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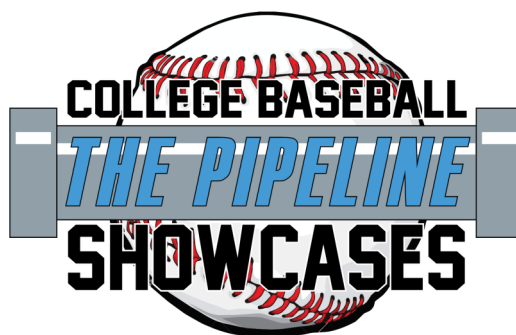
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# RCBC GHOST



## Monthly Newsletter

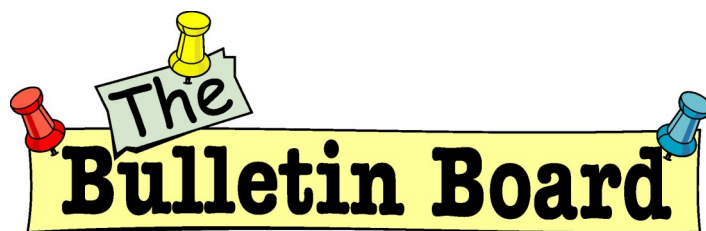
### Pipeline Showcase Scheduled For June



The Pipeline Showcase experience debuts at the RC Complex next month on June 13-14. In collaboration with PRD, the two-day sold out event will feature 125 players from both organizations along with 20+ colleges representing D1, D2, D3 and Juco.

The Showcase will feature the recording of high-end metrics during the drills, instruction from the college coaches and scrimmages with live pitching. Players also have the opportunity to get a written evaluation by a professional Northeast Crosschecker and a personalized highlight video from SkillShow, the leader in sports videography.

A second Showcase is scheduled for August 8-9. Go to [www.thepipelineshowcases.com](http://www.thepipelineshowcases.com) to register.

A graphic of a yellow bulletin board with a black border. The words "The Bulletin Board" are written on it in a bold, black, serif font. "The" is on a small white tag pinned to the top left with a yellow pushpin. "Bulletin Board" is on the main yellow board, pinned to the top left with a red pushpin and to the top right with a blue pushpin.

## The Bulletin Board

- Reminder for those teams for which we collect tournament fees that your final installment is now due. 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.
- Reminder to keep your SportsRecruits player profiles up-to-date as the summer season is about to begin. Colleges will be out there scouting our events so make sure they have all the information on you that they need. Use your headshots from Media Day for your profile picture.
- Last chance to add a personalized highlight video to the June Pipeline Showcase. Go to [www.thepipelineshowcases.com](http://www.thepipelineshowcases.com) to select.
- Visit the Marucci Locker Room online store and check out all the great summer apparel - shorts, tee shirts, tank tops and more.
- In June, we will be hosting the following PG tournaments:
  - June 2-4 - PG East Coast Championship (15U)
  - June 9-11 - PG Super25 Northeast World Series (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U)
  - June 9-11 - PG Super25 Mid-Atlantic Regional (17U)
  - June 16-19 - PG WWBA Northeast Championship (14U)
  - June 23-27 - PG WWBA Northeast Championship (17U)
  - June 30-July 3 - PG Mid-Atlantic Elite Championship (15U)



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## Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

### In This Issue - Baseball Manners (On And Off The Field)

Quote of the Month - Baseball great Leo Durocher once said:  
*"Baseball is like church. Many attend, but few understand."*

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This column is for BOTH players and parents!!!! At RCBC, our goals are to Develop your sons and then help them get Recruited or even Drafted. This article is very important. Remember that I recruited for a Division 1 college for more than a decade. At RCBC, coaches know plenty of pro scouts and college recruiters and guess what? Talent is Vital....Academics (for college money) is Vital. BUT how the player and his parents present themselves CAN BE ALMOST AS VITAL! Please read CAREFULLY!!!!

1. You never know who is watching so always play hard, regardless of the score. Why?
  - A college recruiter may be present, but lurking in the background.
  - Even umpires are asked by recruiters about players. Plus, the umps may have a son that plays college ball or a relative that's a college coach. Sometimes umps will tell a college coach that he recently saw a possible recruit.
  - Pro scouts talk to college recruiters and visa-versa. Not hustling is a mortal sin!!!!
  - Opposing coaches may tell an interested recruiter that the player doesn't hustle.
2. You can attract NEGATIVE ATTENTION if any of the following are done:
  - Cursing of attacking an umpire. Recruiters also don't like the player's parents badgering an ump for 7 innings. A college coach has to see you for four years. He doesn't want these type of problems!
  - Yelling at a teammate for any reason, or showing up a teammate. Don't glare after a teammate's error.
  - Do not publicly argue with your coach and certainly do not give the coach a nasty look if you get the bunt sign, take sign or you get pinch hit for.



