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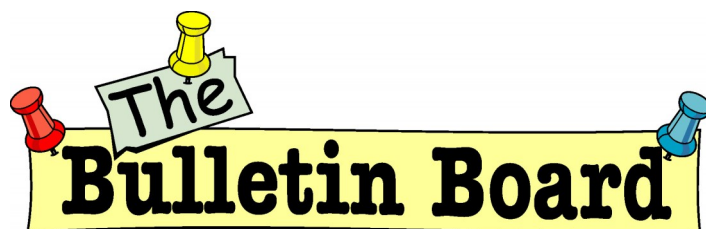
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RCBC Newsletter



Reminder as we enter the fall baseball season, that players move up to the next age bracket based upon their birthday and/or grad year. For Perfect Game events, that means you will need to sign new PG waivers for the 2022-2023 season. As always, we continue to provide opportunities for our players to develop and stay competitive during the fall season, even as some teams reorganize due to the start of the high school season again. We have a full slate of PG tournaments at the RC complex from Labor Day right through the end of October. So keep working hard and keep competing. Here's to a great fall season everyone!



- For the fall, we welcome a new 13U team to the RCBC family - the 13U Royals coached by Paul Myers and Josh Pitre-Diaz. Great to have you on board. Good luck in your fall tournaments.
- Congrats to the August tournament winners at the RC Complex:
 - PG 14U Northeast World Series - Team Francisco Notorious 9
 - PG 16U Northeast World Series - Clubhouse Demarini
- Upcoming September PG tournaments at the RC Complex:
 - September 2-4 - PG Super25 Northeast Labor Day Super Qualifier (14U, 15U, 16U, 17U)
 - September 9-11 - PG Super 25 Northeast Fall Super Qualifier (15U, 17U)
 - September 16-19 - PG WWBA Northeast Qualifier (18U)
 - September 23-25 - PG Mid Atlantic Fall Elite Championship (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U)
 - September 23-25 - PG Northeast Fall Select Championship (13U, 15U)
- It's not too early to start thinking about your holiday shopping needs. What better place than our Marucci Locker Room online store where RCBC members always get a discount. Visit the Locker Room at www.rcbclub.com. (See the new CAT X on page 14.)

August Tournament Results



12U Americans
USABL
World Series
Champions



17U Nationals
Diamond
Nation
August
Showdown
Champions



August Tournament Results



12U Americans
Ripken
Slugfest
Champions



13U Nationals
Diamond Nation
Summer Finale
Champions



August Tournament Results

Congrats too to the following teams who finished
Runner Up in their respective tournaments:

14U Nationals - USABL Summer Finale

14U Nationals - Diamond Nation Summer Finale

2022 RCBC Marucci Tournament Tracker

39 Championship Game Appearances

24 Tournament Championships

15 Runner Ups



August 2022



RCBC Teams Ranked By PG For 7th Straight Year

Region Rank

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Nat Rank

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RCBC MARUCCI 17U NATIONALS | NY

Region Rank

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RCBC MARUCCI 14U NATIONALS | NY

Nat Rank

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RCBC MARUCCI 14U NATIONALS | NY

Region Rank

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RCBC MARUCCI 12U AMERICANS | NY

Nat Rank

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RCBC MARUCCI 12U AMERICANS | NY

RC College Showcase Camp

Scenes from the 2022 RC College Showcase Camp with
over 80 players and 20 schools participating.



RC College Showcase Camp



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RCBC Players In The News

Congrats to former RCBC star Anthony Prato who was named Minor League Player Of The Week (August 14). Anthony is currently playing for the Wichita Wind Surge in the Minnesota Twins organization after a successful collegiate career at the University of Connecticut.

