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www.rcbclub.com

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# RCBC GHAST



## **Monthly Newsletter**

#### **Ghost Invitational Tournament - Part 2**

In the same manner that
we kicked off the 2023
season, we'll end this year's
baseball activity with the
Ghost Invitational
Tournament - part 2.
This exclusive event will

feature RCBC and PRD teams in 11U, 12U, 13U and 14U, coming together



in friendly competition and celebration of our first season in collaboration with the PRD family.



The tournament will be held
November 4-5 at the RC Complex
so come on down to join the
festivities. Ghost Invitational
tee shirts will also be available
for purchase.



- Do you know of players, coaches or teams interested in joining RCBC Ghost? Have them submit their contact information via the RCBC website (www.rcbclub.com) and someone will reach out to them.
- An RCBC welcome to our two newest teams, the 12U Americans, coached by John Prano and Ronnie Anderson, and the 8U Nationals, coached by Rob Reilly and Joe DeSiena. Great to have the coaches, players and families join our program.
- Check out the Marucci Locker Room online store for all of your holiday shopping needs. A full assortment of Marucci, Victus and LizardSkin products and apparel are available at discount prices for RCBC Members. Lots of great stocking stuffer ideas too. Visit the Locker Room at www.rcbclub.com.
- St. John's University will be hosting their Red Storm Fall Prospect Camp on Saturday, November 4 at their Queens campus. Featuring a pro style workout and live game situations. Contact Coach DeFendis if interested.
- Reminder to set your clocks back one hour after midnight on Saturday,
   November 4 when Daylight Savings Time ends.
- Tuesday, November 7 is National Election Day. Don't forget to get out and vote!



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### Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Talent Gets You Noticed; Character Gets You Recruited

Quote of the Month - "Baseball isn't just a game; it's a life's work in building character."

There are lots of talented athletes out there. But talent alone will not land you a coveted college roster spot. Your talent may get your foot in the door, but it takes a lot more to hit the field at the next level. Recruiters are looking for intangibles, the things that cannot be easily measured, but make all the difference. Here are the most common questions recruiters are searching for answers to when deciding whether they should recruit you or not.

What are you doing when you think no one is watching?

Are you one thing in person, and another person online?

Who are your biggest influences?

Are you a good teammate?

Do you make a good first impression?

Do you show a sense of gratitude?

Your reputation is who people think you are. Your character is who you are when you think no one is paying attention. Someone is always paying attention. You must be the exception. You must be extra-ordinary. That's how you get recruited!

Mother Nature was not kind to us in October.

Weekend rain washed away a number of our scheduled events, and only two PG events were able to be completed.

Congratulations to the following winners.

PG WWBA Northeast Fall Championship

17U - East Coast Ghost Scout

16U - East Coast Ghost Scout

PG Northeast Fall Super Regional NIT

13U - OOTP Cyclones Prospects

12U Major - Team Nuyork Elite

12U Minor - Carteret Nighthawks

11U - FB Braves

10U - FB Braves

This completes our Staten Island tournament schedule for 2023.

The 2024 PG schedule is now available.

Visit www.rctournaments.com.



12U Nationals
USABL
Monster Bash
Champions



Congratulations to the following RCBC teams that finished Runner Up in their respective tournaments in October:

14U Royals - USABL Columbus Day Bash
9U Nationals - EEP Invitational

### 2023 RCBC Ghost Tournament Tracker

39 Championship Game Appearances
26 Tournament Championships
13 Runner Ups



October 2023



Congratulations to the following RCBC players who were selected to participate on Team Northeast in the PG WWBA World Championship in Jupiter Florida. This is one of the most highly scouted events of the year with over 700 college coaches and MLB scouts in attendance.

Our boys played well against the best competition in the country.



From left to right: Michael Marchese, Jack Chavez, Tomas Cestero, Jake Alfano, Michael Flashner, Anthony DePetro

This month we hosted the 2nd Jerry Lee Memorial High School Tournament at the RC Complex. This annual event honors the late Staten Island Advance scribe who made major contributions to youth sports over the years.

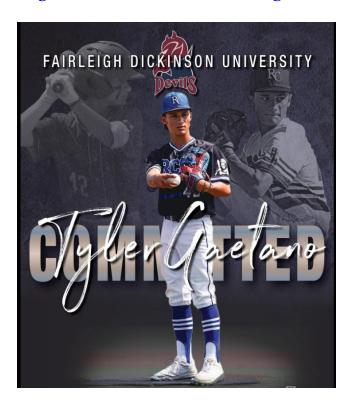
This year's school lineup included
Monsignor Farrell, Saint Joseph By
The Sea, Moore Catholic and
Xaverian with many RCBC players on
each squad. Congratulations to the
Farrell Lions on winning for the
2nd year in a row. Jerry's wife Mary
was on hand to present the trophy to
Coach Mulligan and the Lions team.





