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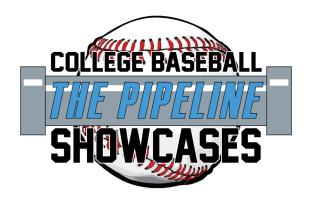
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RCBC GHIST

Monthly Newsletter

Pipeline Showcase A Huge Success



The Pipeline Showcase experience debuted at the RC Complex on June 13-14 with over 125 players from both RCBC and PRD along with 30 colleges representing D1, D2, D3 and Juco.

The second Showcase is scheduled for August 8-9. Don't miss your opportunity to be seen by the diverse schools that will be in attendance. Players can select from the Bronze Package (basic showcase), Silver Package (includes written evaluation) or Gold Package (includes evaluation and personalize highlight video).

Go to www.thepipelineshowcases.com to register.

See pictures and more info on pages 13-14.



- Congratulations to the all of the RCBC Ghost players graduating from middle school and high school. Best of luck as you start the next chapter of your academic and baseball careers.
- Reminder to keep your SportsRecruits player profiles up-to-date throughout the summer season. Keep posting current videos and updating your stats. Colleges will be out there scouting our events so make sure they have all the information on you that they need.
- In July, we will be hosting the following PG tournaments:
 - June 30-July 3 PG Mid-Atlantic Elite Championship (15U)
 - July 7-11 PG Super25 National Championship (16U)
 - July 14-18 PG Mid-Atlantic World Series (17U)
 - July 14-18 PG East Coast World Series (13U)
 - July 21-25 PG Super25 National Championship (17U)
 - July 28-August 1 PG Northeast World Series (14U, 16U)
- 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. See player tryout information on page 5.
- Come down to the RC Complex on Sunday, July 23 at 11 am as we host the Hawks Baseball Club from France in an international exhibition game.



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

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Quote of the Month - Hall of Famer Ted Williams said: "Hitting a baseball is the toughest thing to do in sports."

NYC has a population of 8.5 million. Only one borough has less than one-and-a-half million people. That borough is Staten Island which hovers around a half-million people, which is only a measly 6% of the entire population of the Big Apple.

No, this isn't a population quiz, so no studying necessary. What does need to be done is to give Staten Island a standing ovation for its baseball superiority. It's no secret that baseball's popularity has suffered the past half century. At one time, baseball was the National Pastime. It has fallen way behind the NFL, and maybe even the NBA, in fan interest. On the field, less kids play baseball, many giving up the sport by the age of 12.

Which brings us to Staten Island. Baseball is as strong as ever. From Little League to High School, the borough overflows with great teams and star players. Just a couple of weeks back, Tottenville captured the PSAL Championship for the 6th time since 2000. Led by RCBC stars Michael Flashner, Dylan Swanson and James Bajana, Tottenville defeated those big shot teams from the other boroughs. Not to mention the numerous times the Big T has reached the title game the past 20 years. Great job by Head Coach Mike Grippo, a former star player and current RCBC coach.



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Monsignor Farrell has won two recent CHSAA Championships in 2015 and 2017, while reaching the title game on five other occasions, all but one coming under Head Coach Bobby Mulligan. Nelson Ortiz coached St. Joe's By The Sea to the 2021 CHSAA crown and the late Gordon Rugg led the Vikings to the CHSAA title in 2010. This year, congrats to St. Peters, under manager Bobby Glennester, who won the NY version of the CHSAA. Moore Catholic held the championship trophy in 2005 and reached the finals in 2004 and 2008. And our own George Quinn, who just led Sea to a 4th consecutive JV City title.

Many of the high school stars began their development in the outstanding Little League programs Staten Island has to offer, most notably South Shore (1985, 2009) and Mid Island (1964, 2006, 2018), who both reached the Little League World Series, as well as the outstanding Little League in Great Kills (2011 state champs). Its almost a given that the Little League that wins Staten Island goes on to win NYC and advance to the state championship.

Baseball on Staten Island is better than almost anywhere in the City. Teams from RCBC have won 277 tournament championships over the past 10 years, appearing in over 400 title games. Afterall, Nick DeFendis and George Quinn, along with the other RCBC coaches, play a key role in making the Island the Baseball Capitol of Fun City!