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## Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Baseball Manners

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- Always hustle to your position and hustle back to the dugout. Run out any grounder or fly ball you hit. Catchers - hustle after wild pitches or passed balls.
  - Don't throw helmets or bats after a poor at bat.
  - Don't loudly argue with an ump over a strike call!!!
  - Don't look like a slob in your uniform!!!!
  - If you had an "exciting" Friday or Saturday night and you're descriptively telling your teammates about it, be aware I've met recruiters and scouts that put up the "red flag" if a recruit has a "party reputation."

3. PARENTS: You don't want to hurt his chances of getting recruited.

- As I said earlier, don't badger umpires all game. Remember umpires talk.
  - Don't yell at your son's coach because he didn't make a strategical move you wanted.
  - Don't yell at an opposing coach or player unless there is a reason to do so.
  - Don't yell at players on your son's team because of an error, strikeout, etc.
  - Stay the heck away from the dugout, trying to give your son advice. Recruiters see that.
- Remember, a college recruiter might say "I don't need this type of parent the next 4 years."

One final note to Players and Parents: Be polite to any recruiters that approach you. This includes if that college isn't one you're interested in. Be respectful. You may wind up needing that college. Plus, the recruiter knows other recruiters that may be interested in you and can put in a good word. Any questions, email me at mikelope19@aol.com.

## Summer Tryout Dates

Pass the word along to anyone interested in joining the RCBC Ghost program that we have set up tryout dates throughout the summer. Interested players can sign up via our Tryout Portal on [www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com).



### Tryout Dates

Monday, June 5 - 4 pm

Monday, June 12 - 4 pm

Thursday, June 22 - 4 pm

Thursday, June 29 - 4 pm

Thursday, July 6 - 1 pm

Monday, July 17 - 1 pm

Monday, July 24 - 1 pm

Wednesday, August 2 - 10 am

Wednesday, August 9 - 3 pm

Wednesday, August 16 - 4 pm

Wednesday, August 24 - 10 M

## **May Tournament Update**

In May we hosted the following PG tournaments.

Congratulations to all of the winners:

PG Northeast Super NIT/PGI Qualifier:

10U - Bakes Brewers

11U AAA - FB Braves

11U Major - Team Francisco Notorious 9

12U AAA - Canes New Jersey

12U Major - East Coast Ghost Black

14U - East Coast Ghost Mocha

PG Super25 Mid-Atlantic Regional:

13U AAA - Canes New York

13U Major - Jersey Storm

PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier:

10U - FB Braves

11U - Dream Chasers

12U - FB Braves

13U - RCBC Ghost 13U Americans

14U - East Coast Ghost Mocha



## May Tournament Update



14U Nationals - USABL May Slugfest Champions



13U Americans - PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier Champions

## **May Tournament Update**

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

13U Americans - PG Northeast Super NIT

13U Americans - PG Super25 East Coast Super Qualifier

13U Royals - USABL Cinco De Mayo Slam

12U Nationals - Diamond Nation Spring Classic

## **2023 RCBC Ghost Tournament Tracker**

**13 Championship Game Appearances**

**9 Tournament Championships**

**4 Runner Ups**



**May 2023**





## RCBC Summer Travel Schedule



RCBC Ghost teams hit the road this summer for elite tournament play across the US. Best of luck to the following teams on their trips:

### 17U Nationals

- Music City Classic, Nashville, Tn
- Marucci World Series, Baton Rouge, La.

### 16U Nationals

- Ripken Experience, Myrtle Beach, SC
- Select Baseball Summer Classic, Boston, Ma.

### 15U Nationals

- PG WWBA National Championship, Atlanta, Ga

### 15U Americans

- PG WWBA New England Championship, Boston, Ma

### 14U Nationals

- Ripken Experience, Myrtle Beach, SC

### 13U Nationals

- PG Super25 New England Regional, Boston, Ma

### 13U Americans

- PG Invitational National Championship, Tomball, Tx.
- Marucci World Series, Baton Rouge, La.

## **Perfect Game Class Of 2025 Rankings**

Congratulations to the following RCBC Ghost players who were recognized in the latest PG Class Of 2025 rankings.



Michael Marchese

NY Rank: # 65

National Rank: High Follow

Jake Alfano

NJ and National Rank: Follow

Grant Como

NJ and National Rank: Follow

Anthony DePetro

NY and National Rank: Follow

Nicholas Zarski

NY and National Rank: Follow

## **Perfect Game Class Of 2026 And 2027 Rankings**

Congratulations to the following RCBC Ghost players who were recognized in the latest PG Class Of 2026 and 2027 rankings.



