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# RCBC GHOST



## Monthly Newsletter

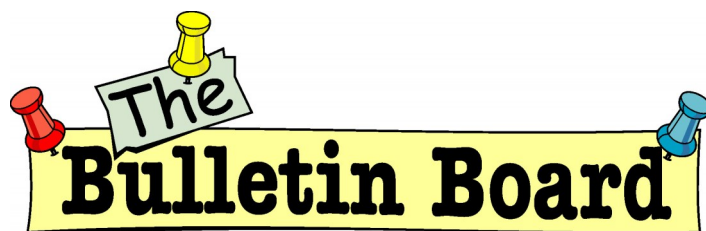
### Anthony Sutter Honored At RC Complex

RCBC unveiled a new banner at the RC Complex, paying tribute to Coach Anthony Sutter who passed away in January. Anthony's wife Jennifer, son Michael, daughter Ava and brother Michael along with 25 members of the Sutter family were on hand for the event. Thanks go to RCBC member Todd Gaetano who designed the banner and our friends at Marucci who created it.

In addition, the Complex Pressbox was officially renamed the Anthony Sutter Memorial Pressbox. RCBC is honored to provide this lasting tribute as we keep his memory alive.

See more pictures on page 14.





- Media Day - Sunday, April 30. All RCBC players welcome to have their picture taken in uniform in front of our special backdrop. See details on page 6.
- Reminder for those teams for which we collect tournament fees that your second installment was due in April. If you haven't paid yet, payment can be made by credit card via your LeagueApps account, by check made out to RCBC, by cash or by Venmo to Nicholas-DEFENDIS. You can set up your LeagueApps account for automatic cc payment on the due dates via our payment plan option.
- In May, we will be hosting the following PG tournaments:
  - May 12-14 - PG Northeast Super NIT/PGI Qualifier (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 14U)
  - May 19-21 - PG Super25 Mid-Atlantic Regional (13U)
  - May 26-29 - PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U)
- Reminder as you visit the RC Complex for tournaments regarding our policies: No outside food, no coolers, no pets, no alcohol and no smoking. And support Joe, Vinnie and the young ladies who run our concession stand. They are open early for a variety of breakfast items, great lunch specials and snacks and drinks throughout the day. Thank you for your cooperation.



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## Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Send That Recruiting Email

Quote of the Month - As we celebrate the anniversary of Jackie Robinson this month, he famously said: *"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."*

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Having SportsRecruits gives our players a single location to take many of the recruiting steps in the process.

A major step, of course, is writing the email to the colleges of your choice. College coaches read a truckload of emails. So this means to use a term we had in broadcast journalism: "WRITE TIGHT." Be thorough, but succinct. Put the vital stuff that a college coach needs to know about you.

Certainly we hope a well-written recruiting email will get you to a place you never were....the college of your choice!!!! Naturally, the email is just one step (though a key one) towards assisting you in reaching your goal. Good talent certainly helps. LOL. Fine coaching never hurts. Academics for baseball money is vital. And....if you play at RCBC, you know our fabulous reputation for getting players to the next level. Pro, and especially college, is a Gold Standard.

To get started, go to the Messaging tool on the SportsRecruits platform and select the schools you want to write to. The coaches' email will automatically populate.



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The lead sentence can simply say “My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I’m interested in your baseball program. Here is some information about myself.”

Using Powerpoint format, in the opening paragraph, put your name, grade, date of birth, cell phone number, email address, home address, home phone number, your grade, school, summer organization, and whether you bat right or left, primary and secondary positions, grade point average (GPA), and then SAT-ACT scores (or PSAT if you haven’t take the SAT yet), and finally phone number of your high school and RCBC coaches.

In the 2nd paragraph, do some “brown nosing.” LOL. Say that you heard nice things about the college you are writing to...the fine academics, the excellent baseball program and the outstanding coaching. Say it’s a place you really want to be at. Mention the beautiful campus if it applies. The paragraph should end by saying “I feel I would be an asset to your college and especially your baseball program.”

Next, mention if you’re eligible for academic and/or financial aid or outside grants. Highlight what your baseball strong points are (speed, velocity, power, gold glove). If you got fine ratings at a Showcase, mention that.



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Say if you're a captain in high school....class president....MVP, especially on a ranked or championship high school. Do not mention Little League awards, please.

Finally, say you hope to hear from a coach or recruiter and would love to visit the college. You can ask if the college is having a baseball camp, especially if it is high on your list.