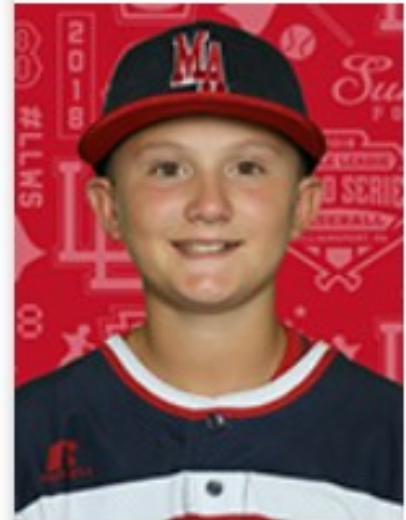


Congratulations to Joe Mennella (17U Nationals) on his commitment to D1 Hofstra University of the CAA conference. Way to go Joe!

Cavalleri Reflects Back On His Time At The LLWS

August means it's time for the annual Little League World Series. RCBC's Robert Cavalleri looks back on his time in Williamsport as a member of the 2018 Mid Island Little League All Star Team that represented the then, Mid Atlantic Region.

On his way there, Robert first hit the national scene when he threw out a batter at first from right field to preserve a perfect game in the regional finals. Once at the summer classic, the 5'4" 114 lb. Cavalleri continued his stellar play, batting .333 over the 4 World Series games played. "It was an experience of a lifetime; something I'll always remember" said Cavalleri. "My team and I worked very hard to get there."



Now 6'3" and 210 lbs., the Tottenville HS sophomore was brought up to play for the varsity team halfway through this past season. Tottenville Coach Mike Grippo said "We were looking for some punch in the lineup and I watched him take some competitive at bats against very good JV pitching. His biggest hit of the year was a walk off 3 run homerun in the playoffs. He loves the game and is a very respectful young man."



A member of the RCBC program since 2016, the lefty 1st baseman and outfielder currently plays for the 16U Nationals under Coach Ralph Monteforte. Although injured earlier in the summer, Robert is back on the diamond now and making his presence known. "Robert is the 'thunder' in our lineup" said Coach Monteforte. "He's an RBI machine, especially when the game is on the line. Most importantly, Robert is a great teammate and person."

Few players get a chance to play in the Little League World Series. It's the dream of a lifetime. For Robert Cavalleri, it was also a stepping stone to an outstanding high school and travel ball career. Can the future look any brighter for this shining star!



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - RCBC Showcase: Another Success

Quote of the Month - Yankees' 5'9" outfielder Andrew Benintendi said: *"The beautiful thing about baseball is you can be successful no matter your size."*

For the past decade, early August is a special time at the Richmond County Youth Complex on Travis Ave. This is the time the annual RC College Showcase takes center stage. And the 2022 event was no exception.

80 players had the opportunity to show off their baseball skills in front of scouts at all levels, Division 1, 2, 3 and Junior College. The players received two days of coaching and evaluation by the college crew. RCBC Director Nick DeFendis says this is his organization's "World Series" each year. "It's a win-win situation" according to DeFendis. "Our players get invaluable instruction from experts at the next level, as well as a number of the players being recruited to play college baseball." Nick points out that this Showcase led to current RCBC shortstop Rob Rispoli committing to the University of Connecticut in the Big East.

"Don't forget" reminds DeFendis, "this Showcase recently led outfielder Jack Tucker to St. Johns University as well as Ricky DeVito and Anthony Prato to high Division 1 colleges and now both are stars in the minor leagues."

DeFendis' son Johnny, who also played pro ball and currently runs Five Tool Baseball, an organization that provides batting, pitching and fielding lessons, is doing his part for youth baseball. The younger DeFendis had a week long camp in July at GKLL and then in early August at SSLL. The camps attract about 200 baseball players ranging in age from 6 to 12. You can certainly say that as long as the DeFendis family is around, baseball is "alive and well."

Marucci Featured Item

August Deal Of The Month

Men's and women's styles available.



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



Marucci Featured Item

The New CAT X Is Here!



Optimized from end to end, the CATX is the result of data from the best players translated into quantifiable improvements.

From barrel profile adjustments to ergonomically fitted handle tapers for each weight drop, the CATX is built for faster swings and higher overall performance.

CATX



CATX
CONNECT



CATX
COMPOSITE



Available in BBCOR, -5, -8, -10 and Junior Big Barrel.

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