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RCBC Newsletter

Upgrades To The RC Complex

We're busy getting the RC Complex ready for the start of the season. Field maintenance is taking place on fields 2 and 3 and we are addressing the drainage requirements on field 5.

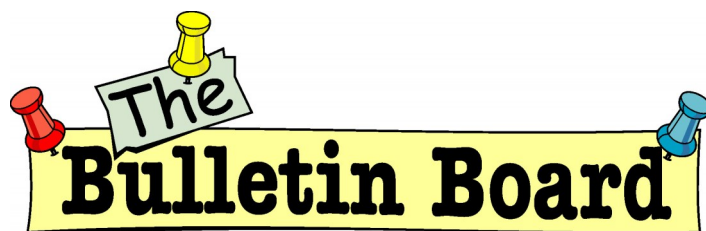
We're installing new backstop padding on fields, 2, 3 and 4 and new netting in the batting cages.

We are also proudly displaying the stars and stripes on a new 35' flagpole installed in the center of the complex. Painting is also taking place in a number of areas.

And we will be installing a new kiosk where Perfect Game apparel will be sold during their events.

The Complex will have a fresh new look when the season kicks off.



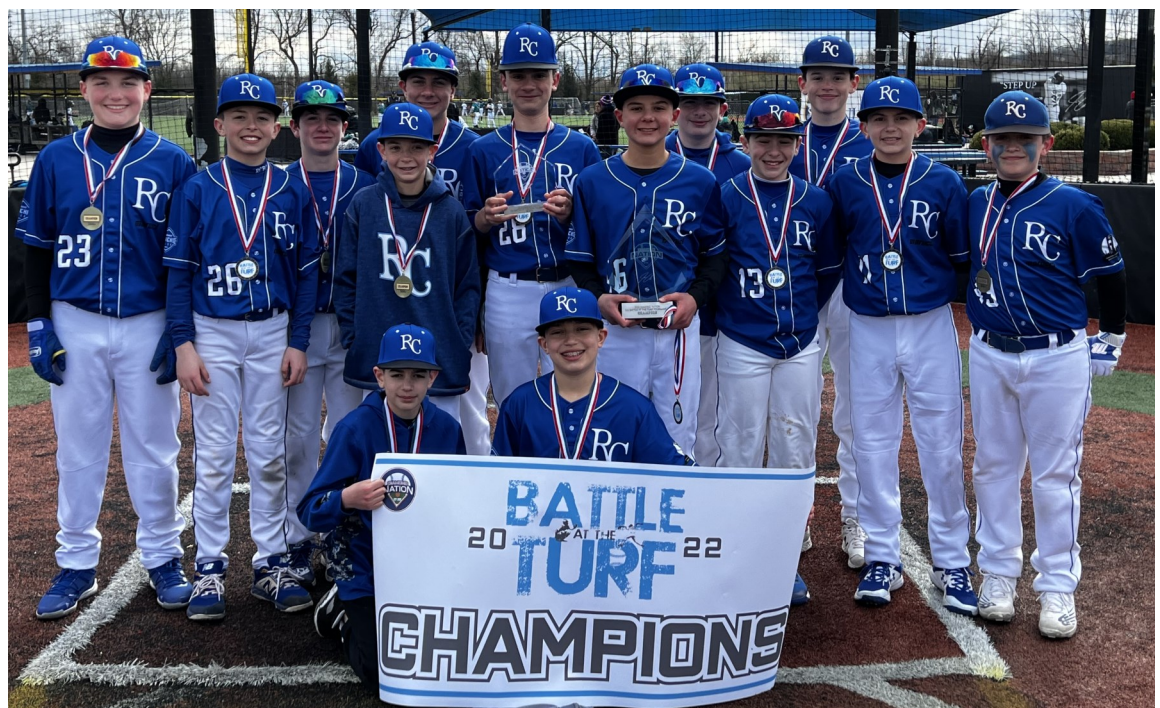


- Reminder for teams 13U-17U that the first installment of your 2022 Tournament Fees was due on March 1. The 2nd installment will be due on April 1 for our 13U teams and on April 15 for teams 14U-17U. You can pay online by credit card via your LeagueApps account. Automatic payments can take place on the due dates via the Payment Plan option. You can also pay by check made out to RCBC, Venmo to Nicholas-DEFENDIS or cash to your coach.
- Our new uniforms have arrived. If you have any issues with your Player Package items, contact Maddie at teamsales@maruccisports.com. Remember that any custom-logo items cannot be returned or exchanged.
- Please ensure that you are signed up to receive text message alerts from RCBC. You can do in two easy steps. Go to your LeagueApps account and enter your mobile number, then verify it to "Opt-In." We can't reach you with important announcements or information unless you sign on.
- Reminder for 15U-16U-17U players to keep your SportsRecruits profile updated and tag favorite schools via the college search feature. Videos are critical so continue to upload from any of your workouts or games.
- The 2022 tournament season at the RC Complex kicks off next month with the PG Super25 Northeast Spring Super Qualifier on April 22-24, with ages 10U, 11U, 12U and 13U in both AAA and Major team classifications.