Send the email to both the head coach and the recruiter. Remember that SportsRecruits has all the contacts and their titles in their database. Follow up the email with a phone call if you don't get a quick response. Start writing by your sophomore year.

**VIDEO-VIDEO-VIDEO - Coaches want video of you. BUT NOT LITTLE LEAGUE VIDEO!!!! Make sure your video is CURRENT - 4 minutes max! SHOW A VARIETY OF YOUR STRONGEST SKILLS.**

Remember too that any emails sent via the SportsRecruits platform will automatically include a link to your Player Profile, so make sure its current and complete.

Good luck.

Coach Lope



## **RCBC Media Day Announced**



## **MEDIA DAY**

**Sunday, April 30**

**9 am - 12 pm**

**Richmond County Youth Complex**

**RCBC Players on teams 15U Americans, 15U Nationals,  
16U Nationals and 17U Nationals.**

**Come in your royal blue jersey and RC game hat between  
9 am and 12 pm on Sunday, April 30 to have your picture  
taken in front of our special backdrop. Pictures can be  
used for your SportsRecruits and Perfect Game player  
profiles, for rosters, for our/your social media channels  
or to send to a college coach.**

**We will also be distributing your custom RCBC  
Marucci or Victus wood bats that day.**

**RCBC players on other age teams are welcome to come  
to have their picture taken as well.**

## Tournament Update

8U Nationals

USABL April  
Showdown  
Champions



13U Royals

USABL April  
Showdown  
Champions

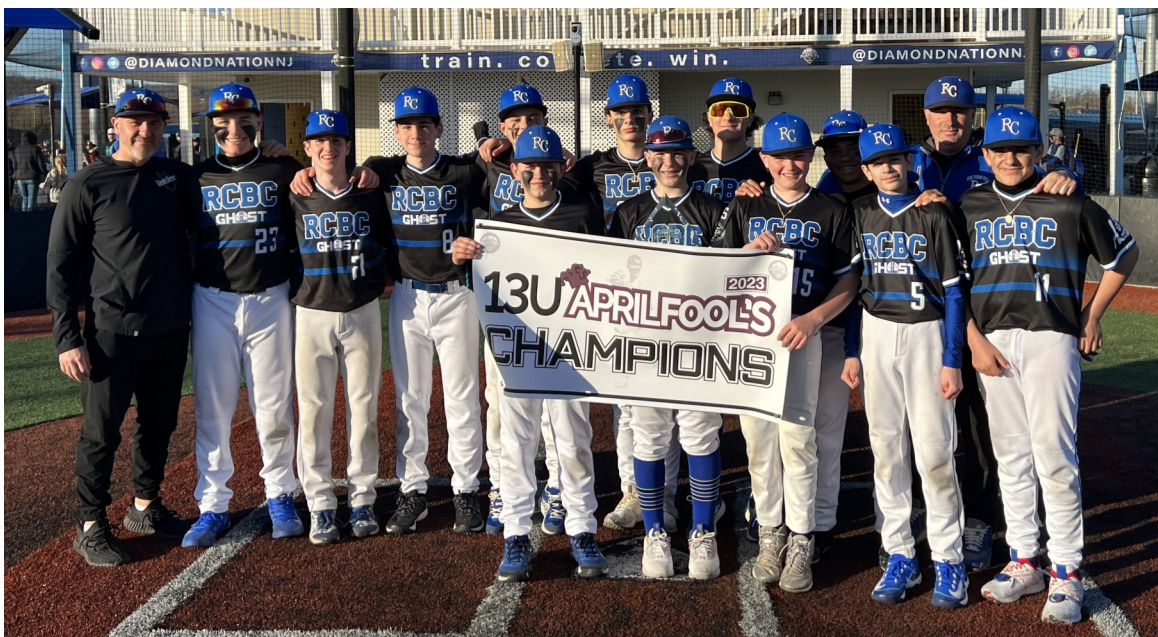




## Tournament Update



11U Nationals - Diamond Nation April Fools Champions



13U Nationals - Diamond Nation April Fools Champions



## Tournament Update



12U Americans

Diamond  
Nation  
April Fools  
Champions



12U Americans  
Diamond Nation  
King Of The  
Diamond  
Champions



## Tournament Update

Over the April 1 weekend, 6 RCBC Ghost teams went a combined 21-0 in tournament play, an unprecedented feat. Since the beginning of April, RCBC Ghost teams are a combined 53-15-2 in competitive action, winning 7 tournament championships in 7 title game appearances. It's shaping up to be another great year for our boys in royal and black. Check out our Facebook page and Instagram account where we highlight an RCBC Ghost Player Of The Week based upon their outstanding performance during tournament play each weekend.

