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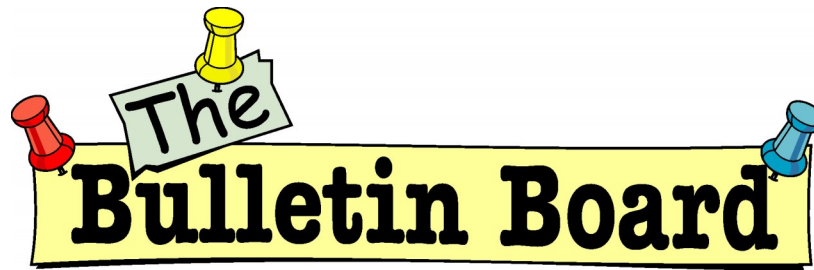
RCBC Newsletter

2019 RCBC College Showcase



Our 7th annual College Showcase Camp is scheduled for August 6-7 at the Richmond County Youth Complex. RCBC players on teams 14U-17U will be showing off their talents in front of the 20+ schools in attendance. Our Camp is unique in that the college coaches are not just spectators, but they work the camp and run the drills. At the end of the 2 day camp, each player receives a written evaluation by the coaches, giving them a solid reference for areas of improvement. Players will also get sage advice on the entire recruiting process. The experience and relationships that emerge from the Camp are invaluable as the players strive to get recruited. Where else can RCBC players get this type of broad exposure, right here in our own backyard. Another great reason to be part of Richmond County Baseball.

For a current list of schools attending, visit our Showcase website at www.rcshowcasecamps.com.

A graphic of a yellow bulletin board with a black border. The words "The Bulletin Board" are written on it in a bold, black, serif font. "The" is on a small, tilted piece of paper pinned to the top left with a yellow pushpin. "Bulletin Board" is on the main board, pinned to the top left with a red pushpin and to the top right with a blue pushpin.

The Bulletin Board

- The next Marucci online store close date is August 31. Reminder that custom RCBC apparel will not be available online until the store transitions to the new Marucci “*Locker Room*” platform later this summer.
- Interested in being a PG tournament game scorer this fall, contact Charlie Quinn at 718-702-8417.
- 5 Tool Baseball Summer Camp - SSL August 5-9
- 2019 College Showcase Camp is scheduled for August 6-7.
- Fall tryouts in Staten Island scheduled for late August. Details and dates will be sent out soon.
- Tryouts for Team NJ (2021, 2022, 2023 grads) scheduled for August 15, 20, 22 and 29 at YMCA Sawmill (Hamilton Township NJ).

Tournament Update

July Results - In the RCBC College Recruit Kickoff, it was all Wladyka Baseball as Wladyka Continental won in 17U and Wladyka National took top honors in 16U. In the RCBC Stars & Stripes Spectacular, Baseball U Ct Gray and White were crowned 15U co-champions while in 14U, Hustle Baseball Academy took the title. In the RCBC 15U Best Of The Best Classic, Wladyka American were champs. And in the RCBC Mid Summer Classic, Full Count Prospects were 15U champs while Frazier's Downtown Academy prevailed in 13U.

Upcoming tournaments in August:

August 8-10 - RCBC World Series (13U, 14U, 15U, 16U)

August 16-18 - RCBC Battle Of The Island (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 15U, 16U)

August 23-25 - RCBC Summer's End Spectacular (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 14U, 15U, 16U)

August 30-September 2 - Marucci World Series Qualifier (14U, 15U, 16U) and RCBC Fall Transition Tournament (11U)

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

Tournament Champs



7U Nationals
USABL
Summer
Blast South

7U Nationals
USABL
Frazier
Invitational



Tournament Champs



11U Nationals
Diamond Nation
Best Show
On Turf



11U Nationals
Diamond
Nation
Beat The Heat

Tournament Champs

10U Americans
Branchburg
Baseball



9U Nationals
USABL
Jersey Mayhem

Tournament Champs



17U Nationals
USABL Frazier World Series



13U Nationals
Diamond Nation
Mid Summer
Classic

RCBC Member Update



Congratulations to former RCBC player Pat DeMarco (Vanderbilt) on winning the College World Series. Pat had a home run, 2 RBIs and scored 2 runs for the Commodores in the championship game.

Pat just signed with the NY Yankees and is back home playing with the Staten Island Yankees this summer.



To top things off, Pat hit a home run in his first at bat as a Staten Island Yankee!

RCBC Member Update

Congratulations to RCBC players Mychal Mondone and Andrew Partnow who were selected to the NY High School All Star Team that competed in the inaugural City Series in Chicago. The tournament featured some of the best high school players on teams from New York, Miami, Los Angeles and Chicago.



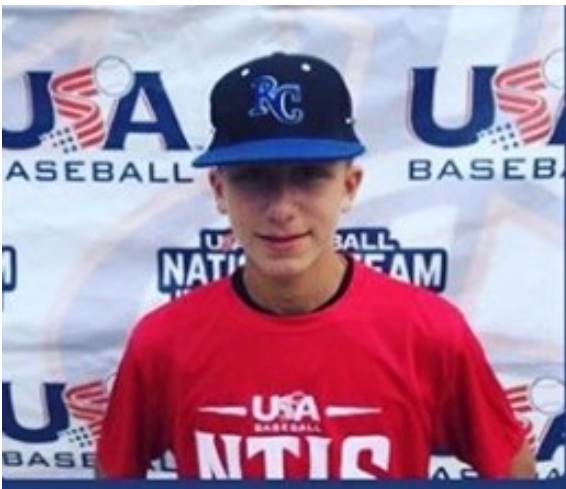
Players also had the opportunity to record advanced statistics such as exit velocity, launch angle, spin rate and laser-recorded 60 yard dashes, statistics that have become crucial in the college recruitment process. “It was insane” said Partnow, “I felt like I was in the NFL combine.”

