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Vintage baseball returns to Willow Canyon

DYSART SCHOOLS —Willow Canyon High School's baseball program, under head coach Brandon Martin, is proud to host the Arizona Territories Vintage Base Ball League Second Annual Holiday Classic Tournament on Saturday, December 5, at Willow Canyon High School. This year six teams will compete for the coveted Holiday Tournament title. Teams scheduled to play include the Bisbee Bees, Glendale Gophers, Phoenix Senators and the Northwest Valley Prospectors. In addition to the league teams there will be two teams representing Willow Canyon High School: the Blues (faculty and staff members) and the WCHS Baseball Team.

The tournament begins at noon with the semi finals starting at 1:45 PM, and the championship match played at 3:30PM. The match schedule includes:

12:00

WCHS vs Glendale Gophers Match 1

WC Blues (Faculty) vs Phoenix Senators Match 2

1:45

Bisbee Bees vs winner of Match 1

NW Valley Prospectors vs winner of Match 2

3:00 Championship Match

Vintage baseball in the 1860's was quite different from the game played today. Most players played "bare" handed. If a fielder caught a ball in the air or on one "bound" the batter (striker) was out. The catcher was called the "behind." The pitcher was the "hurler." Outfielders were called "gardeners" and infielders were "maintainers." For more information regarding the rules and differences of vintage baseball, please visit www.arizonavintagebaseball.com.

Admission to the entire day of matches is \$3 per adult. Children under the age of 12 are admitted free of charge. All proceeds benefit the Willow Canyon baseball program.