## 2023 RCBC Ghost Tournament Tracker

**7 Championship Game Appearances**

**7 Tournament Championships**

**0 Runner Ups**



**April 2023**



## PG Early Spring Team Rankings



### RCBC Ghost 11U Nationals

#### Regional Rank # 4

DE, NJ, PA, NY, MD | ON

Region Rank  
1



TEAM NUYORK ELITE | NY

Region Rank  
2



GRIT 11U BLACK | NY

Region Rank  
3



DREAMCHASERS | NJ

Region Rank  
4



RCBC GHOST 11U NATIONALS | NY

#### National Rank # 48

Nat Rank  
47



SCORPIONS 11U | FL

Nat Rank  
48



RCBC GHOST 11U NATIONALS | NY

Nat Rank  
49



FTB HAWKS | FL



## RCBC-PRD Host Inaugural Ghost Invitational

RCBC and PRD hosted the first Ghost Invitational Tournament at the RC Complex featuring teams from both organizations in ages 11U, 12U, 13U and 14U. RCBC Director Nick DeFendis said “The event celebrated the partnership between the two organizations as players, coaches and fans came together in the ‘spirit’ of camaraderie and friendly competition.”



PRD Executive Director Pat Geroni also announced the creation of the Tony Foti Campaign For College Scholarships (known as the Ghost Fund) which will provide scholarship money to five players selected annually from throughout the entire Ghost family of teams. More details to come on how you can be considered.



East Coast Ghost 12U Black and RCBC Ghost 12U Americans



## Scenes From The Ghost Invitational



East Coast Ghost 11U and RCBC Ghost 11U Nationals



## Anthony Sutter Honored At RC Complex





## RCBC Players In The News

Congratulations to Leo Doyle on his  
commitment to Wagner College  
(D1, Northeast Conference)



Congratulations to Grant Como on his  
commitment to Brown University  
(D1, Ivy League)



## Pipeline Showcases Announces Video Partner



The Pipeline Showcases announced that we have partnered with SkillShow as the official videographer for our events. Since 2001, SkillShow has filmed tens of thousands of athletes plus regional and national events for all sports, with their videos featured on ESPN, the MLB Network and Perfect Game site.

For those players who did not select the Gold Package option (which includes a personal highlight video) when registering for the June Showcase, you can add the video component now. Simply go to [www.thepipelineshowcases.com](http://www.thepipelineshowcases.com) and select the Add Video option. For those players registering for our August 8-9 Showcase, just select the Gold Package option if you want to include video and a written evaluation for that event as well.

Don't forget, if you plan to come to the August Showcase, you must register in advance. It's a great opportunity to get additional exposure to schools after the completion of your high school season and a month plus of competitive travel baseball. Go to [www.thepipelineshowcases.com](http://www.thepipelineshowcases.com) to register.

We are expecting a great selection of colleges at the events across Division 1, 2 and 3 as well as Juco. For updates on the Showcases, including participating schools, follow us on Instagram @thepipelineshowcases.

## **April Is Youth Sports Safety Month**



### **Recognize the Signs**

Some injuries, like a broken arm, are easy to detect but others, including much more serious injuries, have more subtle signs. Sudden cardiac arrest is not only the leading cause of death of American adults but also the number one cause of death in student athletes. It's a scary statistic but knowing the warning signs and what to do if you see them can save lives. Fainting, seizures, shortness of breath, chest pain, dizziness, and extreme fatigue, especially during exercise or while playing sports, can all be indications. Concussions are also a risk of playing both contact and non-contact sports. They often occur after a hit to the head or sudden change in direction. Headache, difficulty focusing, sensitivity to light, nausea, and difficulty balancing are all signs of a concussion. The most important factor to consider with concussions is that the child should not play again until they have been cleared by a medical professional as the health risks from a second concussion are high.

### **Learn How to React**

In case the worst happens, reacting quickly and knowing what to do can save lives. The Richmond County Youth Complex has Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) on the premises (pressbox and concession stand) and staff members are trained in their use as well as in CPR.

Remember that knowing what to do when injuries happen can make all the difference.



## Marucci Featured Item

### April Deal Of The Month

**50% OFF PERFORMANCE APPAREL**



**STAY COOL. STAY DRY. STAY DOMINANT.**

Made for your intense training regimen  
and practice sessions.

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