Both RCBC players performed well during the showcase event and came away with an incredible experience and new friendships.

RCBC Member Update

NORTHEAST NTIS

Congratulations to the following RCBC players who were selected to play on Team Northeast as part of the USA Baseball National Team Identification Series (NTIS). The boys will represent the region in the 14U Champions Cup being held in Cary, North Carolina on August 14-18.



Anthony Belisario

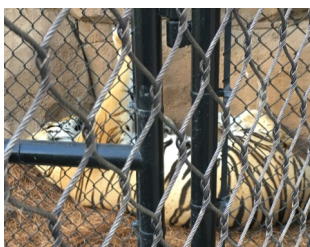


Gregory Bruno



Ronin Lee

Scenes From The 2019 Marucci World Series



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**For more pictures,
visit the 2019
Marucci World Series
photo album on
the RCBC website**

Featured Article By Coach DeFendis

“If You Give A Boy A Baseball”

If you give a boy a baseball, he will want a bat to go with it. You'll buy him the best bat you can find, and then he will probably want a bucket of balls and a glove and some cleats too.

Then, he'll probably spend hours begging you to go out in the yard to play with him, even though you may want to sit on the couch and watch TV. He will insist. And his insistence will win. And when a boy gets a jersey, he will need pants and socks and a belt to go with it. And a Team.....and then life as you know it will end.

There will be no more lazy weekends watching TV. You will see more sunrises than you ever thought possible. Every spare minute of your time will be spent hauling buckets and bags and stinky cleats and crazy boys all over town for hours to practice for a game. THE GAME. Your weekends will be spent freezing or burning to death on a fold up chair. And his weekends will be spent gaining confidence and friends, and learning new skills and having fun and getting dirty. So dirty in fact that you will have to learn how to do laundry in a whole new way, like maybe at a carwash using the pressure washer.

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“If You Give A Boy A Baseball” (cont’d)

And you will be there the day he hits his first home run, his first strikeout, and his first double play. And he will make you SO proud. The other parents will congratulate you. But you feel weird saying thank you because it’s not you at bat or on the mound. It’s everything him. He did this.

And right before your eyes, your little boy will be transformed from the baby who spun around with his head on the bat (because he loves attention), into a pitcher. Because he loves attention still. When you give a boy a baseball, you give him more than just a ball. You give him a sport, and a talent, and hope, and dreams, and friends, and a new family, a place to learn about life, room to grow as a person where he can push the limits, and bravery, and courage, and Life and memories. And he will have ALL of these things, simply because you gave a boy a baseball.

Because you gave a ball a baseball, you too will develop new/lifelong friendships, developed solely from the same passion for the game and love of your team. You will root together, And spew PG-13 things out of your mouths together. Because you gave a boy a baseball. All because you gave a ball a baseball. And played with him!

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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Summer Baseball And Today's Teenager

Quote of the Month - An RCBC coach always says: *"Baseball is what America is all about - blue skies, green grass, under the sunshine of God!!!"*

Throughout the years, people have taken "swings" at summer baseball. Their complaints: too expensive, too political, and too often, daddy coaches. Little League critics also voice these accusations. However, summer baseball now plays a large role in keeping teenagers interested and involved in the sport.

Maybe I'm deaf, but I hardly hear teenagers discussing baseball. All I hear is LaBron, Kawhi, K-D, Kyrie, AD, Knicks stink, etc. No Mike Trout or Bryce Harper....Aaron Judge is mentioned if he's healthy. The point is many young people have lost interest in the National Pastime. High school baseball helps, and the feeling of school pride exists, but in the East, with cold weather, you play only a limited number of games. Uncomfortable for everyone who has to dress like it's a football game!!! This is where summer baseball steps in. These are the benefits:

1. You play a cluster of games in good weather. Less injuries and better for the arm.
2. You travel to tournaments in other states, going to great places like Lake Point in Atlanta, Marucci in Baton Rouge, Cal Ripken in Maryland, etc., etc.
3. Local tournaments (RCBC, Diamond Nation, Baseball Heaven, PG Vineland and Long Island, USABL) provide a nice variety of opponents.
4. There are many dedicated coaches!!!!



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5. Playing day in, day out allows you to work on the parts of your game that need improvement regularly.

6. Last and not least....in fact, the most important benefit of summer baseball, Recruiters in attendance!!!!

Many summer teams are like all star rosters with many recruitable players.

During their respective college season, Recruiters, who are also coaches, have trouble breaking away from their own teams. Plus, if they go to a high school game, they can see just a minimal amount of potential recruits. However, in the summer, Recruiters have far more free time to go looking for talent. In addition, at a tournament, a Recruiter is as happy as "a pig in slop" where four games are usually occurring at the same time with loads of recruits. Some watch as many as 20 games in a day!!!!

Summer baseball has stepped up in the past decade. It gives players the chance to play excellent competition and puts them on stage to be recruited to play college baseball and get an education. Perfect: NO; Effective and Necessary: YES!!!!

Marucci Featured Item

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Marucci Featured Item

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32/29 BBCOR

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If interested in buying, email marucci@rcbclub.com.

