



THE COVER

The Vincennes Trailblazers saw nine players from last season's roster move on to four-year college basketball programs. As a result, sophomore forwards John Freeman (34) and Devon Archie (33) – who already shared the same hometown of Indianapolis – are linked in yet another, more important, way.

They are the lone returnees from last year's VU squad with considerable playing time. The VU coaching staff depends on Freeman and Archie for leadership qualities and inspiration to younger players through hard work and dedication.

Trailblazer Coach David Ragland admits that the 6-9 Archie and 6-5 Freeman "aren't very vocal," but he quickly points out that both players have other qualities that can make an impression on new players. Ragland counts on Archie and Freeman to draw upon the valuable experience of being part of the 2007-08 team that won 28 games and advanced to the NJCAA Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

That is the goal for this season and the bookend forwards' hard work both on the floor and off is an important part of seeing that mission completed.



The Vincennes University men's basketball program is the fourth winningest junior college program in the country. Including last season's 26-8 record, VU has won 1,468 games. The Trailblazers have won 34 Region 12 titles, seven inter-region playoffs, nine district titles and made a record-breaking 28th trip to the NJCAA finals in 2008. VU won the national championship in 1965, 70 and 72 and finished as runner-up in 1986.

The current leader in wins is Southeastern Iowa Community College with 1,500 followed by Moberly, Mo., with 1,488 and Hutchinson, Kan., with 1,467.

The Vincennes program began in 1903, however, no teams were formed from 1910-12 and 1931-50.

The Cream of the Crop:

Southeastern Iowa	1,519-673	(1920-2008)
Moberly, Mo.,	1,505-750	(1926-2008)
Hutchinson, Kan.,	1,490-536	(1928-2008)
VINCENNES UNIVERSITY	1,470-496	(1903-2008)