March Tournament Results



10U Nationals - USABL Spring Blast Champions



12U Nationals - Diamond Nation Battle At The Turf Champions

March Tournament Results

The following teams finished Runner Up in their respective tournaments:

10U Americans - Diamond Nation Spring Invitational

10U Nationals - Diamond Nation Battle At The Turf

11U Nationals - USABL Spring Fling

2022 RCBC Marucci Tournament Tracker

5 Championship Game Appearances

2 Tournament Championships

3 Runner Ups



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RCBC Scores Again In PG Rankings

Congratulations to the following players who were recognized by Perfect Game in their recently released National and State Rankings.

2022 Grads

Nicholas Pomponio	Jack Ryan
NJ State Rank - 199	NY State Rank - 262
National Rank – High Follow	National Rank – High Follow

2023 Grads

Robert Rispoli	Ronin Lee
NY State Rank - 42	NY State Rank - 94
National Rank - 500	National Rank – Top 1000

Leo Doyle	Dante Vernieri
NY State Rank - 96	NJ State Rank - 122
National Rank – Top 1000	National Rank – High Follow

Joseph Mennella
NY State Rank - 127
National Rank – High Follow

National/NY State Rank - Follow

Joseph Gaggi	Aaron Goldstein
Anthony Marsillo	Ethan Marzo
John Papagni	Michael Sutter

2024 Grads

Anthony Salmonese
NY State Rank - 56
National Rank – High Follow

RCBC Scores Again In PG Honors

Congratulations to the following players who were named by Perfect Game/Rawlings to their pre-season All American teams.



Seniors: Honorable Mention Northeast

Patrick Burns

PJ Craig

Nicholas Pomponio

Jack Ryan

Underclass: Honorable Mention Northeast

Leo Doyle

Ronin Lee

Joseph Mennella

Robert Rispoli

Anthony Salmonese

Dante Vernieri

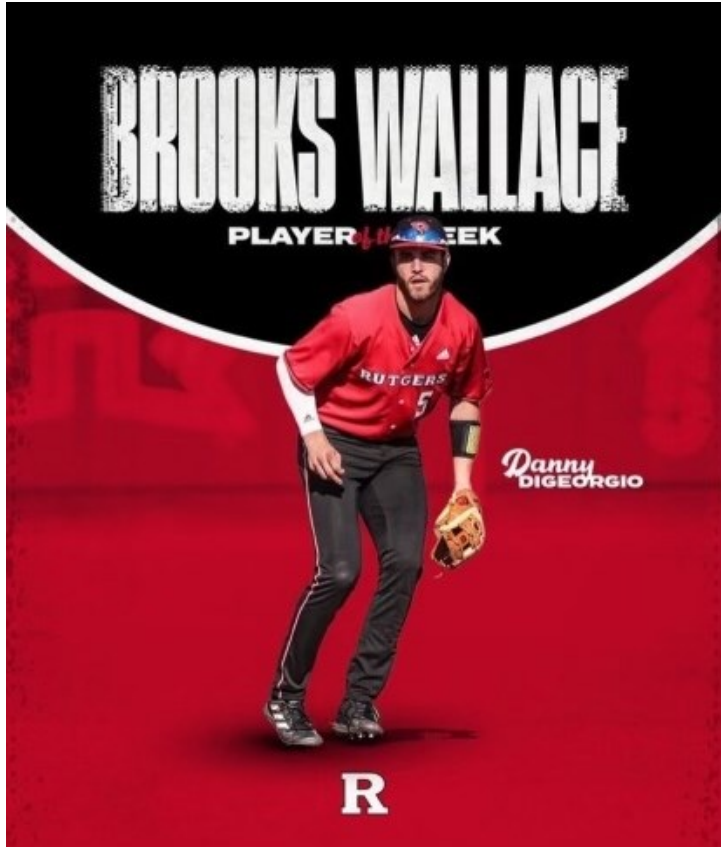
Alternate White Jersey

The 12U Americans are one of several teams that ordered the alternate white jersey and they displayed it proudly at their first game at the PG Super Regional in Houston Texas this month. Looking good boys!

