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RCBC Newsletter

2019 RCBC College Showcase



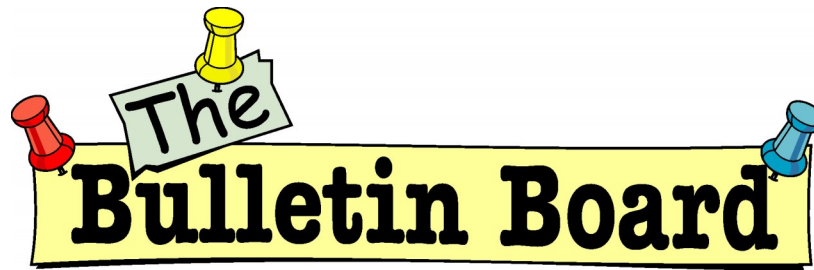
Our 7th annual College Showcase Camp took place on August 6-7 with RCBC 2020, 2021 and 2022 grads in attendance along with 20 schools including Rutgers, Seton Hall, St Johns, Fordham, Wagner and CSI.

Players received on-field instruction from the coaches and were measured in a variety of metrics including 60 yard dash, catcher pop times, pitching velocity and infield/outfield arm strength and accuracy. At the end of the 2 day camp, participants received both a written and verbal evaluation of their strengths and areas for improvement.

A Q&A with the coaches, players and parents also addressed many of the nuances of the recruiting process.

See pages 7-11 for some photos from the Showcase.

For the full photo album from the camp, visit our Showcase website at www.rcshowcasecamps.com.

A graphic of a yellow bulletin board with a black border. The word "The" is written on a small piece of paper pinned to the top left with a yellow pushpin. The words "Bulletin Board" are written in large, bold, black letters across the center of the board. A red pushpin is pinned to the top left corner, and a blue pushpin is pinned to the top right corner.

The Bulletin Board

- The next close date for the Marucci online store is September 8. Custom RCBC apparel is available again. Look for the store to transition to the new Marucci “*Locker Room*” platform this fall.
- Interested in being a PG tournament Game Changer or DiamondKast game scorer this fall, contact Charlie Quinn at 718-702-8417.
- For any non-RCBC players who missed the August tryouts for the fall season, submit the Registration Interest form on the RCBC website and you will be put in touch with the coach for your age group. Additional tryouts for select age groups will also be scheduled for September.
- Congratulations to Johnny DeFendis and Jackie Desaro on their recent engagement. Much joy and happiness in the years ahead.

Tournament Update

August Results - In RCBC 14U World Series, the SFX Huskies defeated the RCBC Nationals to take the title. The summer tournament season comes to a close until September when we start our full fall schedule. Reminder that players move up to the next age group effective September 1.

Upcoming tournaments in September:

September 6-8 - PG Super25 Northeast Fall Super Qualifier
(10U, 11U, 12U, 13U)

September 13-15 - RCBC September Showdown (9U, 12U)

September 13-15 - PG Super25 Northeast Fall Super Qualifier (15U)

September 13-15 - PGBA Staten Island Fall Invitational (17U)

September 27-29 - PG Super25 Staten Island Fall Super Qualifier
(11U, 12U)

September 27-29 - RC September Showdown (14U)

September 27-29 PGBA Staten Island Fall Invitational (18U)

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

Tournament Champs



11U Nationals
Sports At
The Beach
Bronx Cheer

13U Nationals
Diamond Nation
August Showdown



MAC League Champs

Congrats to the 10U Nationals who won the summer MAC League, defeating the Redblacks 14-6 to take the title



RCBC Member Update



Congratulations to Anthony Esposito
(16U NJ) on committing to FDU.



Ricky DeVito was named
Pitcher Of The Month
for the Danville Braves
(Atlanta Braves affiliate)



Scenes From The 2019 College Showcase Camp



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2019 College Showcase Camp

Congratulations to the following Showcase participants who were selected by the Coaches to receive Marucci Custom Pro wood bats based upon the skills, enthusiasm and sportsmanship they displayed during the 2 day event. Check out their cool custom designs.

Michael Doyle



Mark Scamardella



Dominick Zinna



RCBC Makes “The Hall”

An RCBC team pin is featured in an exhibit in the Baseball Hall Of Fame in Cooperstown.

What an honor for RCBC to be forever enshrined in this hallowed institution!



The original pin was designed and crafted by Denise and Ronnie Patterson (R&L Press) for the 11U Nationals who competed in the Cooperstown tournament back in 2015.



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Age 7 Has Been Heaven!!!!

Quote of the Month - Yogi Berra once said: *"Little League Baseball is a very good thing! It keeps the parents off the streets."*

To many fans, coaching a team of 7 year olds is a nice leisurely way to spend the spring and summer months. Excited kids, many of whom are heading into 2nd grade: learning how to read, add and subtract, enjoying baseball in their uniforms, chewing gum, fixing their hats and getting a nice tan in the sun. Nice and relaxing.

Oh yeah!!!! Not the 7 year olds at Richmond County. Baseball is business!!!! Just ask head coach Marc Yaverbaum. "Our players take baseball seriously. This is not a joke. To my boys, fun is winning!" And win they did. Boy were they successful. In the USABL league, the Nationals finished 2nd out of 24 teams and reached the title contest against the team from Monroe who merced every team....except the RCBC boys. There's more according to the coach. "The boys played in 5 tournaments," says Marc, "winning 3 of them, including the Todd Frazier Classic in Toms River where the Mets' star got his fame."

Yaverbaum runs the team. He is a former baseball and hockey player at St. Joseph By The Sea in the late 1990s, and has coached youngsters in tee ball. One of his assistants is Billy McConnell who starred at Xaverian High School in the mid-90s. His other assistants are Joe Iraci, who has an older son at RCBC, and Roy Prochilo. All four coaches have a 7 year old on this squad.



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OK coach, what's the secret? "Our team plays and practices most of the year. Before New Years day, we practice fielding at Mount Loretto and then we let Johnny DeFendis take over at 5 Tool to give the hitting drills." Yaverbaum says the 7 year olds know the rules, which makes them easy to coach. "Obviously, you have to stress fundamentals: throwing properly, catching grounders and fly balls, swinging the bat properly. Repetition is important." Marc admits there's little strategy, "I'm not out to be Aaron Boone."

Actor Tom Hanks once yelled "There's no crying in baseball." Is that a problem Marc? "Not at all. Once in awhile, a player might shed a tear after a loss." But Yaverbaum asserts "Our players are mature for their age; they focus well, and handle any tough situation that occurs."

The Nationals have 11 players and 10 can be on the field so everyone plays. The coach pitches to his players in 4 of the 6 innings and a 7 year old pitches 2 innings. Just don't hit 3 batters in an inning. It's a 45 foot mound and 60 foot bases.

Finally, Coach Yaverbaum and his assistants say while they love winning, the four coaches get tremendous satisfaction watching the young player develop and get better each week. Great job all around!



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Meet the 7U Nationals

Lee Cohen, Christopher DeAngelis, Joseph Iraci, Nico Marco,
Christopher McConnell, Salvatore Prochilo, Luan Ramovic,
Frank Splendorio, Anthony Sinisi, Isaac Sturman, Evan Yaverbaum



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