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RCBC GHOST



Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to RCBC Ghost

An RCBC welcome to our newest players and their families joining our program this fall.

You are joining one of the finest travel baseball programs in the area and we hope you enjoy all of the benefits of being a part of our organization. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram and visit our website (www.rcbclub.com) for the most current information on what's going on at RCBC. And visit our Marucci Locker Room online store where RCBC Ghost members always get a discount on great Marucci equipment and apparel.



- 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.
- For the 7th year in a row, Coach DeFendis heads up PG Team Northeast who will be competing in the prestigious PG WWBA World Championship in Jupiter, Florida October 4-8. This team is comprised of the best talent from programs in the Northeast and includes RCBC players Jake Alfano, Tomas Cestero, Jack Chavez, Anthony DePetro and Michael Flashner.
- The RC Complex will host the 2nd Jerry Lee Memorial High School Tournament on October 10-11-12. This year's school lineup includes Monsignor Farrell, St Joseph By The Sea, Moore Catholic and Xaverian. Come on down to the Complex to catch some great high school baseball and pay tribute to the legendary Staten Island Advance scribe.
- Save The Date: Ghost Invitational Tournament Part 2 at the RC Complex October 28-29 exclusively for RCBC and PRD teams 11U, 12U and 13U. More details to come.
- We will be hosting another Pipeline Showcase on Saturday, October 28 with a focus on uncommitted 2024s. It's only \$149 for the one day event. Register at www.thepipelineshowcases.com. 2024s: If you sign up and commit before 10/28 and decide not to come, you will get a full refund.



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - World Series Trivia

Quote of the Month - Former NY Yankees star shortstop and 5 time World Series champion Derek Jeter once said: *"You don't just accidentally show up in the World Series."*

With October approaching, it can only mean one thing. It's World Series time. See if you can guess the answers to these fall classic trivia questions. Answers on the following page.

1. Who has the most lifetime World Series home runs?
2. Which team has lost the most World Series?
3. Which team has never played in the World Series?
4. Who has the most World Series rings as a player?
5. Who is the only pitcher to throw a perfect game in a World Series?
6. What caused game 3 of the 1989 World Series to be postponed?
7. Who was the first team from outside the U.S. to win the World Series?
8. Who was the first Japanese-born player to win World Series MVP?
9. Which team won the 2016 World Series after a 108 year wait?
10. Which is the only team to have appeared in a World Series but has never won a game?



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

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Here are the answers. How many did you get right?

1. Most home runs: Mickey Mantle, NY Yankees (18)
2. Most losses: Los Angeles Dodgers (14 times)
3. Never won: Seattle Mariners
4. Most rings: Yogi Berra, NY Yankees (10)
5. Perfect game: Don Larsen, NY Yankees (1956)
6. Game postponed: San Francisco earthquake
7. Non-US winner: Toronto Blue Jays (1992)
8. Non-US MVP: Hideki Matsui, NY Yankees (2009)
9. Longest wait: Chicago Cubs
10. Never won a game: Colorado Rockies (2007)

I hope you enjoyed the quiz. Now enjoy the games!

Tryouts For New 8U Team Scheduled For October

RCBC GHOST



8U TRYOUTS



For players born after April 30, 2015

Monday, October 9 - 3:00 pm
Richmond County Youth Complex
1400 Travis Ave., Staten Island, NY
Field 5

Come join an elite program that offers the following:

- A dedicated baseball complex with 5 all natural grass fields
- Staffed with local private and public high school coaches
 - Marucci uniforms, discounted Marucci products and exclusive access to the Marucci World Series
 - Perfect Game's only NY Affiliate
- Host to local tournaments at our Staten Island complex
 - Access to national tournaments and showcases
 - Over 220 alumni have played college baseball
 - 15 players drafted by MLB
- Celebrating our 20th year of service to the NY/NJ baseball community

Register in advance at www.rcbclub.com



September Tournament Update



14U Nationals
Diamond
Nation
Labor Day
Blast
Champions



9U Nationals
USABL
Fall Brawl
Champions



September Tournament Update

An RCBC Ghost welcome to our newest team, the 11U Nationals coached by Rob Salafia along with Christian Corsaro and Robert “Bert” Salafia Jr.

