 17-19 - RC Battle Of The Island (10U, 12U, 13U, 15U)

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

14U Nationals - Diamond Nation World Series Champs



July Champs



15U Nationals Triple Crown Tri-State Regional Championship



11U Nationals USABL Mid Summer Classic

RCBC Player Update



Ricky DeVito was named Pitcher Of The Week in the prestigious Cape Cod summer league

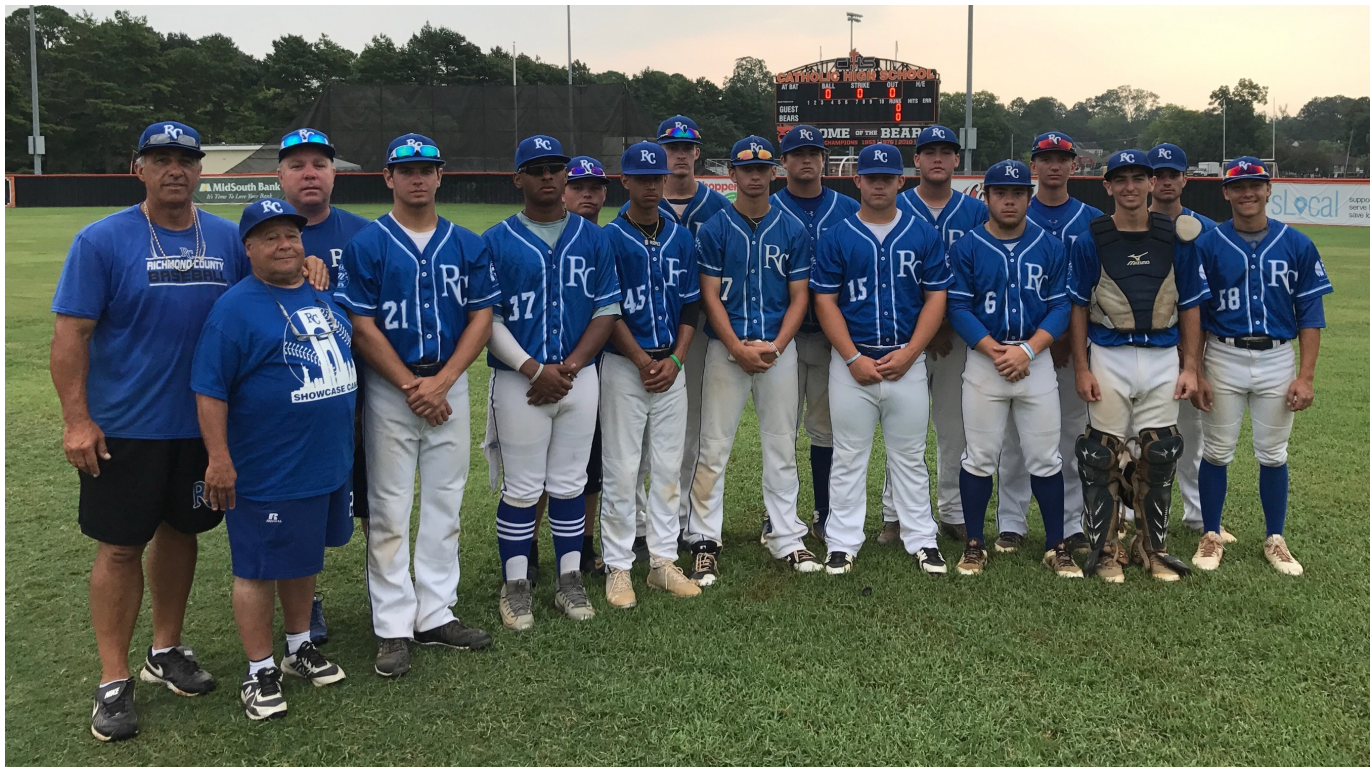
Tottenville grad Joe Russo was awarded a scholarship by One On One Physical Therapy at the annual Autism Awareness Senior Game between the public and private high schools on Staten Island



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For more pictures, visit the Photo Album on www.rcbclub.com under About

RCBC Expands To New Jersey

Richmond County Baseball is pleased to announce our newest team, the RCBC 15U NJ Nationals, coached by Dan Rivera. Formerly Bownet Baseball, the team is based out of Yardville, NJ.

