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Monthly Newsletter

2024 Player Registration Starts In December



Onsite registration and uniform sizing meetings for teams 8U-13U will begin in December. Check your email or with your coach for your team's date, time and location. 2024 registration fees are due at that time. Payment can be made by credit card online or at your team's meeting by check, Venmo or cash.

For those players getting sized in December, you must submit your order online via our Marucci Locker Room online store by December 29. Failure to do so, especially for those teams beginning tournament play in March, may result in delays in receiving your uniform in time.



- For teams 14U-17U, your uniform sizing meetings will take place in January. Look for an email shortly with your team's date and time.
- An RCBC welcome to our newest team, the 10U Americans coached by Rob Agnetti. Great to have the coaches, players and families join our program.
- We are pleased to announce that Danielle Berman has joined the RCBC administration staff, supporting Coach DeFendis, Coach Quinn and Jim Russo in the day-to-day operation of the organization. Danielle has two boys in the program, on the 11U Nationals and 14U Royals. Please join us in wishing her good luck in her new role.
- Still time to get your holiday gift orders in for Christmas delivery (excluding custom bats and gloves). A full assortment of Marucci, Victus and Lizard-Skin 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.
- Our annual College Commits celebration for the class of 2024 is scheduled for Sunday, December 17 at Vino Divino. Cheers for 12 more RCBC players going on to play college baseball.



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Message To RCBC High Schoolers - STAY ACTIVE!

Quote of the Month - Hall of Famer Rogers Hornsby once said "People ask me what I do in the offseason. Well I stare out the window and wait for spring training."

I don't expect the RCBC High Schoolers to copy Rogers Hornsby. Afterall, he once hit .424 and had a lifetime average of .358! So he earned the right to do nothing all winter. LOL. But you are developing as a player. And, while your off-season probably consists of Sweet 16s, house parties, stuffing your collective faces at holiday dinners and cursing at our football-basketball-hockey teams, more is needed to keep growing as a player. So let's review an Off-Season Curriculum.

- Grades-Grades: For high school baseball players, grades are \$\$\$\$\$. It's rare you get a full athletic baseball scholarship. The higher your grades, the more money you can get from a college. Also, failing classes means summer school, and that can mean missing a summer trip with your RCBC team. Be smart.....literally and figuratively.
- Work Regularly: At the very least, do lots of dancing at those Sweet 16s! At least you will be moving. LOL. Seriously, hit the weights and do your push-ups and pull-ups. Run on the not-so-cold days. You should attend the RCBC Winter Workouts. Lots of players have hitting and pitching coaches and personal trainers. Be serious. The high school age group can see lots of growth as a player. That's if you're serious and dedicated!



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- Research Colleges: Maybe even pay some visits. Start thinking about what you may want to major in. Pick your spots if you want to attend any college baseball camps, many of which may be indoors. Limit it though to colleges you are interested in. Remember, these camps cost money!
- Keep Your Profiles Updated: This includes your Perfect Game Player Profile and your RCBC SportsRecruits profile. Make sure your profile pictures are current as well as your height and weight. On SportsRecruits, also upload your current school grades, transcripts and test scores. Upload any videos taken during off-season workouts or camps that you attend. And add schools to your list of favorites so we can see which school you are interested in and can help you target.

You Must Keep Improving. You don't want to peak out because you stopped working hard. What you accomplished at a younger age is great. BUT.... colleges and pro scouts want to see players improve. They are always saying to themselves (as I did when I recruited) "What does this player look like in two years?"

Enjoy the holidays and keep working hard. See you in 2024.

November Tournament Update



12U Americans
USABL
Veterans Day Classic
Champions



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

14U Royals - USABL Veterans Day Classic

11U Nationals - USABL Veterans Day Classic

2023 RCBC Ghost Tournament Tracker

42 Championship Game Appearances
27 Tournament Championships
15 Runner Ups



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November Tournament Update

To close out the 2023 season, we hosted the Fall Ghost Island Invitational tournament at the RC Complex.

The event featured great competition, great sportsmanship, great fun and finally, great weather.

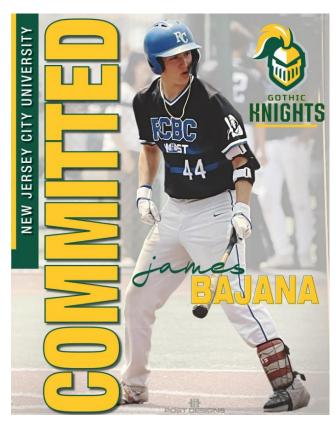
Competing were RCBC vs PRD, RCBC vs RCBC and PRD vs PRD. Thanks to all the players, coaches and fans who participated.







Congratulations to the following RCBC players on their college commitments.



James Bajana New Jersey City University



Gregory Harrison
Mount St. Mary College





Congratulations to the following RCBC players who were recognized by Perfect Game in their latest grad year rankings.



National Rank: Top 500

Jack Chavez

Tomas Cestero

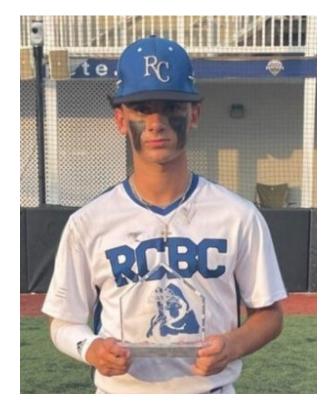






National Rank: Top 500
Michael Marchese





National Rank: 381
Tyler Stern

National Rank: 253
Gabe Lucca

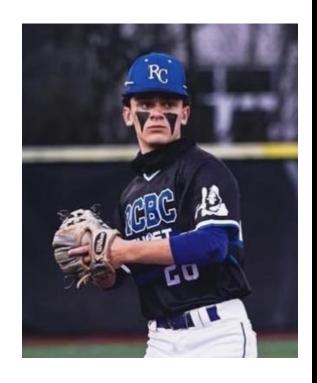






Michael Marchese
PG: "Most Likely To Make A Huge
Jump In The Rankings In 2024"

Gabe Lucca
PG: "Most Likely To Back Up
A Breakout In 2023"



Congratulations to the RCBC/Tottenville High School coaches and players who received their NYC PSAL AAA Baseball Championship rings at a ceremony at the school.



Pictured (L. to R.) are Gio Armenia, James Bajana,
Dylan Swanson, Head Coach Mike Grippo, Assistant Coach
Joe Russo, Assistant Coach Joe Rubino, Michael Flashner,
Michael Uccio and Nicholas Marangelli.

A great achievement and a lasting memento.

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