The white top is a great option for teams playing in 3+ day events or for those hot summer days ahead. The jersey can be ordered on our Marucci Locker Room online store where you'll find it under the Uniform Items section. Players can order individually or coaches can submit a bulk order for the team.



RCBC Players In The News



Congratulations to former RCBC standout and current Scarlet Knight Danny DiGeorgio who was named Brooks Wallace Player Of The Week, given out to the top performing college shortstop in the country. Danny went 10 for 21 with 2 HRs, 10 RBIs and 6 runs scored for Rutgers.

Congratulations to another former RCBC player in the news, Jackson Tucker who got his first start for St. John's in their season opener. Batting leadoff, the speedy outfielder went 2 for 4 with a double to lead the Johnnie's offense. Congrats Jack on a great start to your collegiate career.





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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Yes...To High School And College Baseball! No...To The MLB!

Quote of the Month - At the Cherry Hill Baseball Clinic, Fred Hill, the late great Rutgers Coach said: *"You don't practice to get it right; you practice until you don't get it wrong."*

I have been following Major League Baseball for six decades. As a Giants fan, I've seen seven pennants and three World Championships, along with many disappointments. I'm making this statement following a season where the Giants somehow won 107 games. And...I'm sure many of you have already said this. So I've jumped on the band-wagon. I fully enjoy watching high school and college baseball over MLB.

High school and college baseball are a game. Managers manage...there is strategy...coaches coach...there is teaching...players play hard...there is loyalty and pride. Oh yes...players hustle...there is spirit. The MLB game has become an absolute bore. The average game last year was three-and-a-half hours. A batter in a game struck out 40% of the time. There were more strikeouts than base hits. The average MLB player batted .244. Sports announcer Bob Costas said it best..."Dave Kingman is now the proto-type hitter....more strikeouts than base hits, lots of homers, .240 batting average.

Players and managers make few adjustments. Does an MLB hitter look to beat the shift by hitting the opposite way....NO, he does not. When a player gets two strikes, is he cutting down his swing to get a piece of the



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ball....NO, he does not. And will a batter stay in the darn batters box instead of stepping out every pitch....No. Does a player ever sacrifice bunt with first and second, no one out, and put two men in scoring position. NO, he doesn't. He'd rather strikeout or hit into a double play.

A starting pitcher is throwing a shutout. Is he allowed to complete the game. NO, he is not. By the way, can a hurler not take 40 seconds between pitches. 1-0 and 2-1 games now feature a total of 10 pitchers.

Analytics rule. It's gone to an extreme. The General Manager now makes the lineup in his office based upon analytics. The days of playing a hunch....gut feelings are over. Is it a surprise the younger generation has less interest in playing or watching baseball than ever before. You can name the high schools in NYC that have freshman squads with one hand.

In high school and college, there are hit-and-runs, double steals, trick plays, better fundamentals, bunts, and oh yes, QUICKER GAMES. There is something called teamwork.

And please MLB, lower your ticket prices. When we were kids, it was affordable. You could take a family of 4 to a game and not use a week's pay to be bored to tears. In conclusion....Enjoy the RCBC season....See some REAL baseball!!!!

Marucci Featured Item

Put The Pedal To The Metal

Gear up for the 2022 season with the great selection of Marucci and Victus metal bats available on our Locker Room store. Models include the Cat9, Cat9 Pastime, Cat8, Cat USA, F5, Posey28 Pro-Metal and Victus Vandal. Choose from a variety of sizes including BBCOR, -5, -8, -10 and Junior Big Barrel. The Cat9 is available in Connect and Composite models as well.



For all your equipment needs, visit our Marucci Locker Room online store where RCBC members always get a discount.



Marucci Featured Item

Marucci Softball

Is there a softball player in your family? Did you know that Marucci offers great gear for ladies softball as well. There's the Magnolia and Palmetto series of fastpitch fielding gloves and the Echo and Echo Connect bats. There's also a great selection of bat bags, fastpitch helmets, batting gloves and off-field apparel. All are available on our Locker Room online store at discount prices.



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