**Anthony Molinini**

**NY Rank: # 14**

**National Rank: Top 1000**



**Gabe Lucca**

**NY Rank: # 6**

**National Rank: Top 1000**

**Anthony Desposito**

**NY Rank: #12**

**National Rank: High Follow**

**Christopher Jerla**

**NJ and National Rank: Follow**

## Perfect Game 13U Spring Team Rankings



Region Rank

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JERSEY STORM | NJ

Region Rank

2



RCBC GHOST 13U NATIONALS | NY

## REGIONAL HONORABLE MENTION

Region Rank

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EAST COAST GHOST 13U | NJ

Region Rank

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EAST COAST PROSPECTS | MD

Region Rank

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EDGE BASEBALL | PA

Region Rank

HM



FB BRAVES 13U RED | NJ

Region Rank

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MA SHOW 13U NATIONAL | NJ

Region Rank

HM



RCBC GHOST 13U AMERICANS | NY

## RCBC Players In The News

Congratulations to John Papagni  
on his commitment to  
Mount Saint Mary College  
(D3, Skyline Conference, ECAC)



Souvenir Marucci bats for our two latest college commits.






## RCBC Ghost Players Of The Week

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK



VINCENZO NOVELLO  
12U AMERICANS

A photograph of Vincenzo Novello, a young man with dark hair, wearing a black RCBC Ghost jersey with the number 3. He is holding a small trophy and a medal around his neck.

**RCBC GHOST**

PLAYER OF THE WEEK




SALVATORE CONTI  
13U ROYALS

A photograph of Salvatore Conti, a young man wearing a blue RCBC Ghost jersey with the number 12. He is standing in front of a white wall.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

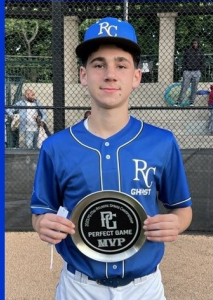


DOMENICK NAPOLITANO  
12U NATIONALS

A photograph of Domenick Napolitano, a young man wearing a blue RCBC Ghost jersey with the number 15. He is holding a baseball bat.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK



TYLER STERN  
13U AMERICANS

A photograph of Tyler Stern, a young man wearing a blue RCBC Ghost jersey. He is holding a circular plaque that says "PERFECT GAME MVP".

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK



AJ DESPOSITO  
14U NATIONALS

A photograph of AJ Desposito, a young man wearing a white RCBC Ghost jersey and a blue helmet. He is in a batting stance.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK



EMMETT ROBINSON  
13U AMERICANS

A photograph of Emmett Robinson, a young man wearing a blue RCBC Ghost jersey. He is holding a large trophy and a circular plaque.

## Sea JV Wins 4th Consecutive Title

Congratulations to Coach George Quinn and the St. Joseph By The Sea JV team on their CHSAA Archdiocesan Championship and NY-BQ AA Championship. The Vikings first defeated Iona Prep 3-0 in the NY conference finale followed by a 10-3 victory over Archbishop Molloy in the inter-sectional game. It was Coach Quinn's 4th consecutive title at the helm of Sea's JV which also includes RCBC coaches Dom Palermo and Mike Consolmagno. The Vikings squad features 19 RCBC players including Jason Bassett, Thomas Bennici, Phil Castellano, Paul Cilmi, Nicholas DeAngelis, Anthony DePetro, Anthony DiStefano, Anthony Garafolo, Frank Giordano, Nicholas Hans, Robert Imparato, John Kobel, Michael Marchese, Anthony Mazzo, Anthony Molinini, John Nitti, Randy Rivera, James Sorrentino and Nicholas Zarski.

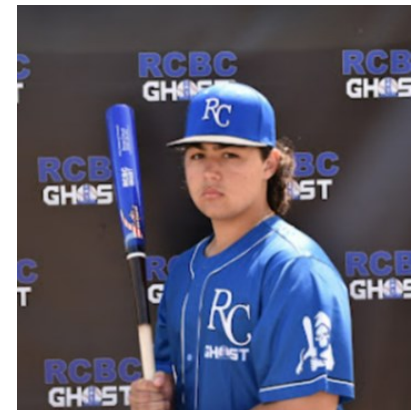
Great job boys!





## RCBC Ghost Hosts Media Day

We held our first Media Day at the RC Complex as players had the opportunity to take pictures in front of a special backdrop. Check out some of the images. Players on our high school age teams also received their custom Marucci and Victus RCBC wood bats prior to the start of the summer season.



## 5 Tool Baseball Summer Camp Dates Announced



# 5 TOOL BASEBALL BASEBALL SUMMER CAMPS

**Ages 7-12**

**Throwing and Receiving Mechanics**

**Infield Techniques**

**Outfield Drills**

**Hitting Mechanics and Drills**

**Bunting Techniques**

**Running Form**

**Daily Live Games and Competitions**



**Great Kills Little League - July 10-13**

**9 am to 3 pm daily**

**South Shore Little League - August 7-11**

**9 am to 2 pm daily**

**Sibling and multi-camp discounts available**



**Register at [www.my5toolbaseball.com](http://www.my5toolbaseball.com)**

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## Marucci Featured Item

May Deal Of The Month



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