The team competed in their first tournament up at the Rock in the Frozen Ropes Fall Extravaganza and notched their first tournament game victory, an 11-2 win over the Hudson Valley Renegades. Contributing to the win, Ryan Torres was named RCBC Ghost Player Of The Week.

Congrats to the coaches and players!



September Tournament Update

In October, we will be hosting the following events:

- September 29-October 1 - PG Northeast Fall Select Championship (14U, 16U)
- October 6-9 - PG WWBA Northeast Fall Championship (16U, 17U)
- October 6-9 - PG Super Regional PGI Qualifier (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U)
- October 10-12 - Jerry Lee Memorial High School Tournament (Varsity)
- October 13-15 - PG Mid-Atlantic Fall World Series (12U, 14U)
- October 20-22 - PG Mid-Atlantic Fall World Series (9U, 10U, 11U, 15U, 17U)
- October 28-29 - End-of-year Ghost Invitational (11U, 12U, 13U)

2023 RCBC Ghost Tournament Tracker

36 Championship Game Appearances

25 Tournament Championships

11 Runner Ups



September 2023



Updated Perfect Game Player Rankings



[Tomas Cestero](#)

NJ Rank: #25; National Rank: Top 500

[Joe Dionisio](#)

NJ Rank: 91; National Rank: Top 1000

[Peter Fopeano](#)

NY Rank: 101; National Rank: Top 1000

[Jake Giovannone](#)

NY Rank: 102; National Rank: Top 1000

[Nick Runfola](#)

NY Rank: 108; National Rank Top 1000

[Anthony Salmonese](#)

NY Rank: 125; National Rank: High Follow

[Julian Montez](#)

NJ Rank: 133; National Rank: High Follow

[Dylan Swanson](#)

NY Rank: 178; National Rank: High Follow

[Michael Flashner](#)

NY Rank: Follow; National Rank: Follow

Updated Perfect Game Player Rankings



[Anthony Molinini](#)

NY Rank: 26; National Rank: Top 1000

[Christian Gonzalez](#)

NY and National Rank: Follow



[Gabe Lucca](#)

NY Rank: 5; National Rank: 295

[Anthony Desposito](#)

NY Rank: 13; National Rank: High Follow

[Anthony Tepedino](#)

NY Rank: 24; National Rank: High Follow

[Vince Silecchia](#)

NY Rank: 28; National Rank: High Follow

[Christopher Jerla](#)

NJ Rank: Follow; National Rank: Follow



[Jaiden Lopez](#)

NY Rank: Follow; National Rank: Follow

RCBC Players In The News

Congratulations to the following RCBC players on their college commitments.

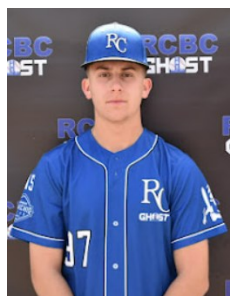
Jake Giovannone
College Of Staten Island



Jack Chavez
Villanova University



Anthony Fusco
Fairleigh Dickinson University



RCBC Players In The News



Congratulations to the following RCBC players who received exclusive invitations to participate in the annual Metro Scout Day at St. Johns University.

Jack Chavez (RHP, 2024)

Anthony DePetro (C, 2025)

Michael Marchese (OF, 2025)

Julian Montez (LHP, 2024)

Nick Runfolo (OF, 2024)

RCBC Ghost Players Of The Week

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK



AARON VAZQUEZ
13U AMERICANS

RCBC GHOST

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



GABE LUCCA
14U NATIONALS

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK



RYAN TORRES
11U NATIONALS

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK



PETER FOPEANO
17U NATIONALS

Marucci Featured Item

September Deal Of The Month

Cavalry Bat Bag



The bag's heavy duty construction allows you to secure your gear, while the abrasion-resistant side and bottom panel materials provide added durability.

Ideal for younger players, the bag is available in gray/black or white/black.

Now only \$30!

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



Marucci Featured Item

CAT X VANTA

Start your holiday shopping early.

Take it to the next level with the new limited edition CAT X VANTA.

For ballplayers who want a more balanced feel and a wider sweet spot for faster swings and higher overall performance.

Available in -5, -8, -10, BBCOR -3 and Junior Big Barrel. One piece, Connect and Composite.

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