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.



Tryout Dates

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 am

June Tournament Update



In June we hosted the following PG tournaments.

Congratulations to all of the winners:

PG East Coast Elite Championship:

15U - Team Francisco Notorious 9

PG Super25 Mid-Atlantic Regional:

17U - Team Francisco Notorious 9

PG Northeast World Series:

9U - Team Francisco Notorious 9

10U - Bakes Brewers

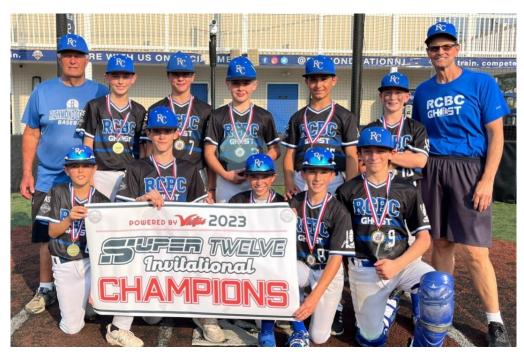
11U - NJ Hammers

12U AAA - NJ Hammers

12U Major - OOTP Cyclones

PG WWBA Northeast Championship: 14U - Grit Black

June Tournament Update



12U Americans
Diamond Nation
Super 12
Invitational
Champions



14U Nationals
USABL
Fathers' Day
Showdown
Champions





June Tournament Update

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

13U Americans - PG WWBA Northeast Championship

15U Americans - USABL Going Yard

13U Royals - USABL Bring The Heat

2023 RCBC Ghost Tournament Tracker

18 Championship Game Appearances
11 Tournament Championships
7 Runner Ups



June 2023



Players In The News



The following RCBC players received 2023 high school honors.

Congratulations to the following players who were honored by the Staten Island Baseball Oldtimers:

Joseph Mennella - Most Outstanding Player
All Stars:

Jake Conroy, Leo Doyle, Michael Flashner, Joseph Mennella, Michael Palermo, Robert Rispoli

Congratulations to the following players who were named
CHSAA Archdiocesan All-Stars:

1st Team - Michael Palermo and Robert Rispoli
2nd Team - Leo Doyle and Joseph Mennella
Honorable Mention - Jake Conroy and Kenny Vazquez

Congratulations to the following players who were named to the Staten Island Metro All-Stars:

Jack Conroy, Andrew DeAngelis, Leo Doyle, Michael Flashner,

Peter Fopeano, Joseph Gaggi, Alex Lanza, Anthony Marsillo, Joseph Mennella,

Michael Palermo, Robert Rispoli, Nick Silvestro, Kenny Vazquez

Players In The News



Congratulations to the following RCBC Ghost players were recognized by Perfect Game in their latest Class of 2025 rankings.

Michael Marchese

NY Rank: 64

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

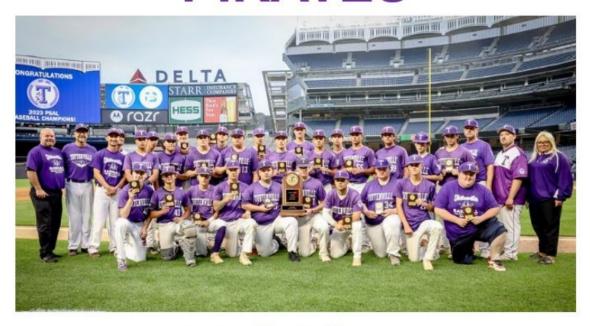
Nicholas Zarski

NY and National Rank: Follow

RCBC Players In The News

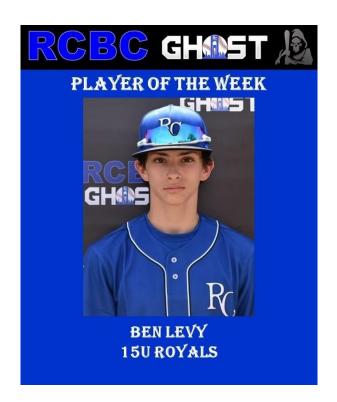
Congratulations to Tottenville High School on winning the NYC PSAL AAA Championship. The team is coached by RCBC Ghost coach Mike Grippo along with assistant coaches Joe Rubino and Joe Russo and features RCBC players Gio Armenia, James Bajana, Robert Cavalieri, Michael Flashner, Dylan Swanson and Michael Uccio.

