

Big Turnout for Baseball Showcase

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And it is out of hereee! The Atlantic Cape Buccaneers Baseball Team had quite a turn out for their Annual Fall Baseball Showcase. Dozens of prospective Buccaneer Baseball players from throughout the Cape Atlantic High School Baseball League (CAL) gathered on a cool crisp morning Saturday, November 2 at the Chelsea Heights turf fields in Atlantic City. The Showcase gives these ballplayers the opportunity to display their skills to the Buccaneers Baseball Coaching Staff. It also gives the Buccaneers Coaching Staff a chance to see and get to know the ballplayers who they may recruit to play for them next year.



Radar guns are used to measure how hard Showcase prospects hit the ball



Head Coach Rod Velardi (on right) confers with Coach Jeff Ball about the Showcase and the Prospects

The Showcase features physical testing of the prospects' strength, conditioning and speed as well as skills assessment of their fielding, pitching and hitting. After the testing and assessments are

completed, the ballplayers participate in a simulated scrimmage in order to show off their skills a bit further.



Showcase prospects waiting to be timed in the 60-yard dash



Prior to the simulated scrimmage, Coach Jeff Ball (center) addresses the Showcase prospects

The Showcase also gives the Buccaneer Coaches a chance to talk to the Prospects about what it means to be a Buccaneer, which, among other things, includes pursuing excellence in all they do and learning to become leaders by serving others. This is the what the Buccaneers Baseball

Program is all about and why it is dedicated to the holistic development of its student/athletes as exceptional young men, excellent students, and great baseball players – in that order. Based on the outcome of this Showcase, a fortunate few of the prospects in attendance will receive Letters of Intent from the College to commit to attend and play baseball for the Atlantic Cape Buccaneers and become part of this great Program. Be sure to come out to Surf Stadium in Atlantic City in the Spring to cheer on and support your Buccaneers Baseball Team!