The NJ Nationals will be participating in a number of late summer and fall tournaments under the RCBC banner including PG events in Vineland and Staten Island as well Dynamic Baseball tournaments in Maryland and North Carolina.

Please extend an RCBC welcome to the players, coaches and parents.



RC College Showcase Camp

Welcome to the home of

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College Showcase Camp

August 14-15, 2018

Staten Island, NY

Powered By Marucci

Only \$399 for the 2 day camp

Register at

www.rcshowcasecamps.com



Camp participants get a chance to win a custom Marucci glove and bat



Featured Article - By Coach Nick DeFendis

“Baseball is a game of inches.” - Branch Rickey

Most baseball enthusiasts have heard this famous baseball quote and it is repeated often because of its ringing truth. Everything from diving catches to bang-bang plays at the plate come down to the smallest of margins. This undoubtedly makes for some amazing plays and incredible finishes.

However, what happens when a close call is so close the umpire gets it wrong? A ball vs. a strike, a fair ball vs. a foul, safe or out; these situations are all commonplace and very difficult for an umpire to quickly and consistently make the right call.

It may be easy to shrug off a botched call early on in a non-important game, but it's a whole other story in the bottom of the ninth against your biggest rival.

Our responsibility as baseball players is to not let such calls get to us, while continuing to play OUR game. In order to be successful after tough calls, you need to focus less on everything out of your control, and more on everything in your control.

Unless the umpire is taking bribes, you are wasting precious mental and physical energy focused in the wrong area. Instead, it is vital to maintain your focus on your game and what you need to do to continue being successful on the field.

So after your next inevitable bad call, dig deep and remember that it is out of your control. Take a moment to center yourself and positively plan your next course of action. Baseball is a game of inches; enjoy the excitement it provides!



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Sending An Email To A College Baseball Coach

Quote of the Month - A General Manager once said *"Baseball is about talent, hard work and strategy. But baseball is also about integrity and respect."*

Having received numerous letters from high school players when I recruited for St. Francis College, I can say I learned what a prospective recruit should and shouldn't write. Be concise about yourself. Do not be boring. Below are Guidelines to set you in the right direction when writing the email!!!!

1. Opening Paragraph - State your Name, your School, your Grade, your Position, and the Summer Organization you play for.
2. Mention you heard positive things about the baseball program, the college itself and the education you can get there.
3. Give the Coach your Grade Point Average and your PSAT or SAT or ACT scores and class rank. This will immediately alert the Coach that you can receive Academic Money. Also let the Coach know (if you are pretty sure of this) that you are eligible for Financial Need.
4. End the first paragraph by saying the School and the Baseball Program would be an excellent fit for you.
5. In the 2nd paragraph, using Powerpoint, give the Coach all your vital information so he has it at his fingertips!!!



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6. This includes - Name, Grade, Birthdate, Home Address, Email, Cell Phone, Home Phone, Mommy and Daddy's Names and Cell Numbers, Primary and Secondary Positions, Throws and Bats (right, left or switch hitter), Height, Weight, other Strong Skills you have (Speed...Great Arm...Great Power, Time you can run 60), Summer Coach Name and Cell Number, High School Coach Name and Cell Number, positive Showcase Ratings, High School Awards,. DO NOT give your Little League history....irrelevant by this time. Mention if you play another sport. Make sure your register for the NCAA Clearinghouse.

7. In the final paragraph, mention that you look forward to hearing from the Coach. Mention you would like to visit the Campus and possibly attend a camp to show your skills. Let the Coach know you would be an ASSET to the Baseball Program and to the College.

8. Always let your Summer and High School Coaches know which schools you've written to. They may know the coach and the college well.

9. Start writing by your sophomore year so you get on the Coach's Radar.

Any questions, email me at mikelope19@aol.com.

Marucci Featured Item

Gear Up Now For Fall

Check out Marucci's collection of RCBC fall apparel.



Exclusively on the Marucci Online Store
at www.rcbclub.com.