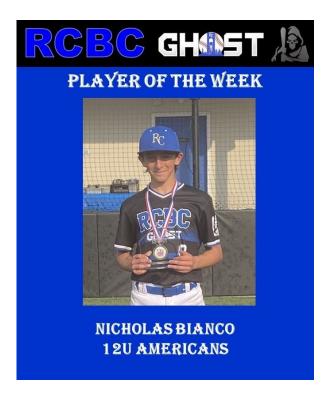
CONGRATULATIONS PIRATES

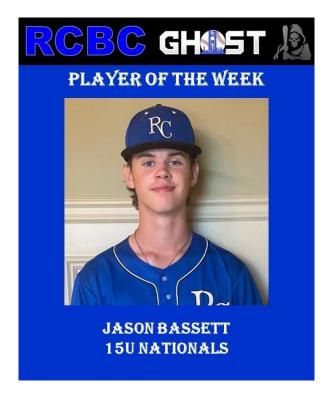


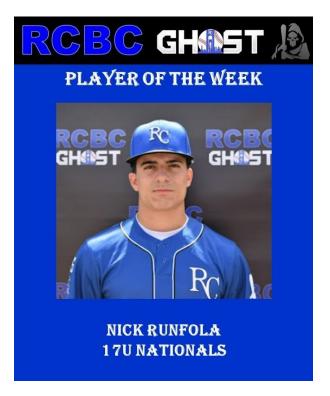
NYC PSAL AAA CHAMPS

RCBC Ghost Players Of The Week









Pipeline Spring Mid Atlantic Showcase







Pipeline Summer Mid Atlantic Showcase August 8-9, 2023

- 10 great reasons why you should register for the August Pipeline Showcase:
- 1. Give returning schools a 2nd opportunity to see you in action
- 2. Give new schools attending an opportunity to see you over 2 days
 - 3. You were unable to attend the June Showcase
 - 4. It's an opportunity to improve upon your documented metrics
- 5. Get a written evaluation by a professional Northeast Crosschecker
- 6. Get a personalized highlight video by SkillShow at a very low cost
 - 7. Scrimmages organized to maximize college coach viewership of every player
 - 8. Discounted cost for RCBC Ghost members
 - 9. It's right here on Staten Island on your home field
 - 10. It's run by RCBC and PRD, the top travel organizations in the Northeast
 - RCBC Members: Register at www.thepipelineshowcases.com and use the special discount code provided. Forgot it? Email us at thepipelineshowcases@gmail.com.

Featured Article: 12 Signs Of Good Base Running

The great thing about base running is that everyone can be good at it. Different from hitting, fielding and throwing, running the bases is more about knowledge and effort, not just technique and talent.

Speed is the most important factor in base running. How much heart, effort and savvy you put into your base running determines how good of a runner you will be. Putting pressure on the defense creates mistakes which can turn into runs for your team. Base running begins once you put the bat on the ball. Once the ball is hit, you are no longer a hitter, you are a runner. Here are 12 things you can focus on learning or improving.

- 1. Being able to go from 1st to 3rd on a base hit to the outfield.
- 2. Reading a line drive while on 2nd base and being able to score on a single.
 - 3. Running hard all the time.
 - 4. Knowing how and when to break up plays by sliding hard into a base.
 - 5. Not missing any signs put on by your coach.
- 6. Being able to read and anticipate pitched balls in the dirt and advancing.
- 7. Knowing your speed and understanding when to take a chance and when to play it more conservative.
 - 8. Not making the first or third out at 3rd base.
 - 9. Knowing where the defense is playing behind you, especially the outfielders.
 - 10. Not getting doubled up on line drives to an infielder.
- 11. Always running hard through home, especially with 2 outs. If a runner gets thrown out trying to stretch a single into a double, and you are taking your time touching home and the out happens before your score, the run does not count.
 - 12. Getting good secondary leads so you can try to get that extra base on a hit.

Marucci Featured Item

June Deal Of The Month



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