#### **RCBC Players In The News**

Congratulations to the following RCBC players on their college commitments.



Tyler Gaetano
Fairleigh Dickinson
University



Peter Fopeano Ramapo College





#### **RCBC Players In The News**



Congratulations to the following RCBC players on recording top metrics at the invite-only Metro Scout Day.





#### Anthony DePetro



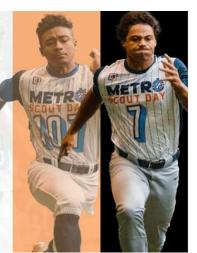
#### Michael Marchese











#### Nick Runfola



#### **RCBC Players In The News**



Congratulations to the following RCBC players who were selected to represent the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic in the PG National All-State Select Championship.

#### 14U (November 3-5, Rosenberg, Texas)

Connor Crittenden

Christopher Jerla

Jaiden Lopez

Gabe Lucca

Kyle Magill

**Emmett Robinson** 

Vince Silecchia

Tyler Stern

Benjamin Wallace

#### 13U (November 10-12, Cypress, Texas)

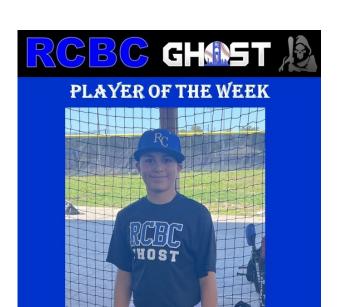
Tyler Bassett

Nicholas Bianco

Raymond Minaya

Best of luck boys!

#### **RCBC Ghost Players Of The Week**



JAYDEN IRIZARRY 11U NATIONALS

## RCBC CHAST

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



RCBC PLAYERS ON TEAM NORTHEAST MICHAEL MARCHESE, JACK CHAVEZ, TOMAS CESTERO, JAKE ALFANO, MICHAEL FLASHNER, ANTHONY DEPETRO



PLAYER OF THE WEEK



STEPHEN GRIPPO 12U NATIONALS

## RCBC CHAST

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



CHACE CURRO 12U NATIONALS

#### **PG Showcase In December**



Perfect Game National Underclass Showcase

December 28-30, 2023

JetBlue Player Development Complex

Fort Myers, Florida

Coach DeFendis is organizing a trip to the PG National Underclass Showcase in December for RCBC Ghost players looking to get additional exposure to colleges from throughout the country.

Event Info: This marquee event has grown to be the most heavily attended showcase throughout the year. Top underclass prospects from across the country are expected to be in attendance. Since its beginning, the National Underclass Main Event has led to over 4,000 college commitments and over 800 players taken in the MLB Draft.

For any RCBC players interested, please contact Coach DeFendis at 917-299-9211 immediately. Don't miss your opportunity to get maximum exposure and improve upon your PG metrics and ranking at this special year-end event. Price will be discounted for RCBC.



# JACKED FITNESS

Sports-Specific Strength and Conditioning Clinic

Location: South Shore off of Arthur Kill Rd Trainer: Jack O'Keefe

**ACE Certified (American Council of Exercise)** 

-St Joseph by the Sea Alumni Varsity Baseball -Rutgers Bodybuilder/Personal Trainer

"Set the path for a future of success"

#### What it Includes

- Beginner Exercise Guidance
- Form Correction
- Baseball-Specific Strength and Speed Training
- Increased Explosiveness
- · Plyometric and Dynamic Exercises
- Nutrition Counseling
- Small group sessions led by 2 certified trainers with years of combined training/ coaching experience
- Heated 1200+ sq. ft facility, 200+ pieces of equipment
- Designed to make you more athletic looking
- Emphasis on Proper Posture Development
- Shoulder Safety Exercises

Guaranteed Results in Little Time

Slots offered: Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat Ages 12-17

\$275 for 5 weeks (2 sessions / week)



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Text/Call for sign-up info

#### **Marucci Featured Items**

October Deals Of The Month



Team Utility Duffel Bag \$40



Cavalry Bat Pack \$30 (In gray or white)

Luxe Batting Gloves \$48 (In gray/black or white)



Find them under the Deal Section of the Locker Room along with other reduced price items

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



## **Happy Halloween**

Have fun and stay safe!

